

Veterans and Defense Affairs

| Adopted Adjustments | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | | |
| | FY 2021 Adopted | | FY 2022 Adopted | |
| | <u>GF</u> | <u>NGF</u> | <u>GF</u> | <u>NGF</u> |
| 2018-20 Base Budget, Ch. 854 | \$34.1 | \$138.4 | \$34.1 | \$138.4 |
| Adopted Increases | 9.2 | 18.3 | 4.1 | 30.3 |
| Adopted Decreases | <u>(2.9)</u> | <u>(0.4)</u> | <u>(0.5)</u> | <u>(0.4)</u> |
| \$ Net Change | 6.3 | 18.0 | 3.5 | 30.0 |
| Ch. 1289 (HB 30, as Adopted) | \$40.4 | \$156.4 | \$37.6 | \$168.4 |
| % Change | 18.5% | 13.0% | 10.2% | 21.7% |
| FTEs | 296.47 | 1,199.03 | 296.47 | 1,419.03 |
| # Change | 4.00 | 25.00 | 4.00 | 245.00 |

Unallotted Spending

(pending the assessment of the impact of a potential general fund revenue shortfall caused by the COVID-19 pandemic)

| | <u>FY 2021</u> | <u>FY 2022</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Department of Veterans Services | | |
| Virginia Women Veterans Program | \$106,139 | \$106,139 |
| Additional Program Positions and IT Support | 1,045,040 | 1,276,753 |
| National Museum of the U.S. Army | 3,000,000 | 0 |
| Department of Military Affairs | | |
| State Tuition Assistance Program | <u>\$250,000</u> | <u>\$250,000</u> |
| Total | \$4,401,179 | \$1,632,892 |

Note: Unallotting an appropriation is an executive function that prevents an agency from expending such appropriation. Budget language was included to authorize any particular spending items will no longer apply until such time as the General Assembly re-enacts such appropriation after acceptance of a revenue forecast that supports the underlying appropriation.

- **Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs**
 - ***Camp Pendleton Lease Agreement.*** Amends the existing authorization for the long-term lease of a portion of the Camp Pendleton property to the City of Virginia Beach for 50 years in exchange for an up-front payment of \$2.5 million in the current biennium and any ongoing lease amounts that may be negotiated between the Commonwealth and the City.
 - ***Veterans Care Centers Workgroup.*** Language directs the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and Secretary of Finance to convene a workgroup to create business and financial plans for the operation and financing of state Veterans Care Centers, and directs a report to be completed by November 15, 2020.
- **Department of Veterans Services**
 - ***Women Veterans Program Position (Unallotted).*** Provides \$106,139 GF and one position each year to create a new assistant program manager position for the Virginia Women Veterans Program.

- ***V3 Program.*** Reduces existing funding for the Virginia Values Veterans grant program by \$400,000 GF per year based upon actual program expenditures, which are significantly less than existing funding levels.
- ***National Museum of the United States Army (Unallotted).*** Provides \$3.0 million GF the first year to be provided to the County of Fairfax for the construction of the Virginia Veteran’s Parade Field at the National Museum of the United States Army located in Fairfax County.
- ***Move Existing Administrative Funding to Veterans Services Foundation.*** Reduces a total of \$230,000 and one position from the GF in each year. The funding was initially provided for the Department to provide support to the Veterans Services Foundation. Actions under the Veterans Services Foundation add the funding and position under that agency. The language eliminates the need for the Department to administratively transfer funding and employ personnel to support the Foundation.
- ***Veterans Services Representative (Unallotted).*** Includes \$383,000 GF in FY 2021 and \$510,000 GF in FY 2022 and three positions to hire new Veterans Services Representative positions. These staff assist veterans with filling out benefits forms, and filing claims for medical care, disability, pension, and death benefits with the U.S. Veterans Administration.
- ***Veterans Peer Specialists (Unallotted).*** Provides \$230,000 GF in FY 2021 and \$306,000 GF in FY 2022 to hire three veterans peer specialists. These positions support veterans with mental health conditions through their rehabilitation and recovery processes.
- ***Salary Differential for Northern Virginia Staff (Unallotted).*** Includes \$222,000 GF each year for targeted salary increases for seven appeals attorneys and 16 veterans services representatives working in the Department’s Northern Virginia offices.
- ***Facility Maintenance Costs (Unallotted).*** Includes \$93,000 GF each year for increased maintenance costs at the Virginia War Memorial.
- ***Customer Service IT Expenses (Unallotted).*** Includes \$35,000 GF each year for customer service software upgrades in the Department.
- ***Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP) Manager Position (Unallotted).*** Includes \$83,140 GF the first year and \$110,853 GF the second year to support a program manager for the VMSDEP.
- ***Operations of New Veterans Care Centers.*** Includes \$12.0 million NGF and 220.00 FTE positions in FY 2022 for the staffing and operations of two new veterans care

centers, located in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. The increase in appropriation anticipates the collection of revenue from Medicare and Medicaid through the centers' provision of medical care.

- **Veterans Services Foundation**

- *Move Administrative Funding and Position from DVS.* Reallocates a total of \$230,000 GF and one GF position from the Department of Veterans Services base budget that was originally intended to support the Foundation. The need is eliminated for DVS to administratively transfer the funding and provide a support position to the Foundation.

- **Department of Military Affairs**

- *Tuition Assistance (Unallotted).* Provides \$250,000 GF each year to increase funding for the State Tuition Assistance Program (STAP). STAP provides financial assistance for tuition and is available to all members of the Virginia National Guard. This amendment increases the total amount available for STAP to \$3.25 million GF each year.
- *State Active Duty Pay.* Includes language authorizing members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force to receive pay and allowances equal to their rank and years of service for state active duty missions, as determined by the Department.
- *Increase NGF Appropriation for Programs Targeting At-Risk Youth.* Includes \$436,351 NGF each year for the Virginia Commonwealth ChalleNGe Program to reflect the program's cost reimbursement agreement with the federal government. The ChalleNGe program is a residential academic and training program for at-risk youth. The introduced budget also includes \$139,000 NGF each year from the Science and Technology Academies Reinforcing Basic Aviation and Space Exploration (STARBASE) program. STARBASE is a Department of Defense program which provides under-served and at-risk elementary students opportunities to benefit from STEM-related programs and activities.