

**Voices for Virginia's Children**  
Summary of Gov. McDonnell's Budget Recommendations  
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**HEALTH INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH**

**Freeze FAMIS enrollment (\$33.8 million)** - Freezes enrollment in the FAMIS (Virginia's CHIP program) program, which covers children and pregnant women up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The freeze means that beginning July 1, 2010 no new individuals will be covered in the program until the freeze is over. An estimated **28,566 children and pregnant women** will not be enrolled due to the freeze.

**Reduce community services board funding (\$24.4 million)** - Reduce funding for CSBs by an additional five percent, resulting in a 10 percent cut when combined with the cut included in the introduced budget.

**Capture funds generated from sale of Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (\$9.0 million)** - Account for the revenues generated from the sale of land after the proposed closure of the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents, located near Western State Hospital in Staunton. The facility is slated for closure before July 1, 2010. Language will be required to **divert funds from the Mental Health Trust Fund**, which is where the Code of Virginia currently requires proceeds from sale of facilities to be deposited and used for community-based services.

**Reduce funding for Comprehensive Services Act (\$24.3 million)** - Reduce the non-Medicaid general fund appropriation for the Comprehensive Services Act by five percent. The additional reduction will require language that caps state reimbursement for services at the appropriation level. The additional cut, when combined with cuts proposed by Gov Kaine represent a 20% GF reduction since FY 2008.

**Eliminate Lottery support for certain education programs including \$5.3 million for operating the School Breakfast Program.**

**Virginia Health Care Foundation (\$2.2 million)** - The introduced budget reduces funding for the Virginia Health Care Foundation by 10 percent each year. This action reduces funding by an additional 15 percent in FY 2011 and 40 percent in FY 2012. The foundation provides access to primary health care for uninsured and medically underserved Virginians.

**CHILD WELFARE**

**Eliminate funding for child advocacy centers (\$2.0 million)** - Child advocacy centers provide services to children and families who experience abuse and neglect.

**Eliminate general fund support for local domestic violence grants (\$1.8 million)** - Funding is used to provide grants to support the victims of domestic violence through local programs, especially victims who have dependent children with them or are pregnant. Domestic violence services include: a 24-hour crisis telephone service; shelter; crisis counseling; supportive counseling; information and referral; transportation; coordination of services; legal advocacy; and basic services for children of domestic violence victims.

**Reduce child welfare training and support contract (\$0.2 million)** - This savings strategy reduces by 50 percent the amount of a contract that provides training and support services to adoptive and kinship parents.

## **EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION**

### ***Eliminate general fund and TANF support for Healthy Families of Virginia (\$9.8 million)***

Healthy Families of Virginia is a voluntary program that offers home visiting services for up to five years to high risk families who need individualized and comprehensive support. Services include in-home parenting education, child development, preventive health care and support services.

### ***Reduce funding for the Early Childhood Foundation (\$0.7 million)***

Established in 2005, the Foundation is a public-private partnership that provides grants, training and technical assistance in an effort to implement long-term strategies for improving school-readiness for all young children, ages birth-5. The Foundation currently receives \$1.5 million annually. The introduced budget reduces earmarked funding provided to the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation by 15 percent (\$225,000 annually). This strategy will increase that reduction to 25 percent in FY 2011 (\$1.125 million) and 50 percent in FY 2012 (\$0.75 million).

## **JUVENILE JUSTICE**

***Remove funding for court-appointed attorneys for juvenile correctional facilities (\$60,480)*** - Eliminates proposed funding to provide compensation for court-appointed attorneys who counsel and assist individuals confined in juvenile correctional facilities.

## **EDUCATION**

### ***Cut approximately 750 M from K-12 Education including***

- Delay Base Year Expenditure Update (\$225.8 million) – level funds “support costs”
- Exclude Support for Supplemental Salaries when calculating the SOQ (\$130.1 million)
- Eliminate Lottery support for certain education programs (\$91.9 million) including Enrollment Loss (\$17.5 million), Mentor Teacher (\$2.0 million), School Breakfast (\$5.3 million), and Additional Support for School Construction and Operating Costs (\$67.0 million).
- Adjust Prevailing Cost Methodology (\$70.7 million)
- Adjust At-Risk Add-On (\$41.5 million)
- Adjust Federal Deduct amount when calculating SOQ (\$36.2 million)
- Exclude Nonpersonal Facility Support, Lease and Rental Support, and Support for Travel when calculating the SOQ (\$31.8 million, \$31.6 million and \$29.1 million)
- Extend School Bus Replacement Cycle (\$19.5 million)
- Transfer Literary Fund balances to support teacher retirement (\$13.0 million) - This adjustment results in a net zero impact.
- Decrease general fund support for Direct Aid Programs with an offset in additional Lottery revenue (\$10.0 million) - This adjustment results in a net zero impact.

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