



Governor K-12 “All Students” Agenda Budget Initiatives

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FUNDING FOR READING SPECIALISTS

(\$1,433,116):

- Provides the state share of funding to support one reading specialist per elementary school that scored below 75 percent on the third grade reading Standards of Learning (SOL) test.



FUNDING FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

(\$4,908,789):

- Provides support to localities in the costs of teachers, teacher's aides and staff for blind or visually impaired students, lifting an unfunded mandate by providing financial relief to local school divisions that are tasked with providing specialized staff for Virginia's more than 1,000 blind or visually impaired students.



KINDERGARTEN READINESS (\$750,000):

- Provides funding for a pilot assessment to measure kindergarten readiness. The assessment tools will allow for a better understanding of the range of skills children have as they enter kindergarten and progress through the school year.



VIRGINIA OPPORTUNITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION (\$600,926):

- The Governor's amended budget provides an additional \$600,926 in fiscal year 2014 to develop the Virginia Opportunity Educational Institution office within the Department of Education.



EFFECTIVE SCHOOLWIDE DISCIPLINE

(\$618,040):

- This budget initiative supports implementation of effective school-wide discipline system in schools by providing funding to develop and conduct statewide training for public school teachers and administrators on implementation of an effective school-wide discipline system that reduces disruptive behavior in the classroom.



VIRGINIA e-LEARNING BACKPACK INITIATIVE:

- Provision to advance the goal of providing every 9th grade student attending a public high school that is not fully accredited with a tablet computer. This can be achieved by redirecting the Virginia Public School Authority supplemental grant funds in the amount of \$3.1 million currently allocated for ANY school not fully accredited. These funds are in addition to the \$26,000 each school receives from VPSA. The proposed strategy will leave sufficient resources to fully implement and support online Standards of Learning (SOL) test administration.



Governor's Higher Education Budget Initiatives

Successes of the Top Jobs legislation

- With additional general fund support for both FY'12 and FY'13, we saw the lowest tuition increases in a decade with a average of 4.1 percent.
- The number of in-state Virginia students is projected to increase by almost 22,000 during Governor McDonnell's term. Enrollment is expected to continue to grow, providing the enrollment levels necessary to award a cumulative 100,000 more degrees by 2025.
- Institutions have responded in many different ways to the objectives of TJ21. They have improved graduation rates, improved STEM offerings and production, enhanced facility usage, reallocated resources and increased efficiency.



Budget Initiatives

- The Governor's introduced budget proposed an additional \$19.5 million in FY 2014 to support the goals of the Top Jobs legislation.
- Funding is allocated in five specific areas:
 - \$7.8 million (40%) for Degree Incentives
 - \$4.9 million (25%) for Enrollment Growth
 - \$3.9 million (20%) for Base Funding
 - \$1.9 million (10%) for Financial Aid
 - \$1.0 million (5%) for Research



Budget Initiatives

- Through the work of the Higher Education Advisory Committee, the newly developed incentive funding model was created and funding was allocated to institutions based on a revision of the formula in 2011
- The incentive funding formula recognized institutional performance in the production of in-state associate and baccalaureate degrees with additional consideration given to:
 - STEM-H degrees
 - On-time graduation
 - Degrees earned by students from underrepresented populations
- Enrollment Funding was proposed to address in-state undergraduate enrollment at Virginia's public college and universities
- Calculations were based on actual enrollment in FY'12 to projected enrollment in FY'14.



Budget Initiatives

- Base funding was proposed for those institutions under 90 percent of the funding guideline. At this time, only Old Dominion University is in this category.
- Additional financial assistance was proposed for in-state undergraduates. The distribution of funding is based on the partnership model.
- In the research area:
 - almost \$1 million is proposed to fund brain disorders research at Virginia Tech.
 - \$250,000 for funding to support the Parkinson's and Movement Disorders Center at Virginia Commonwealth University.



Specific Operating Initiatives

- Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) Program – Proposed to transfer \$3.8 million from FY '13 to FY'14 from the TAG program based on lower than projected enrollment at independent colleges. This would allow for the increase from \$2,800 to \$3,100 for undergraduate awards and \$1,300 to \$1,500 for graduate awards.
- Military Survivors Program – Provides SCHEV \$600,000 for enrollment growth of the program.
- Unique Military Funding – \$600,000 for enrollment growth in the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech.
- Eastern Virginia Medical School (executive amendment) – \$200,000 to study increased collaboration and development of academic and research programs and to evaluate options for the applicable relationship between EVMS, the College of William and Mary or other Virginia higher education institutions.



Reallocation

- The introduced budget proposes that the public colleges and universities reallocate 5 percent of their Educational and General (E & G) general fund appropriations in FY '14 instead of the previously approved 2 percent, for a total amount of \$60.2 million.
- All institutions have submitted reallocation plans to my office and all have met or exceeded the 5 percent requirement.



Questions?

