

SENATE OF VIRGINIA

Senate Finance Committee

Overview of Virginia Cooperative Extension

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Cooperative Extension Funding

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- **Virginia State University Extension Services Funding.**
 - SB 800 recommends \$530,000 GF in FY 2012 to match federal grant funds for extension services at Virginia State University.

- **Virginia Cooperative Extension Program Funding (Virginia Tech).**
 - Funding of \$494,410 GF in FY 2012 is recommended in SB 800 to support the restructuring plan required by the 2010 General Assembly.
 - Changes approved in budget conference during the 2010 Session required a restructuring plan and an additional targeted reduction of \$1.0 million GF in FY 2012 (a decrease in appropriations to Extension funding from original FY 2010 of almost \$9.0 million GF).
 - Language to eliminate and consolidate offices was contained in the House approved budget prior to conference in the 2010 Session.
 - A targeted reduction of \$2.5 million GF was also contained in the House plan in a separate amendment.

Item 219 #2h – 2010 Session

Language:

Page 144, line 26, after "level." insert:

"To this end, the Cooperative Extension Service shall eliminate programs related to family and consumer services, community viability, and lawn and garden programs statewide."

Page 145, after line 3, insert:

"F.1. The Cooperative Extension Service shall eliminate the following offices:

Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Norfolk, Petersburg, Portsmouth, Prince William, and Richmond City.

2. The Cooperative Extension Service is directed to consolidate and merge offices as follows:

Eliminate and Consolidate With:

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| Rockbridge | Botetourt & Fincastle |
| Amherst | Lynchburg & Appomatox |
| York | Hampton |
| Page | Rockingham/Harrisonburg |
| Warren | Frederick |
| Powhatan | Chesterfield |
| Campbell | Bedford |
| Hanover | Caroline and Henrico |
| Fluvanna | Albemarle |
| Greene | Orange & Madison |
| Rappahannock | Madison & Culpeper |
| Chesapeake | Virginia Beach |
| Spotsylvania | Stafford". |

Restructuring Plan

- Virginia Cooperative Extension was already engaged in a strategic planning process.
- The Restructuring Task Force was initiated in Spring of 2010.
- The final strategic plan was released in Fall 2010.
- Concerns about the plan have been expressed to members of the General Assembly.