

# Key Budget Policy Choices

Comparing the governor's and money committee budgets to current budget



The House Appropriations and Senate Finance & Appropriations committees have released their proposals for the 2024-2026 budget (FYs 2025 and 2026) and amendments to the budget for FY 2024. The charts below provide a summary level assessment of key general fund changes proposed by the money committees and Gov. Youngkin compared to the current budget.

*Dollar figures represent proposed combined FY25 and FY26 changes in general fund spending. NGF = non-general funds*

## Proposed amendments to current (FY24) budget

	Governor		House Appropriations		Senate Finance	
K-12 Direct Aid	Updates Direct Aid based on new data	-\$193.1m	Updates Direct Aid based on new data	-\$203.4m	Updates Direct Aid based on new data	-\$203.4m
	Reduces (supplants) GF per higher Lottery estimate	-\$89.5m	Reduces (supplants) GF per higher Lottery estimate	-\$114.5m	Same as governor	-\$89.5m
	Transfer not included		Transfers college lab schools balance	\$80.0m	Transfers college lab schools balance	\$89.1m
RGGI	Not included		Appropriates unspent RGGI balances (\$127m NGF) to Innovation on Energy Efficiency program, Community Flood Preparedness, and more; includes language to rejoin RGGI		Not included	
Potomac Yard arena	Creates Authority, Campus, and Financing Fund; allows Authority to issue bonds; directs corp., personal income and certain sales tax revenue from Campus to Financing Fund; exempts Authority from personnel and procurement procedures		Includes language to implement HB1514, establishing the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority		Not included	
<b>Total reduction</b>		<b>-\$392.5m</b>		<b>-\$420.3m</b>		<b>-\$401.3m</b>
<b>Carryforward</b>		<b>\$2,353.8m</b>		<b>\$2,502.6m</b>		<b>\$2,468.4m</b>

## Totals for FY25 & FY26 budget

<b>Total GF spending</b>		<b>\$62,929.6m</b>		<b>\$64,685.1m</b>		<b>\$65,542.9m</b>
<b>Unappropriated balance</b>		<b>\$8.7m</b>		<b>\$8.3m</b>		<b>\$19.5m</b>
<b>Official revenue estimate</b>		<b>\$57,768.3m</b>		<b>\$59,374.6m</b>		<b>\$60,204.2m</b>
<b>Revenue Stabilization &amp; Reserve Funds</b>	Returns combined limit for Revenue Stabilization and Reserve Funds to 15% (temp. 20% through FY24); transfers excess amounts to GF, boosting starting balances	<b>\$805.0m</b>	Same as governor	<b>\$805.0m</b>	Directs Revenue Reserve Funds to GF, increases combined balance limit to 16.5% in FY25 and 15.5% in FY26	<b>\$722.9m</b>
<b>Transfers</b>	Other transfers and balance changes	<b>\$2,011.2m</b>	Same as governor	<b>\$2,011.2m</b>	Other transfers and balance changes	<b>\$2,167.0m</b>
<b>Carryforward</b>	Carryforward from FY24	<b>\$2,353.8m</b>	Carryforward from FY24	<b>\$2,502.6m</b>	Carryforward from FY24	<b>\$2,468.4m</b>

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## Proposals for FYs 25 & 26 compared to current budget

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<b>Tax Policy Choices</b>					
Personal income tax rate	Reduces individ. rates (2% to 1.75%, 3% to 2.65%, 5% to 4.4%, 5.75% to 5.10%)	-\$3,458.7m	Not included	Not included	
State sales tax	Increases rate by 0.9 percentage points	\$1,819.4m	Not included	Not included	
	Expands sales tax base to "new economy" products (e.g. streaming services and digital downloads)	\$714.0m	Included, removes lang. with deposits to Transpo. Opportunity Fund and I-81 Corridor Improve. Fund	\$550.0m Included, removes lang. with deposits to TPOF and I-81; includes business-to-business transactions	\$1,324.7m
Dealer discount	Doubles discount	-\$35.0m	Not included	Not included	
Earned Income Tax Credit	Increases non-refund. EITC from 20% to 25%	-\$29.0m	Not included	Not included	
Ed. Improve. Scholarships	Increases tax credit cap from \$25m to \$30m	-\$10.0m	Increase not included; updates to reflect usage	\$8.0m Increase not included; updates to reflect usage	\$20.0m
Sports betting	Not included		Includes forecast	\$10.0m Not included	
Tax compliance	Not included		Includes add'l revenue per increased compliance	\$38.4m Includes add'l revenue per increased compliance	\$38.4m
Retail cannabis	Not included		Revenue primarily NGF	\$3.0m Revenue primarily NGF	
Natural gas & oil drilling equip.	Assumed in forecast		Extends sales tax exemption for certain equipment, assumed in rev forecast	Assumed in forecast	
Land Preserv. Tax Credit	Not included		Fixes retroactive removal of prior cap	Reimposes cap	\$20.6m
Historic Preserv. Tax Credit	Not included		Increases ind. cap, imposes overall cap	Increases ind. cap	-\$15.0m
Liquid nicotine	Not included		Not included	Increases tax, generates \$42m for Health Care Fund	
Other	N/A		N/A	Add'l revenue from Senate legislation	\$47.7 m

## Appropriations to Dept. of Taxation

Tech. (IRMS)	System replacement not included	Funds new system	\$25.0m	Not included	
Tax compliance	Increase not included	Funds 20 add'l positions to enhance compliance efforts	\$3.0m	Funds 16 add'l compliance positions; lang. directs further option evaluation	\$3.0m
Skill games	Not included	Implements skill game bill (add'l \$69.5m NGF Lottery)	\$0.5m	Funding to Tax to implement not included	
Bank Franchise Tax	Increase not included	Provides funds related to Bank Franchise Tax	\$0.6m	Provides funds related to the Bank Franchise Tax	\$0.6m
Free file	Not included	Not included		Directs department to review options	

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## K-12 Education

### Funding for school divisions

	FY25: \$8,137 FY26: \$8,260		FY25: \$8,472 FY26: \$8,702		FY25: \$8,675 FY26: \$9,017	
<b>Statewide per-pupil for divs</b>						
<b>Grocery tax hold harmless</b>	Stops protecting K12 from impact of ending state sales tax on groceries	<b>-\$229.0m</b>	Same as governor	<b>-\$229.0m</b>	Retains payments and updates estimates	<b>\$14.1m</b>
<b>Digital sales</b>	Assumes higher sales tax for K12 from taxing digital sales	<b>\$85.7m</b>	Same as governor	<b>\$85.7m</b>	Assumes higher sales tax for K12 from digital sales, incl. business-to-business	<b>\$218.0m</b>
<b>Other updates</b>	Rebenchmarking (incl. extra-large fed. offset) and other technical updates	<b>-\$90.3m</b>	Rebenchmarking (incl. extra-large fed. offset) and other technical updates	<b>-\$103.6m</b>	Rebenchmarking (incl. extra-large fed. offset) and other technical updates	<b>-\$94.1m</b>
<b>Compensation</b>	Provides state share of 1% bonus in FY25 and up to 2% salary increase in FY26 (each requires local increase >=1% for prorated match)	<b>\$175.2m</b>	Provides state share of 3.375% salary increase each year (requires division to provide at least 2% to get prorated match); removes bonus	<b>\$627.6m</b>	Provides state share of 3% increase/year (requires div. to provide >=1.5% to get prorated match); removes bonus; Boosts Nat'l Teacher Cert.	<b>\$525.2m</b>
<b>School construction</b>	Uses Literary Fund for teacher retirement, allowing reduced GF support for schools, while reducing Literary Fund availability for construction	<b>-\$300.0m</b>	Uses Literary Fund for teacher retirement, allowing reduced GF support for schools, while reducing Literary Fund for school construction	<b>-\$535.0m</b>	Diversion of school construction funding not included	
	Makes add'l one-time payment to retirement, further reducing resources for construction by <b>-\$235m</b>		Add'l one-time payment not included		Add'l one-time payment not included	
	Appropriates <b>\$160m</b> of projected casino revenue for School Construction		Same as governor		Same as governor	
<b>Support staff</b>	Increase not included		Increase not included		Removes cap on state funding for support staff	<b>\$400.7m</b>
<b>High-poverty schools</b>	Increase not included		Increases funding, updates data, moves to new ratios	<b>\$384.6m</b>	Increases GF plus <b>\$25m</b> lottery, uses new ratios & mix of data	<b>\$370.4m</b>
<b>Retirement</b>	Makes one-time deposit of <b>\$235m</b> NGF Literary Funds and \$115m GF	<b>\$115.0m</b>	One-time payment not included		One-time payment not included	
<b>English language learners</b>	Increase not included		Increases instructors for students with low English proficiency (tiered ratios)	<b>\$95.1m</b>	Increases instructor ratio to 22 to 1,000 students	<b>\$26.7m</b>
<b>Reading specialists</b>	Funds 1 per 550 students grades 4-5 and 1:1,100 in grades 6-8	<b>\$61.2m</b>	Same as governor	<b>\$61.2m</b>	Same as governor	<b>\$61.2m</b>

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### K-12 Education, continued

#### Funding for school divisions, continued

CTE	Provides grants up to \$2k/student for high-demand industry-rec. credentials	\$40.0m	Provides funding for three centers	\$1.9m	Provides funding for three programs & grants	\$8.0m
Community schools	Increases funding for Communities in Schools	\$1.0m	Funds development & implementation grants, Community Builders Pilot, and state Office	\$11.1m	Funds Community Builders Pilot Program, state Office, & grants	\$1.9m
School breakfast	Increase not included		Increase not included		Increases reimbursement	\$6.8m
Other policy initiatives	Provides funding for lower-cost initiatives, including targeted help for 3 school divisions	\$6.4m	Provides funding for lower-cost initiatives, including targeted help for 2 school divisions	\$10.0m	Provides funding for lower-cost initiatives, including Community Learners & SOQ study	\$7.2m

#### Other K-12

Lab schools	Provides ongoing funding for lab school fund	\$60.0m	Ongoing funding not included		Ongoing funding not included	
Assessments	Funds contract for new statewide system	\$40.0m	Defers new assessment system		Shifts to planning for new system	
Literacy support	Increase not included (see reading specialists)		Funds Va. Language and Literacy Screening System, coaching, etc.; redirects some funding to UVA Literacy Partnership	\$9.3m	Funds Reck League reading program in Hampton Roads	\$0.3m
Special education	Increase not included		Provides funding for prof. dev. and regional family support centers	\$4.4m	Funds staffing standards review	\$0.1m
Student mental health	Provides ongoing funds for school-based mental health w/in HHR secretariat	\$15.0m	Provides funding for school-based health clinics within HHR secretariat; requires plan	\$15.0m	Same as governor	\$15.0m
	Provides funding to contract with a telehealth provider for grades 6-12	\$14.4m	Directs Superintendent to enter into contracts so that school divisions may purchase services		Initiative not included	
Office of School Quality	Reduces funding	-\$3.8m	Maintains funding		Slightly reduces funding	-\$0.9m

### Capital

Capital	Provides GF & NGF cash and debt authority for \$2.1B in capital maintenance and projects. (FY24 spending not subtracted)	\$916.6m	Provides GF & NGF cash and debt authority for \$2.6B in capital maintenance and projects. (FY24 spending not subtracted)	\$1,255.5m	Provides GF & NGF cash and debt authority for \$2.6B in capital maintenance and projects. (FY24 spending not subtracted)	\$1,496.7m
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<b>Early Childhood Education</b>					
Early learning capital funding	Provides one-time funds for grant prog. to increase facilities in high-need areas	\$25.0m	Funds grant program for early learning facilities, with certain priorities	\$10.0m	Not included
Early childhood operating	Addresses end of federal pandemic aid and makes program design changes; funds "digital wallet" program; allows transfers between programs	\$305.3m	Increases funding and creates unified Early Childhood Care and Education Fund. See HB419 & HB1375 for program rules	\$354.9m	Similar to gov, but maintains LCI cap & funding amounts, doesn't increase slots in FY26, limits copays to 7%, & doesn't fund digital wallet
<b>Higher Education (excludes debt-funded capital projects)</b>					
Need-based financial aid	Increase not included		Funds fin. aid & waiver prog.; designates funds for credential attain. (\$15m) & immigrant students eligible under 2021 law (\$10m)	\$86.5m	Increases undergrad financial aid
Afford. access & operational support	Increase not included; language establishes performance standards for allocation of \$75m/year		Allocates and increases afford. access & degree production funding	\$205.4m	Increases oper. support; increases & allocates afford. access funds
Graduate aid	Increase not included		Increase not included		Increases aid
Recruitment and retention of Pell-eligible students	Ends funding for recruitment/retention program for Pell Grant students after FY25	-\$37.5m	Ends program	-\$75.0m	Maintains funding
Campus safety and security	Funds initiatives at higher ed institutions	\$16.6m	Same as governor	\$16.6m	Not included
HBCU partners	Initiative not included		Creates program for public & private HBCUs	\$10.0m	Initiative not included
Student mental health	Provides ongoing funds for student mental health at higher ed institutions	\$6.0m	Not included		Not included
New College Institute	Eliminates funding in FY25; requires comprehensive business plan	-\$2.8m	Maintains funding	\$0.3m	Maintains funding
Fast Flex BSN program at JMU	Provides funds and positions to accelerate nursing graduate numbers	\$2.0m	Same as governor	\$2.0m	Not included
Excellence and Innov. Program	Eliminates funding for program	-\$0.5m	Same as governor	-\$0.5m	Maintains funding
Loan ombuds.	Removes funding	-\$0.3m	Maintains position w/ add'l funding	\$0.05m	Maintains funds and position
Transcript release	Not included		Requires release if student debts are under \$500/\$1000 thresholds		Not included
TAG (private colleges)	Increases distance learning grants to 75% of on-campus amount		Increases award amount; maintains online award at 50% of in-person		Maintains online award at 50% of in-person

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<b>Health Care</b>						
Health Care Fund	Increases GF to offset decrease in Fund	\$497.4m	Same as governor	\$497.4m	Same as gov, and captures increased liquid nicotine revenue	\$455.4m
Medicaid Forecast Reserve	Not included		Provides funding for Medicaid forecast contingency	\$100.0m	Provides funding for Medicaid forecast contingency	\$150.0m
Nursing Facility Value Based Program	Increase not included		Increases funding for nursing homes who meet specific metrics	\$40.0m	Increasing funding for program due to inflation	\$4.2m
Medicaid reimbursement rates	Increase not included		Increase not included		Increases or adds rates for dental, consumer directed services & more	\$35.2m
Cover All Kids	Not included		Not included		Provides funding for children's health coverage program in FY26	\$12.4m
Weight loss medication	Eliminates Medicaid funding for weight loss drugs for people < 40 BMI	-\$8.8m	Maintains funding		Same as governor	-\$8.8m
Medicaid texting pilot	Funds pilot program to text members about enrollment prior to renewal	\$0.05m	Not included		Not included	
Commonhelp and VaCMS systems	Not included		Funds benefits eligibility system replacement for Medicaid, SNAP, and more	\$16.8m	Requires DSS to develop plan to improve Commonhelp	
Medicaid eligibility determination	Not included		Funds vendor contract to assist w/ eligibility decisions and mail; funds improvements to case & mgmt systems (MMIS/ VaCMS)	\$9.5m	Provides funding to evaluate Medicaid eligibility determination	\$0.5m
Public health safety net	Increase not included		Provides increased funding for FQHCs and Free Clinics	\$7.0m	Provides increased funding for FQHCs and Free Clinics	\$2.0m
Community health workers	Not included		Provides funds to maintain current levels of CHWs at local health districts	\$6.4m	Provides funding to study Medicaid reimbursement for CHWs	\$0.1m
Reinsurance Program	Provides state share to reduce ACA marketplace premiums	\$52.0m	Provides funding and sets premium reduction goal (HB591)	\$52.0m	Same as governor	\$52.0m
Rx Drug Afford. Board (PDAB)	Not included		Funds positions to establish PDAB	\$1.3m	Funds positions to establish PDAB	\$1.0m
Paid family medical leave	Not included		Provides language to further study proposal		Provides start up loan to create 12-wk PFML program	
Abortion services	Removes language related to state funding for certain instances of abortion services		Maintains language to allow state funding for certain instances of abortion services		Maintains language to allow state funding for certain instances of abortion services	

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### Health Care, continued

#### Right Help, Right Now

Category	Governor	House Appropriations	Senate Finance
DD Waiver Slots	Funds 3,096 add'l FIS and 344 add'l CL waiver slots <b>\$150.3m</b>	Funds 3,096 add'l FIS and 344 add'l CL waivers; increases DD waiver reimburse. 3% each FY <b>\$191.4m</b>	Provides phased in funding for DD waiver slots; increases DD waiver reimbursement by 2.1% <b>\$150.0m</b>
Mobile crisis units and psych. emergency programs	Provides one-time funds to establish add'l mobile crisis units and psychiatric emergency programs <b>\$20.0m</b>	Provides funding for additional mobile crisis units only <b>\$10.0m</b>	Same as governor <b>\$20.0m</b>
BH Loan Repayment	Provides add'l funding for BH Loan Repay Program <b>\$10.0m</b>	Provides program funds, expands eligibility <b>\$8.5m</b>	Provides program funds, expands eligibility <b>\$7.0m</b>
Crisis services	Provides funds to expand & modernize comprehensive services & mobile teams <b>\$35.6m</b>	Provides funding for add'l crisis services in FY25 <b>\$27.6m</b>	Provides funding for add'l crisis services, CSB crisis staff & youth crisis center <b>\$45.1m</b>
Student BH	See K-12 & Higher Ed		

#### Behavioral health

Category	Governor	House Appropriations	Senate Finance
STEP-VA	Increase not included	Increases funding to outpatient BH services and to address inflation <b>\$9.0m</b>	Increases funding to address inflation <b>\$6.6m</b>
CSB workforce	Not included	Req. DBHDS to report performance, billing, and workforce data	Provides funding for staff recruitment & retention <b>\$15.0m</b>

### Housing

Category	Governor	House Appropriations	Senate Finance
Housing for people with SMI	Increase not included	Increases funding for perm. supportive housing <b>\$10.0m</b>	Increase not included
Communities of Opportunities Tax Credit	Increase not included	Increases max. tax credit from \$250k to \$500k <b>\$0.5m</b>	Increase not included
Affordable Housing Trust	Increase not included	Increases funding for Afford. Housing Trust Fund <b>\$37.5m</b>	Increase not included
RGGI Funds	Not included	Provides <b>\$100m</b> in NGF from RGGI funds; specific approps to manufactured home parks program, grant program for low-income home buyers, zoning incentives	Not included
Virginia Eviction Reduction	Increase not included	Provides add'l funding for program <b>\$1.4m</b>	Increase not included
State Rental Assist. Program	Not included	Not included	Provides funding for SRAP serving people w/ intellectual and developmental disabilities <b>\$2.0m</b>

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<b>Policing and Criminal Legal System</b>						
Correct. officer recruit/retain	Funds structure to recruit & retain correct. officers	\$18.9m	Same as governor	\$18.9m	Provides some funding and creates pilot prog.	\$10.3m
Law enforce. recruit & wellness	Provides one-time funds to support recruitment and wellness efforts	\$18.0m	Not included		Provides some funds to support recruitment and wellness efforts	\$10.0m
Operational costs	Funds rising cost of food, utilities, and operational costs of state prisons	\$8.0m	Provides some funds for rising cost of food, utilities & op. costs of state prisons	\$4.0m	Same as governor	\$8.0m
Victim-Witness Grant Program	Increases GF to offset special fund decreases	\$7.2m	Same as governor	\$7.2m	Provides add'l funds and funds Victim Srvc's Grants	\$15.0m
Salary increase for State Police	Provides 1.4% pay raise for sworn positions	\$6.0m	Same as governor	\$6.0m	Provides some funding	\$3.0m
Salaries for vacant security positions	Increases salaries for vacant correctional officer positions	\$5.8m	Increase not included		Increase not included	
Sexual Assault and DV Prog.	Increases GF support for grant program	\$3.5m	Same as governor	\$3.5m	Increases GF support for grant program	\$7.6m
Woodrum Amendment	Provides required funding for felony bills	\$0.4m	Provides required funding for felony bills	\$1.0m	Provides required funding for felony bills	\$1.2m
Court-appointed counsel	Increase not included		Provides funding to increase attorney pay	\$32.8m	Provides funding to increase attorney pay	\$5.9m
Isolated confinement	Not included		Provides funding to prohibit restrictive housing and isolated confinement in state facilities	\$7.8m	Provides funding to prohibit restrictive housing and isolated confinement in state facilities	\$6.4m
Enhanced Earned Sentence Credits	Change not included		Removes language limiting eligibility for certain incarcerated individuals		Removes funding for positions	-\$4.0m
Operation Cease Fire	Maintains funding		Reduces grant funding; prohibits awards to state agencies or for equip.	-\$17.0m	Maintains funding	
SRO Incentive Grants	Maintains funding		Reduces funding to reflect utilizations	-\$10.9m	Maintains funding	
Safer Communities	Increase not included		Increase not included		Expands Safer Communities Program	\$7.0m
At-Risk Youth Develop. Prog.	Not included		Not included		Provides funding for youth development programs	\$6.0m
Aid to local PDs	Increase not included		Increase not included		Increases funding for high crime areas (HB599)	\$20.0m
Juvenile justice	Change not included		Recognizes revenue loss due to youth fines and fees changes (\$1.9m)		Includes language for Juvenile Restitution Study	
Capitol Police	Increase not included		Increases Capitol Police salaries; funds IT position	\$1.2m	Increases salaries for Capitol Police	\$1.2m



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<b>Policing and Criminal Legal System, continued</b>			
State Police body worn cameras	Not included	Not included	Provides funds for body worn cameras \$6.2m
Air conditioning DOC facility	Not included	Not included	Provides funds \$7.7m
Electronic health records	Maintains funding	Maintains funding	Reduces funding for electric DOC records -\$10.6m
DOC Ombudsman	Not included	Provides funds to OSIG and DOC \$6.6m	Provides funds to OSIG \$1.4m
Special Justice and interpreter fees	Increase not included	Increases fees for special justices presiding over emer. custody & civil admissions and interpreters \$4.1m	Increase not included
Cannabis Control Authority	Change not included	Provides \$19m NGF for positions related to creating retail cannabis market	Moves CCA from public safety to Independent Agency; \$26.7m NGF -\$1.7m

<b>Water Quality</b>						
Water Quality Improvement Fund	Deposit to Water Quality Improvement Fund and reduces deposit from tax on watercraft fuel sales	\$136.1m	Provides WQIF deposit	\$138.1m	Provides WQIF deposit	\$138.1m
Community Flood Preparedness	Deposit to Virginia Community Preparedness Fund	\$100.0m	Deposit to fund and \$100m NGF in FY26 from RGGI revenue	\$100.0m	Same as governor	\$100.0m
Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management	Provides GF and \$21m treasury loan contingent on revenues of a casino gaming establishment being directed to project	\$73.9m	Same as governor	\$73.9m	Provides funding for project	\$25.0m
Resilient Virginia	Deposit to Resilient Virginia Revolving Loan Fund	\$25.0m	Not included		Same as governor	\$25.0m
Chesapeake Bay	Provides funding for monitoring and assessment	\$8.5m	Provides funding for monitoring and assessment, a pilot program, and \$400m NGF for wastewater projects	\$28.5m	Provides some funding for monitoring and assessment	\$0.3m
Cap WQIF Reserve	Language allows exception to mandatory WQIF Reserve deposit if Reserve balance is >\$100m		Removes language to cap mandatory WQIF reserve deposits		Removes language to cap mandatory WQIF reserve deposits	
PFAS ("forever chemicals")	Not included		Provides funding to establish system monitoring PFAS in public water systems	\$0.8m	Provides DEQ funding to establish system monitoring PFAS, and VDH to do cost analysis	\$1.3m

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### Compensation

#### State and state-supported local salary actions

	Governor	House Appropriations	Senate Finance
<b>Salary increases</b>	Funds a 1% increase for state, eff. June 10, 2025, and state-supported employees eff. July 1, 2025 <b>\$59.6m</b>	Provides funding for 3% salary increases each FY <b>\$547.0m</b>	Provides funding for 2.5% salary increase each FY <b>\$421.6m</b>
<b>Bonuses for state workers</b>	Gives FT state & state-supported employees 2 bonuses equal to 1% of salary eff. Dec. 2024 & 2025 <b>\$109.0m</b>	Not included; redirects funds for salary increases	Not included; redirects funds for salary increases
<b>\$15 minimum wage</b>	Increase not included	Provides state agency cost of increasing min. wage to \$15 an hour by Jan 1, 2026 <b>\$79.5m</b>	Provides state agency cost of increasing min. wage to \$15 an hour by Jan 1, 2026 <b>\$79.5m</b>
<b>Teachers</b>	See K-12 section		
<b>Law enforce.</b>	See Policing & Criminal System section		

#### Additional actions

<b>Legislative assistants</b>	Change not included	Change not included	Funds full benefits for second legislative aide <b>\$3.6m</b>
<b>State agency health ins. premiums</b>	Covers cost of 6.3% premium increase in FY25 and 10.3% in FY26 <b>\$106.3m</b>	Covers cost of 6.3% premium increase each FY <b>\$79.2m</b>	Same as governor <b>\$106.3m</b>

### Social Services

<b>Kinship care</b>	Provides add'l funding for relative maintenance payment program, kinship and alternative living arrangement supports <b>\$16.0m</b>	Provides add'l funding <b>\$16.9m</b>	Provides funding <b>\$16.0m</b>
<b>TANF</b>	Provides funds & adjust. to address projected TANF block grant shortfall <b>\$10.2m</b>	Same as gov, and provides \$220k NGF for Light House Community Center <b>\$10.2m</b>	Same as gov, and provides \$620k NGF for Light House Community Center <b>\$10.2m</b>
<b>Fatherhood campaign</b>	Provides funding for fatherhood programs and public media campaign <b>\$4.0m</b>	Not included	Not included
<b>DSS training</b>	Not included	Provides funding for a training academy for DSS workers <b>\$5.8m</b>	Provides funding for a training academy for DSS workers <b>\$1.7m</b>

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	Governor		House Appropriations		Senate Finance	
<b>Economic Development</b>						
Business Ready Sites	Deposit to BRS Program fund	\$200.0m	Provides \$20m/yr base budget for Program Fund	\$40.0m	Provides deposit for BRS Program Fund	\$104.5m
	Deposit to BRS Acquisition fund	\$25.0m	Same as governor	\$25.0m	Provides deposit for BRS Acquisition Program	\$1.0m
Grant funds	Deposit to Major HQ Workforce Grant Fund	\$85.0m	Removes advance deposit	\$42.5m	Same as governor	\$85.0m
US Navy development	Not included		Provides funding in FY25 for state share of housing for sailors	\$40.0m	Not included	
Workforce recruiting	Deposit to VEDP to create marketing program to attract & retain workforce	\$15.0m	Not included		Not included	
Mount Rogers Planning District	Deposit of funds for the development of an inland port	\$10.0m	Deposit not included		Same as governor	\$10.0m
Gov's Motion Picture Opp. Fund	Deposit of funds for gov. use to attract film industry production to Virginia	\$10.0m	Deposit of funds for gov. use to attract film industry production to Virginia	\$8.0m	Same as governor	\$10.0m
Virginia Power Innovation Fund	Deposit of funds	\$6.0m	Deposit not included		Deposit not included	
Va Telecomm Initiative (VATI)	Deposit of funds for broadband	\$20.0m	Deposit of funds, sets some aside for Make Ready Work related to FY22 projects	\$50.0m	Deposit of funds for broadband	\$49.7m
Sports teams	Deposit to Finance Sec. for planning & evaluation (see also, caboose and transportation sections)	\$0.5m	Allows up to \$500k from Commonwealth Development Opportunity Fund for this purpose		Not included	
Virginia Innovative Partnership Authority	Deposit to Virginia Biotech, Life Sciences, and Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Network	\$100.0m	Deposit to Network	\$96.4m	Deposit to Network	\$36.0m
2024 Solheim Cup	Not included		Supports LPGA 2024 Solheim Cup in Gainesville	\$5.0m	Not included	
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)	Not included		Directs VA to rejoin RGGI, anticipates future NGF proceeds, see Water Quality and Housing for NGF RGGI impacts		Not included	

Note: Deposits are not compared to FY24 spending; does not include most proposals under \$5 million, and does not include items that are identical across all 3 budgets

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<b>Transportation</b>			
<b>Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund (sports deals)</b>	Dedicates at least \$200m in transportation funds over the next 6 years and \$20m GF in FY25; language directs half of new state transpo revenue from digital sales tax go to this Fund. Some transpo costs for proposed Potomac Yards arena would likely come from this fund, although it is not limited to that use	\$20.0m	Not included
<b>I-81</b>	Provides GF in FY25 for lane-widening; language directs half of new state transpo revenue from digital sales tax (up to \$400m or through July 2031) to I-81 improvements	\$70.0m	Same funding as gov, does not dedicate digital products revenues to I-81
<b>WMATA</b>	Allows funding for WMATA to grow more than 3% in FY25 if certain conditions are met by WMATA and increases WMATA operating/capital estimate by approx. \$40m/year (over 20%). (Available funds for Mass Transit are up due to revenue growth.) No funding change is proposed for the separate WMATA Capital Fund	\$149.5m	Same funding as gov, does not dedicate digital products revenues to I-81
<b>Hampton Roads toll relief</b>	Not included	Not included	Allows funding for WMATA to grow more than 3% in FY25 and FY26 if certain conditions are met by WMATA. Same NGF as gov; provides GF for study
			Includes toll relief initiative
			\$92.0m

NOTE: Section does not include capital outlay for transpo (primarily NGF port improvements), technical changes, or most NGF changes