

Governor's Proposed Actions in the Introduced Budget for 2012-14 Biennium

- **Department of Education**

- ***Academic Reviews.*** Adds \$499,777 GF the first year only for academic reviews of schools that are not fully accredited. For FY 2011-12, which required annual objectives for raising graduation rates for the first time, 70 out of 1,838 schools, about 4 percent, are not fully accredited. A year earlier, only 36 schools were not fully accredited.
- ***Performance Evaluation Training.*** Adds \$277,000 GF the first year and \$138,500 GF the second year to support the performance evaluation training sessions in each of the eight superintendent regions for teachers, principals, division superintendents, and other personnel in support of the transition to new evaluation models.
- ***Create an Innovative Education Technical Advisory Group.*** Provides \$100,812 GF each year to support the creation and operation of an Innovative Education Technical Advisory Group to assist new applicants seeking to establish charter, college laboratory, or virtual schools.
- ***Savings Related to Positions.*** Removes \$583,469 GF each year from vacant positions; saves \$271,305 GF each year by transferring GF support for 2.5 positions to nongeneral fund sources; and saves \$130,000 GF each year by eliminating the position that supported the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.
- ***Eliminate Support for Virginia Career VIEW Program.*** Eliminates funding of \$296,000 GF each year for Virginia Career VIEW (Vital Information for Education and Work), a web-based career exploration and educational planning system for grades K-8 provided through Virginia Tech.
- ***Other Savings.*** Reduces funding by \$100,000 GF each year by transferring support for the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) and the Algebra Readiness Diagnostic Test (ARDT) to federal special education sources; \$100,000 GF the first year by delaying maintenance and enhancement of the student longitudinal data system; and \$19,358 GF each year by relocating a video recording studio to smaller existing space and using external providers for other video production needs.