

Key Budget Policy Choices

Comparing the governor, House, Senate, and conference budgets



House and Senate budget negotiators have released their proposal 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 governor, House, Senate, and conferees compared to the current budget as approved in Chapter 1, Acts of Assembly 2023, Special Session I.

Proposed amendments to current (FY24) budget

	Governor	House	Senate	Conference
K-12 Direct Aid	Updates Direct Aid based on new data	Updates Direct Aid based on new data	Updates Direct Aid based on new data	Updates Direct Aid based on new data
	Supplants GF w/ more Lottery \$\$	Supplants GF w/ more Lottery \$\$	Same as governor	Same as governor
	Transfer not included	Unallots about \$80m from college lab schools fund	Transfers \$89m from college lab schools balance	Transfers \$85m from college lab schools balance
RGGI	Not included	Directs \$127m unspent RGGI balances to Energy Efficiency prog., Flood Preparedness & more; includes lang. to rejoin RGGI	Not included	Includes language to rejoin RGGI
Potomac Yard arena	Creates Authority, Campus, and Financing Fund; dedicates certain taxes	Includes language to establish the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Authority; dedicates certain taxes	Not included	Not included
Cruise ship port-of-call	Change not included	Same as governor	Removes funding	Removes funding
Total reduction	-\$392.5m	-\$420.3m	-\$401.3m	-\$411.0m

Totals for FY25 & FY26 budget

Total GF spending	\$62.93b	\$64.69b	\$65.54b	\$65.50b
Unapprop. balance	\$8.7m	\$8.3m	\$19.5m	\$17.9m
Official rev. estimate	\$57.77b	\$59.37b	\$60.20b	\$59.91b
Revenue Stabilization & Reserve Funds	Returns combined Funds limit to 15% (temp. 20% thru FY24); transfers excess to GF	Same as governor	Directs Revenue Reserve Funds to GF, increases combined limit to 16.5% in FY25 & 15.5% in FY26	Directs Revenue Reserve Funds to GF, increases combined limit to 16.5% in FY25 & 15.5% in FY26
Transfers	Other transfers & balance changes	Same as governor	Other transfers & balance changes	Other transfers & balance changes
Carryforward	From FY24	From FY24	From FY24	From FY24

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Dollar figures represent proposed combined FY25 and FY26 changes in General Fund spending; NGF = non-general funds

Proposals for FYs 25 & 26 compared to current budget

*Deposits are not compared to FY24 spending

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Tax Policy Decisions					
Personal income tax rate	Cuts individ. rates (2% to 1.75%, 3% to 2.65%, 5% to 4.4%, 5.75% to 5.10%)	-\$3.46b	Not included	Not included	Not included
State sales tax	Increases rate by 0.9 percentage pts	\$1.82b	Not included	Not included	Not included
Digital sales tax	Expands base to "new economy" products	\$714.0m	Included; removes lang. with deposits to TPOF and I-81	\$550.0m Included; removes lang. with deposits to TPOF and I-81; includes business-to-business (B2B) transactions	\$1.32b Included; removes lang. with deposits to TPOF and I-81; includes B2B transactions for software application srvcs
Dealer discount	Doubles discount	-\$35.0m	Not included	Not included	Not included
Earned Income Tax Credit (TC)	Increases non-refund. EITC from 20% to 25%	-\$29.0m	Not included	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 Increase not included; updates to reflect usage
Sports betting	Not included		Includes forecast	\$10.0m Not included	\$10.0m Sports betting forecast
Tax compliance	Not included		Add'l revenue per increased compliance	\$38.4m Add'l revenue per increased compliance	\$38.4m Add'l revenue per increased compliance
Land Preservation Tax Credit	Not included		Fixes retroactive removal of prior cap	\$20.6m Reimposes cap	\$20.6m Fixes retroactive removal of prior cap; reimposes cap
Historic Preservation Tax Credit	Not included		Increases ind. cap, imposes overall cap	-\$15.0m Increases ind. cap	-\$7.5m Increases ind. cap
Liquid nicotine	Not included		Not included	\$42m Increases tax, generates \$42m for Health Care Fund	\$24m Increases tax, generates \$24m for Health Care Fund
Other	N/A		N/A	\$47.7 m Add'l revenue from Senate legislation	\$22.5m Add'l revenue from legislation

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Appropriations to Dept. of Taxation				
Tech. (IRMS)	System replace. not included	Funds new system \$25.0m	Not included	Funds initial costs \$1.0m
Tax compliance	Increase not included	Funds enhanced efforts \$3.0m	Funds enhanced efforts; directs study \$3.0m	Funds enhanced efforts \$3.0m
Free file	Not included	Not included	Directs dept to review options	Not included
Funding to implement legislation	Not included	Implements skill game and Bank Franchise tax \$1.1m	Implements Bank Franchise Tax \$0.6m	Implements skill game, Bank Franch. Tax, heated nicotine tax & retail cannabis \$2.6m

Transportation				
Transpo. Partnership Opportunity Fund (sports deals)	Dedicates at least \$200m over next 6 yrs & \$20m GF in FY25; directs half of new state transpo rev. via digital sales tax to Fund \$20.0m	Not included	Not included	Not included, limits funds, requires MEI consideration within 21 days for certain proposed uses of TPOF funds
I-81	Provides GF in FY25; commits half of new state transpo rev. via digital sales tax up to \$400m or thru July 2031 \$70.0m	Same funding as gov, does not dedicate digital products revenues to I-81 \$70.0m	Same funding as gov, does not dedicate digital products revenues to I-81 \$70.0m	Same funding as gov, does not dedicate digital products rev. to I-81; allows for certain surplus \$\$ up to \$175m \$70.0m
WMATA	Allows funding to grow >3% in FY25 if WMATA meets conditions; increases WMATA operating/capital est. approx. \$40m/year (>20%). (Avail. funds for Mass Transit are up due to revenue growth.) \$149.5m	Suspends language to limit growth of WMATA during biennium, provides funding & study \$149.5m	Allows funding for WMATA to grow >3% in FY25 & FY26 if certain conditions are met by WMATA. Same NGF as gov; provides GF for study \$0.6m	Suspends language to limit growth for WMATA; provides funding and study \$149.5m
HR toll relief	Not included	Not included	Includes Hampton Roads initiative \$92.0m	Includes Hampton Roads initiative \$101.0m

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

Other				
Capital (FY24 spending not subtracted)	Provides GF & NGF cash & debt auth. for \$2.3B in capital maint. & projects \$916.6m	Provides GF & NGF cash & debt auth. for \$2.8B in capital maint. & projects \$1.26b	Provides GF & NGF cash & debt auth. for \$2.7B in capital maint. & projects \$1.50b	Provides GF & NGF cash & debt auth. for \$2.8B in capital maint. & projects \$1.42b
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)	Not included	Directs VA to rejoin RGGI, anticipates future proceeds, inc. \$100m NGF each for flood preparedness & housing	Not included	Directs VA to rejoin RGGI
Cap WQIF Reserve	Allows exception to required deposit if balance is >\$100m	Removes language to cap required reserve deposits	Removes language to cap required reserve deposits	Removes language to cap required reserve deposits

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K-12 Education				
Statewide per-pupil, avg	FY25: \$8,137 FY26: \$8,260	FY25: \$8,472 FY26: \$8,702	FY25: \$8,675 FY26: \$9,017	FY25: \$8,553 FY26: \$8,799
Grocery tax hold harmless	Stops protection from ending state grocery sales tax -\$229.0m	Same as governor -\$229.0m	Retains payments and updates estimates \$14.1m	Retains payments and updates estimates \$14.1m
Digital sales	Assumes more revenue via taxing digital sales \$85.7m	Same as governor \$85.7m	Assumes more rev. for K-12 from taxing more digital sales, including biz-to-biz \$218.0m	Assumes more rev. for K-12 from taxing more digital sales, incl. some biz-to-biz sales \$168.6m
Other updates	Rebenchmarking (incl. extra-large fed. offset) & other technical updates -\$90.3m	Rebenchmarking (incl. extra-large fed. offset) & other technical updates -\$103.6m	Rebenchmarking (incl. extra-large fed. offset) & other technical updates -\$94.1m	Rebenchmarking (inc. extra-large fed. offset), extra lottery supplanting & other technical updates -\$125.3m
Salary increase & bonuses	Provides state share of 1% bonus in FY25 and up to 2% pay increase in FY26 (each requires local increase >=1% for prorated match) \$175.2m	Provides state share of 3.375% pay increase/year (requires min. 2% by div. to get prorated match); removes bonus \$627.6m	Provides state share of 3% increase per yr (min. >=1.5% by div. to get prorated match); removes bonus; Boosts Nat'l Teacher Cert. \$525.2m	Provides state share of 3% increase per yr (min. >=1.5% by div. to get prorated match); removes bonus; Boosts Nat'l Teacher Cert. \$547.1m
School construction	Uses Literary Fund (LF) for teacher retire., reducing \$\$ for construction -\$300.0m Makes add'l one-time pymt to retire., further reducing construction \$\$ by -\$235m Appropriates \$160m casino \$\$ for construction	Uses Literary Fund (LF) for teacher retire., reducing \$\$ for construction -\$535.0m Add'l one-time payment not included Same as governor	Diversion of school construction funding not included Add'l one-time payment not included Same as governor	Uses some LF for teacher retire.; adjusts interest rates; authorizes up to \$250m in loans -\$150.0m Add'l one-time payment not included Same as governor
Support staff	Increase not included	Increase not included	Removes state funding cap \$400.7m	Increase not included
High-poverty schools	Increase not included	Increases funding, updates data, moves to new ratios (6% flat; up to 42.5% variable) \$384.6m	Increases GF plus \$25m lottery, uses new ratios (\$232 FY25 + \$353 FY26 flat, up to 45.2% variable) & mix of data \$370.4m	Increases funding, updates data, moves to new ratios (11% flat; up to 37% variable) \$371.3m
Retirement	Makes one-time deposit of \$235m Literary + \$115m GF \$115.0m	One-time payment not included	One-time payment not included	One-time payment not included
English language learners	Increase not included	Increases ELL instructors via tiered ratios \$95.1m	Increases instruct. ratio to 22 to 1,000 students \$26.7m	Increase for students w/ low proficiency (tiered ratios), w/FY25 flexibility \$72.1m

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Reading specialists	Funds 1:550 in 4th/5th; 1:1,100 in grades 6-8	\$61.2m	Same as governor	\$61.2m	Same as governor	\$61.2m	Same as governor	\$61.2m
CTE	Provides grants up to \$2k/student for high-demand credentials	\$40.0m	Provides funding for 3 centers	\$1.9m	Provides funding for 3 programs & grants	\$8.0m	Funds CTE resource center; 4 local programs	\$6.4m
Community schools	Increases funding for Communities in Schools	\$1.0m	Funds dev. & implmnt grants, Community Builders Pilot, & state Office. Doesn't boost CIS	\$11.1m	Funds Community Builders Pilot Program, state Office, & grants. Doesn't boost CIS	\$1.9m	Funds dev. & implmnt grants, Community Builders Pilot, & state Office. Doesn't boost CIS	\$6.1m
School breakfast	Increase not included		Increase not included		Increases reimbursement	\$6.8m	Increases reimbursement	\$5.1m
Other policy initiatives	Funds lower-cost initiatives, incl. targeted help for 3 school divisions	\$6.4m	Funds lower-cost initiatives, incl. targeted help for 2 school divisions	\$10.0m	Funds lower-cost initiatives, incl. Commun. Learners & SOQ study	\$7.2m	Funds lower-cost initiatives, incl. Commun. Learners & SOQ study	\$16.8m
Lab schools	Provides ongoing funding for fund	\$60.0m	Ongoing funding not included		Ongoing funding not included		Ongoing funding not included	
Assessments system	Funds new state-wide contract	\$40.0m	Defers new assessment system		Shifts to planning for new system		Defers new system; requires plan	
Literacy support	Increase not included (see reading specialists)		Funds screening system, coaching, etc.; shifts some \$\$ to UVA Partnership	\$9.3m	Funds Reck League reading program in Hampton Roads	\$0.3m	Funds screening system, coaching, etc.; shifts some \$\$ to UVA Partnership; funds Reck League	\$9.6m
Special education	Increase not included		Provides funding for prof. development (PD) & reg'l family support centers	\$4.4m	Funds staffing standards review	\$0.1m	Funds PD and reg'l family support centers; allows supplanting w/ fed. funds	\$4.4m
School-based health	Provides ongoing funds for student mental health w/in HHR secretariat	\$15.0m	Funds school-based health clinics w/in HHR; requires plan	\$15.0m	Same as governor	\$15.0m	Funds school-based health clinics w/in HHR; requires plan	\$15.0m
Mental telehealth	Funds contract for grades 6-12	\$14.4m	Directs VDOE to create contracts so divisions may purchase services		Initiative not included		Directs VDOE to create contracts so divisions may purchase services	
Gambling "skill" games	Does not reinstate		Allocates some revenue after HB30 enrolled		Allocates most rev. to PreK-12 Priority Fund		Allocates most rev. to PreK-12 Priority Fund	
Office of School Qual.	Reduces funding	-\$3.8m	Maintains funding		Slightly reduces funding	-\$0.9m	Maintains funds, requires plan	

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Higher Education (excludes debt-funded capital projects)				
Need-based financial aid & waivers	Increase not included	Funds fin. aid & waiver prog.; designates \$15m for credential attain. & \$10m for immigrant students eligible under 2021 law \$86.5m	Increases undergrad financial aid \$73.8m	Increases undergrad financial aid and funds waivers \$77.0m
Affordable access & oper. support	Increase not included; sets performance standards for allocation of \$75m/year	Allocates & increases afford. access & degree production funds; incl. \$40m for NSU/VSU \$205.4m	Increases oper. support and afford. access funds \$54.0m	Allocates & increases afford. access & degree production funds; incl. \$40m for NSU/VSU \$205.4m
Graduate aid	Increase not included	Increase not included	Increases aid \$10.0m	Increases aid \$5.0m
Pell-eligible students, recruit/retain	Ends funding for recruit/retention program after FY25 -\$37.5m	Ends program -\$75.0m	Maintains funding	Maintains funding
Campus safety & security	Funds initiatives at higher ed institutions \$16.6m	Same as governor \$16.6m	Not included	Not included; creates digital mapping prog. to coordinate emer. response
HBCU partners	Initiative not included	Creates prog. for public & private HBCUs \$10.0m	Initiative not included	Initiative not included
Student mental health	Provides ongoing funds at higher ed institutions \$6.0m	Not included	Not included	Not included
New College Institute	Eliminates funding in FY25; requires business plan -\$2.8m	Maintains funding \$0.3m	Maintains funding \$0.3m	Maintains funding \$0.3m
Fast Flex BSN prog. at JMU	Provides funds & positions to accelerate nursing graduate numbers \$2.0m	Same as governor \$2.0m	Not included	Not included
Loan ombuds.	Removes funding -\$0.3m	Maintains position w/ add'l funding \$0.05m	Maintains funds and position	Maintains funds and position
Transcript release	Not included	Requires release if student debts are < \$500/\$1000 thresholds	Not included	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	Increases award amount; maintains online award at 50% of in-person \$4.0m
History of Uprooting Black Communities	Not included	Creates commission to study higher ed history \$0.05m	Not included	Creates commission to study higher ed history \$0.05m

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Early Childhood Education				
Early learning capital funding	Provides one-time grant funds for to increase facilities in high-need areas \$25.0m	Funds grant prog. for early learning facilities, with certain priorities \$10.0m	Not included	Funds renovations for child care center for state employees \$1.0m
Early childhood operating	Addresses end of fed. pandemic aid, 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 \$373.9m	Consolidates childcare & early ed funds; adjust program rules; freezes copays at FY24 levels; bans new work requirements \$421.9m
Health Care				
Health Care Fund	Increases GF to offset decrease in Fund \$508.9m	Same as governor \$508.9m	Same as gov, and captures increased liquid nicotine rev. \$466.9m	Same as gov, and captures increased liquid nicotine rev. \$484.8m
Medicaid Forecast Reserve	Not included	Provides funding for Medicaid forecast contingency \$100.0m	Provides funding for Medicaid forecast contingency \$150.0m	Provides funding for Medicaid forecast contingency \$150.0m
Home health workers	Increase not included	Provides funds \$63.9m	Provides rate increase \$63.9m	Increases rates conting. on passage of HB1/SB1 \$63.9m
Nursing Facility Value Based Program	Increase not included	Increases funding for nursing homes who meet specific metrics \$40.0m	Increases funding for program due to inflation \$4.2m	Increases funding for nursing homes who meet specific metrics \$40.0m
Medicaid reimburse. rates	Increase not included	Increase not included	Increases or adds rates for dental services & more \$35.2m	Increases or adds rates for dental services & more \$28.0m
Cover All Kids	Not included	Not included	Funds children's health coverage program in FY26 \$12.4m	Not included
Weight loss medication	Cuts Medicaid funding for weight loss drugs for people <40 BMI -\$8.8m	Maintains funding	Same as governor -\$8.8m	Provides guidance for when Medicaid will fund weight loss drugs -\$8.8m
Commonhelp & VaCMS	Not included	Funds Commonhelp & VaCMS replace. \$16.8m	Requires DSS to develop plan to improve Commonhelp	Funds replacement of Commonhelp \$3.9m
Medicaid renewals	Not included	Funds contract to help w/ eligibility decisions + mail, funds system improvements (MMIS/VaCMS) \$9.5m	Provides funding to evaluate Medicaid eligibility determination \$0.5m	Funds contract to help w/ eligibility decisions + mail, funds for eval of eligibility determination \$10.0m
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	Provides increased funding for FQHCs and Free Clinics \$6.0m

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Health Care								
Community health workers	Not included		Maintains current staffing at local health districts	\$6.4m	Funds study of Medicaid reimburse. for CHWs	\$0.1m	Maintains current staffing at local health districts	\$6.4m
Marketplace reinsurance Program	Provides state share of prog. to reduce ACA premiums	\$52.0m	Provides funding; sets 15% premium reduction goal	\$52.0m	Same as governor	\$52.0m	Provides funding; sets 15% premium reduction goal	\$52.0m
Rx Drug Afford. Board	Not included		Funds positions to establish PDAB	\$1.3m	Funds positions to establish PDAB	\$1.0m	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		Provides lang to study expanding to add'l employees; start up loan to create 8-wk program	
Abortion services	Removes language allowing state funding for certain instances		Maintains language allowing state funding for certain instances		Maintains language allowing state funding for certain instances		Maintains language allowing state funding for certain instances	
DD Waiver Slots	Funds 3,096 add'l FIS and 344 add'l CL waiver slots	\$150.3m	Funds 3,096 add'l FIS & 344 add'l CL waivers; increases reimburse. 3%/FY	\$191.4m	Phases in DD waiver funding; increases reimburse. by 2.1%	\$150.0m	Funds 3,096 add'l FIS & 344 add'l CL waivers; increases reimburse. 3%/FY	\$191.4m
Mobile crisis units & psych. emergency	Provides one-time funding for add'l mobile units and psychiatric prog.	\$20.0m	Provides funding for add'l mobile crisis units	\$10.0m	Same as governor	\$20.0m	Provides funding for add'l mobile crisis units	\$10.0m
BH Loan Repayment	Provides add'l funding	\$10.0m	Provides funds, expands eligibility	\$8.5m	Provides funds, expands eligibility	\$7.0m	Provides funds, expands eligibility	\$8.5m
Crisis services	Expands & modernizes comprehensive services & mobile teams	\$35.6m	Provides funding for add'l crisis services in FY25	\$27.6m	Provides funding for add'l crisis services, CSB crisis staff & youth crisis center	\$45.1m	Provides funding for add'l crisis services, CSB crisis staff & youth crisis center	\$32.6m
Student BH	See K-12 & Higher Ed							
STEP-VA	Increase not included		Increases funding to outpatient BH services and to address inflation	\$9.0m	Increases funding to address inflation	\$6.6m	Directs DBHDS to study unmet STEP-VA needs; increases funding to outpatient BH services and to address inflation	\$9.0m
CSB workforce	Not included		Req. DBHDS to report performance, billing, and workforce data		Provides funds for staff recruitment & retention	\$15.0m	Provides funds for staff recruit & retain; req. report	\$15.0m
Extraordinary barriers list	Not included		Provides funds for discharge planning for indiv. on list	\$12.0m	Not included		Provides funds for discharge planning for indiv. on list	\$12.0m

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Policing and Criminal Legal System								
Correctional officer recruitment	Funds structure to recruit & retain correct. officers	\$18.9m	Same as governor	\$18.9m	Provides some funding & creates pilot prog.	\$10.3m	Provides some funding	\$13.7m
Law enforce. recruitment	Provides one-time funds	\$18.0m	Not included		Provides one-time funds	\$10.0m	Not included	
DOC operational costs	Funds rising cost of food, utilities, & state prison ops	\$8.0m	Provides some funds for rising costs	\$4.0m	Same as governor	\$8.0m	Provides some funds for rising costs	\$4.0m
Victim-Witness Grants	Increases GF to offset special fund decreases	\$7.2m	Same as governor	\$7.2m	Provides add'l funds & funds Victim Srvc Grants	\$15.0m	Provides add'l funds & funds Victim Srvc Grants	\$13.8m
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	Provides some funding	\$3.0m
Sexual Assault & DV Prog.	Increases GF support for grant program	\$3.5m	Same as governor	\$3.5m	Increases GF support for grant program	\$7.6m	Increases GF support for grant program	\$7.6m
Woodrum Amendment	Provides req. funds for felony bills	\$0.4m	Provides req. funds for felony bills	\$1.0m	Provides req. funds for felony bills	\$1.2m	Provides req. funds for felony bills	\$1.3m
Appointed counsel	Increase not included		Funds increase to attorney pay	\$32.8m	Funds increase to attorney pay	\$5.9m	Funds increase to attorney pay	\$26.7m
DOC isolated confinement	Not included		Provides funding to prohibit restrictive housing & isolated confinement	\$7.8m	Provides funding to prohibit restrictive housing & isolated confinement	\$6.4m	Provides funding to prohibit restrictive housing & isolated confinement	\$6.4m
Enhanced Earned Sent. Credits	Change not included		Removes language limiting eligibility for certain incarcerated individuals		Removes funding for positions	-\$4.0m	Authorizes funding and positions, expands eligibility	
Operation Cease Fire	Maintains funding		Reduces funds; prohibits \$\$ to state agencies or equip.	-\$17.0m	Maintains funding		Reduces funds; prohibits \$\$ to state agencies or equip.	-\$15.0m
SRO Incentive Grants	Maintains funding		Reduces funding to reflect utilization	-\$10.9m	Maintains funding		Reduces funding	-\$10.9m
Safer Communities	Increase not included		Increase not included		Provides add'l funding	\$7.0m	Provides add'l funding	\$7.0m
At-Risk Youth Develop. Prog.	Not included		Not included		Provides funding for youth develop. programs	\$6.0m	Provides funding for youth develop. programs	\$6.0m
Aid to local PDs	Increase not included		Increase not included		Increases funds for high crime areas	\$20.0m	Increases funds for high crime areas	\$20.0m
Juvenile justice	Change not included		Recognizes revenue loss due to youth fines & fees change		Adds language for Juvenile Restitution Study		Adds language for Juvenile Restitution Study and DJJ programming study	

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Policing and Criminal Legal System				
State Police body worn cameras	Not included	Not included	Provides funds for body worn cameras \$6.2m	Requires report on outcomes of pilot program
Air condition. DOC facility	Not included	Not included	Provides funds \$7.7m	Funds with existing \$7.7m NGF
DOC Ombudsman	Not included	Provides funds to OSIG and DOC \$6.6m	Provides funds to OSIG \$1.4m	Provides funds to OSIG \$1.5m
Special Justice and interpreter fees	Increase not included	Increases fees for special justices presiding over emer. custody & civil admissions & interpreters \$4.1m	Increase not included	Provides some funds to increase fees \$2.1m
Cannabis Control Authority	Change not included	Provides \$19m NGF for positions related to creating retail cannabis market	Moves CCA to Independ. Agency; \$26.7m NGF	Moves CCA to Independ. Agency; \$18.3m NGF -\$2.0m
Increasing Judgeships	Not included	Provides funds and positions \$3.8m	Provides funds and positions \$3.2m	Provides funds and positions \$3.8m
Compensation				
Salary increases	Funds a 1% increase for state & state-supported employees eff. June & July 2025, resp. \$59.6m	Provides funding for 3% salary increases each FY \$547.0m	Provides funding for 2.5% salary increase each FY \$421.6m	Provides funding for 3% salary increase each FY \$545.2m
Bonuses, state/state-supported workers	Gives FT employees 2 bonuses equal to 1% of salary eff. Dec. 2024 & 2025 \$109.0m	Not included; redirects funds for salary increases	Not included; redirects funds for salary increases	Not included; see also \$15 min. wage row
\$15 minimum wage	Increase not included	Provides state agency cost of increasing min. wage to \$15 an hour by Jan 1, 2026 \$79.5m	Provides state agency cost of increasing min. wage to \$15 an hour by Jan 1, 2026 \$79.5m	Provides funding for state agencies. If HB1/SB1 are vetoed, funds transfer to 1.375% one-time bonuses for certain employees \$79.5m
Teachers	See K-12 section			
Law enforce.	See Policing & Criminal System section			
Legislative assistants	Change not included	Change not included	Funds full benefits for second legislative aide \$3.6m	Not included
State agency health ins. premiums	Covers cost of 6.3% premium increase in FY25 & 10.3% in FY26 \$106.3m	Covers cost of 6.3% premium increase each FY \$79.2m	Same as governor \$106.3m	Covers cost of 6.3% premium increase each FY \$79.2m

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Social Services								
Kinship care	Provides add'l funds for relative maint. pymt prog., kinship & alt. living arrangement supports	\$16.0m	Provides add'l funding	\$16.9m	Provides funding	\$16.0m	Provides add'l funding	\$16.9m
TANF	Provides funds & adjustments to address projected TANF block grant shortfall	\$10.2m	Same as gov, and provides \$220k NGF for Light House Community Center	\$10.2m	Same as gov, and provides \$620k NGF for Light House Community Center	\$10.2m	Same as gov; provides \$620k NGF for Light House Community Center, \$1.1m NGF for Two-gen pilot & \$900k NGF for VA CASH Campaign	\$10.2m
Fatherhood campaign	Provides funding for progr. & public media campaign	\$4.0m	Not included		Not included		Not included	
DSS training	Not included		Funds DSS training academy	\$5.8m	Funds DSS training academy	\$1.7m	Funds DSS training academy	\$3.1m
Language access	Directs DSS to comply with Title VI fed law		Provides funds to facilitate & improve	\$5.0m	Not included		Provides funds to facilitate & improve	\$4.0m

Housing								
Housing for people with SMI	Increase not included		Increases funding for permanent supportive housing	\$10.0m	Increase not included		Increases funding for permanent supportive housing	\$6.0m
Affordable Housing	Increase not included		Increases funding for Trust Fund	\$37.5m	Increase not included		Increases funding for Trust Fund	\$25.0m
RGGI Funds	Not included		Provides \$100m RGGI; specific approps to manuf. home parks prog., grants for low-income home buyers, zoning incentives		Not included		Provides \$10m RGGI funds for manufactured home parks program and down payment assistance program	
Virginia Eviction Reduction	Increase not included		Provides add'l funding for program	\$1.4m	Increase not included		Provides add'l funding for program	\$0.3m
State Rental Assist. Program	Not included		Not included		Funds for people w/ intellect. & develop. disabilities	\$2.0m	Funds for people w/ intellect. & develop. disabilities	\$2.0m
Continuum of care	Not included		Not included		Provides funds for agencies serving people experiencing homelessness	\$5.4m	Provides funds for agencies serving people experiencing homelessness	\$1.4m

Key Budget Policy Choices

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	Governor		House		Senate		Conference	
Economic Development								
Business Ready Sites	Deposit to BRS Program fund	\$200.0m	Provides deposit to Program Fund	\$40.0m	Provides deposit to BRS Program Fund	\$104.5m	Provides deposit	\$40.0m
	Deposit to BRS Acquisition fund	\$25.0m	Same as governor	\$25.0m	Provides deposit to Acquisition Prog.	\$1.0m	Deposit not included	
Major HQ Workforce Fund	Deposit both FYs	\$85.0m	Deposit in FY25	\$42.5m	Same as governor	\$85.0m	Deposit in FY25	\$42.5m
US Navy development	Not included		Provides state share for sailor housing in FY25	\$40.0m	Not included		Authorizes \$40m treasury loan	
Workforce recruiting	Deposit to VEDP for recruit/retain marketing program	\$15.0m	Deposit not included		Deposit not included		Deposit not included	
Mt Rogers Planning District	Deposit of funds for development of an inland port	\$10.0m	Deposit not included		Same as governor	\$10.0m	Deposit of funds	\$2.5m
Gov's Motion Picture Opp. Fund	Deposit of funds for gov. use to attract film production	\$10.0m	Deposit of funds for gov. use to attract film production	\$8.0m	Same as governor	\$10.0m	Deposit of funds for gov. use to attract film production	\$8.0m
Va Power Innov. Fund	Deposit of funds	\$6.0m	Deposit not included		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	Deposit of funds, sets some aside for Make Ready Work related to FY22 projects	\$50.0m
Sports teams	Deposit to Finance Sec. for planning & evaluation (see also, caboose & transpo. sections)	\$0.5m	Allows up to \$500k from Commonwealth Development Opportunity Fund for this purpose		Deposit not included		Deposit not included	
Virginia Innovative Partnership Authority	Deposit to Virginia Biotech, Life Sciences, & Pharmaceutical Manufact. Network	\$100.0m	Deposit to Network	\$96.4m	Deposit to Network	\$36.0m	Deposit to Network	\$90.1m
2024 Solheim Cup	Not included		Supports LPGA Cup in Gainesville	\$5.0m	Not included		Supports LPGA Cup in Gainesville	\$5.0m
American Revolution 250 Commission	Operational support for Commission activities	\$20.0m	Same as governor	\$20.0m	Establishes commission as legislative agency	\$20.0m	Establishes commission as legislative agency	\$20.0m

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 4 budgets