

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT #6

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### Budget Amendments Introduced by Crater District Legislators

#### Sen. Amanda Chase

- 1) To fund a study by the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission (JLARC) on the practices, procedures & accountability of **Industrial Development Authorities**. - \$50,000
- 2) **Pocahontas State Park** – Operations & Maintenance - \$152,273 in each year. (**Del. Cox also introduced**).
- 3) Language that would direct DEQ to factor local fiscal stress when awarding **Nutrient Removal Grants** for projects in the James River Basin – would allow grants to cover up to 90% of eligible costs. (**Sen. Morrissey and Del. Aird also introduced**).

#### Sen. Louise Lucas

- 1) 3% Salary Increase for **Sheriffs & their state supported employees**- \$9.04 million; \$9.87 million (**Sen. McClellan** proposes 5% each year).
- 2) to provide that beginning 7-1-2022, **per diem payments** for **local & state-responsible inmates** shall be adjusted in accordance with the Consumer Price Index- \$10.6 million each year.
- 3) **Virginia Industrial Revitalization Fund** – an increase of \$3.5 million in each year to bring the fund to \$6 million in each year. \$2.0 million in each year to be designated for port-related facilities. (**Also introduced by Sen. McClellan**).
- 4) Increase state funding for **Planning District Commissions** – For Crater PDC the state appropriation would increase from \$75,971 to \$89,971. (**Del. McQuinn also introduced**).
- 5) Increase the **Brownfields Restoration & Economic Development Assistance Fund** – to bring the fund to \$5 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$7 million in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. It would provide that assessment grants of up to \$100,000 and remediation grants of up to \$1 million shall be provided for cleanup of contaminated sites near housing developments. (**Del. McQuinn also introduced**).
- 6) Funds to support **low-income students** taking the **SAT exam** (\$325,000 in each year) and **AP Exams** (\$714,387 in each year).
- 7) Increase funds to **Community Action Agencies** from \$6.25 million each year to \$9,250,000. (**Del. McQuinn also introduced**).
- 8) Establish an **Emergency Shelter-Upgrade Assistance Fund** to assist localities to proactively prepare. \$2.5 million each year.

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**Senator Jennifer McClellan**

- 1) \$2.9 million for the Virginia Department of General Services to purchase **land in Charles City County** (206.57 acres) to be conveyed to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe.
- 2) Fund a Pilot Program for school divisions who want to extend their **Virginia Preschool Initiative** programs to a max of 8 hours/day. \$3 million in each year.
- 3) \$406 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$407 million in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year to remove the cap on support positions in **Basic Aid Education funds**. (Del. Aird also introduced).
- 4) Add \$504.3 million in 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$427.1 million in 2<sup>nd</sup> year to fund 100% of state share of **SOQ revisions** not included in the Governor's budget.

**Sen. Tommy Norment**

- 1) \$43.7 million for **Reading Specialists** for Grades K-5 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- 2) \$2.75 million in 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$5.5 million in 2<sup>nd</sup> year to fund 2 phases of a 4-year plan to fully fund the State Library Aid Formula for **local public libraries**.

**Sen. Frank Ruff**

- 1) **Enterprise Zone Grant Program** – to add \$4.5 million in each year to bring the funds up to \$19 million in each year so that grants will not have to be prorated. (Del. Tyler also introduced).
- 2) \$410,000 in each year for **Richard Bland College** for an Advanced Manufacturing Academy, a partnership with CCAM. (Del. Brewer also introduced).
- 3) Provide \$1.6 million in each year to reinstate **Payments in Lieu of Taxes** to localities that have **state correctional facilities**. (Del. Tyler also introduced).
- 4) Reverse the Governor's recommendation to remove \$40 million from the General Fund dedicated to the **Route 58 Corridor Development Fund**.

**Delegate Lashrecse Aird**

- 1) \$500,000 to support the addition of a conference center to the **Petersburg Public Library**.
- 2) Add funds to provide \$2.5 million in each year to the **Virginia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs**. (Del. McQuinn also introduced).
- 3) Fund the state share of a **5% salary increase** for SOQ instructional and support positions effective 7-1-2020. This is in addition to the 3% increase included in the Governor's budget effective July 1, 2021.
- 4) Increase the **TANF Standards of Assistance** by 18% beginning in FY 2021 and increase it annually by 18% until the standards equal 50% of the federal poverty line. \$400,000 each year in state funds and \$12 million each year in TANF funds.
- 5) Increase **salaries** of **General District Court Clerks** and Deputy Clerks by 10% in each year. \$4.36 million in 1<sup>st</sup> year; 9.2 million in 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

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**Sen. Joe Morrissey**

- 1) In the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, increase the base **salary** of every elected **Sheriff** by \$10,000 effective July 1, 2020. Language would prohibit localities from utilizing this funding to supplant local funds provided as of 1-1-2020 for the salary of the Sheriffs. \$1.24 million in 1<sup>st</sup> year; \$1.35 million in 2<sup>nd</sup> year. (Del. Aird also introduced).
- 2) Increase the salary of **General Registrars** - \$3.5 million in each year- to bring them into parity with Treasurers and Directors of Finance. (Sen. Norment and Del. Brewer also introduced).
- 3) Provide \$900,000 in the 1<sup>st</sup> year to **Petersburg** for the **Appomattox River Dredging Project**.

**Del. Betsy Carr**

- 1) \$90,000 in each year to support the Virginia Department of Election to develop and implement a plan to improve its supervision of **Local Election Administration**.
- 2) \$115,500 in each year for DEQ to implement regional water resources planning under the SWCB.

**Del. Carrie Coyner**

- 1) Provide \$864,000 in 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$890,000 in 2<sup>nd</sup> year to the **Chesterfield County** School Board to establish a **Recovery High School**, open to students who reside in Superintendent's District 1 who are in early stages of recovery from substance abuse.

**Del. Delores McQuinn**

- 1) Language to ensure that localities may continue to levy and collect **local vehicle registration fees** up to the max rate in effect per the State Code on 1-1-2020.
- 2) \$1.485 million in each year to restore operating support to **Circuit Court Clerks**.
- 3) \$5 million in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year to establish the **Urban Public-Private Partnership Redevelopment Fund** – No grant to exceed \$500,000 and would require at 35% local match.

**Del. Roslyn Tyler**

- 1) \$1.9 million in 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$3.7 million in 2<sup>nd</sup> year to add 90 additional **Deputy General District Court Clerk positions**.