

Compensation Board Funding Proposals in SB800

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Budget Proposals (FY15)

Sheriffs & Regional Jails

- Recommended jail inmate per diem funding of \$11.3 million is included in the budget bill for FY15, representing the additional funding needed to pay to local governments in the current year, based upon growth percentages approved by the Inmate Population Forecasting Committee for local and state responsible inmates.
 - Amounts payable are \$4 per day for local responsible inmates and \$12 per day for state responsible inmates; recently there has been an average of 5,500 state responsible inmates housed in local and regional jails that are overdue for transfer to a facility of the Department of Corrections.
 - Additional funding need of \$13 to 15 million is projected for FY16. Update based upon FY15 inmate forecasting growth percentages is expected in fall, 2015.

Budget Proposals (FY16)

Salary Initiative – Sheriffs' Deputies

- Additional funding of \$1.6 million and language for FY16 to increase the base salary of entry-level sworn sheriffs' deputies, effective July 1, 2015.
 - Language provides that the minimum salary level established for deputy sheriffs in FY16 shall be at least equal to the maximum gross income level for a family of four established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
 - Entry level sworn sheriffs' deputies (grade 7) minimum salary will increase from \$29,081 to \$31,009;
 - Entry level sworn sheriffs' deputies with one year or more of service (grade 8) will increase from \$31,788 to \$32,009;
 - Future increases at one-year of service will change from 9.31% to 3.225% to match the FY16 difference of \$1,000 between grade 7 and grade 8 entry-level deputy classifications;
 - Language provides that counties and cities shall use their own resources to supplement any future salary increases needed for deputy sheriffs to maintain minimum salary levels corresponding to future increases in the SNAP maximum gross income level;
 - Changes in minimum salary levels and salary increases provided are applicable to sheriffs' deputies; regional jail officer salaries remain unchanged.

Budget Proposals (FY16)

Sheriffs & Regional Jails

- Additional funding of \$206,723 and 11 positions are included in FY16 to support phase 1 of an expansion of the Central Virginia Regional Jail, scheduled to open November 1, 2015 (FY16).
 - Phase 2 , with 61 additional positions, is now scheduled for July, 2016, pushing it to FY17 in the next biennium.
- Language amendment for Sheriffs' Career Development Program allows for program administration to move from UVA to VCU, and removes a redundant in-house certification program no longer being used.
- Technical Amendments
 - A technical adjustment to a position count table removes positions corresponding with funds removed from the budget bill during the 2014 Special Session.
 - A technical net-zero amendment re-aligns subprogram appropriations within the funding program for Sheriffs and Regional Jails to properly reflect funding allocated to support these areas.

Budget Proposals (FY16)

Court Fines/Costs Collections Language

- Language amended in Item 70 of SB800 relates to the collection of delinquent court fines/costs accounts:
 - During the 2014 Session, Language amendments were introduced to correct some technical matters; however, approved language amendment also prevents local Treasurers from charging a contingent collection fee on delinquent court fines and costs they have contracted to collect for the Commonwealth's Attorney;
 - Beyond the policy consideration of Treasurers' engaging in contingent collections, there were other concerns with amended language in Chapter 3:
 - Language conflicts with the opinion of former Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli regarding interpretation of the provisions of §19.2-349;
 - Language appears to prevent any local government entity from charging a contingent collection fee, to include the Commonwealth's Attorney who is charged with delinquent collections and who also charges a contingent collection fee to cover the costs of collections when performing those duties themselves.
 - Language amendment in SB800 strikes problematic language and restores authority to Treasurers to charge a contingent collection fee on delinquent court cost collections.

Budget Proposals

All Constitutional Officers/Other Issues

- Aid to Localities Reductions (ATL) – \$30 million in FY15 and \$29.84 million in FY16
- Constitutional Officer funding is a large component of base Aid to Localities funding that is reduced through the reversions, representing approximately 50% of the base funding to which ATL reductions are attributed
- Of the amounts attributed to constitutional officers, localities have elected to achieve 56% of the ATL savings by reducing reimbursements of Compensation Board funding in support of constitutional officers

Status Update

Career Development Programs

- Career Development programs in all constitutional officer program areas experienced a lack of sufficient funding, defunding, and freezes between FY08 and FY12. Program freezes have been lifted and participation has continued in the current biennium, but with limited ability to fund new participants, including many qualified for several years.
- Funding is continued at FY14 levels for FY15 and FY16, but new participation is not funded.

Status Update

Career Development Programs (cont.)

CDP Program	Funds Needed	Unfunded Positions	% Program Unfunded
Master Deputy/Jail Officer	\$1,892,954	695	40.22%
Career Prosecutor	703,098	61	44.51%
Treasurer	42,136	5	8.36%
Deputy Treasurer	51,162	51	19.87%
Commissioner	108,843	15	21.85%
Deputy Commissioner	110,163	86	46.73%
Clerk	305,188	29	100.00%
Deputy Clerk	301,495	100	100.00%
Total	\$3,515,040	1,042	47.69%

Budget Reductions

Compensation Board Administration

- As a part of centrally budgeted state agency savings, administrative funding was reduced as a means to address revenue shortfalls in the current biennium:
 - FY15 reversion of FY14 pledged balances of \$119,464;
 - FY15 cash reversion of \$30,068 from Technology Trust Fund representing partial-year cash to support one administrative position for program support, currently vacant;
 - Functional staff reorganization to address technology changes (in-house mainframe LIDS system to 3rd-party vendor web-based LIDS-CORIS) and system transactional cost savings, at \$171,674 in FY16.

Thank You

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