Senate Member Budget Amendments
2025 General Assembly

K-12 Funding Amendments

Support Position Ratio

Item 125 #13s (Boysko): Provides $222.9 million GF the second year to implement the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) recommendation to lift the cap on K-12 education support staff funding that was left over from the Great Recession. Since FY 2010, funded support positions have been calculated as a linear weighted average of support positions to funded Standards of Quality (SOQ) instructional positions, as reported by divisions.

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) Recommendations

Item 125 #7s (Hashmi): Provides $1.2 billion GF the second year to support the provisions of **SB 977** to fully fund the recommendations from the 2023 JLARC report, "Virginia's K-12 Funding Formula." The legislation also provides add-on funding for students with disabilities that, together with the existing support for students with disabilities, provides funding similar in scale to what is recommended by JLARC Policy Option 5. This estimate is based on data previously provided by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), but the legislation's fiscal impact has not yet been determined.

Commonwealth's Attorneys

Item 64 #2s (Perry): Provides $25.7 million GF the second year to allocate 206 additional Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney positions, 115 paralegal support positions, and 132 administrative support positions for Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices statewide in FY 2026, in accordance with the staffing standards adopted by the Compensation Board in fall 2023.

Item 64 #5s (McDougle): Provides $28.8 million GF the second year for Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices. The amount includes $25.7 million to provide 206 additional Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys, 115 additional paralegals, and 132 administrative assistants in order to fully staff these offices for felony caseloads, based on the Compensation Board staffing standards. It also includes $3.1 million to provide a 5% state salary increase for Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys, applied after the 3% salary increase included for all state and state-supported local employees in the FY 2024-2026 Biennium Budget adopted in May 2024.

Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project in Fairfax County

Item 433 #3 (Surovell): Provides $125 million GF the first year to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to provide a grant to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Fairfax County to complete the construction of roadway improvements and the BRT system along the Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) Corridor in Fairfax County. In June 2024, the Federal Transit Administration approved the project to enter the Engineering Phase of the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program and specified that the project was able to receive up to $346.7 million in CIG funds. They County had requested $459.2 million, which has resulted in a projected gap of approximately $113 million

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Funding

Item 125 #13s (Boysko): Provides $3.3 million GF the first year in updated operating assistance for WMATA. The Governor's introduced budget provided $133.57 million in FY 2025 and FY 2026 to address WMATA funding needs, which was an $11.13 million decrease from the adopted budget due to updates in the projected subsidy amounts. The amendment updates the amount needed to address the subsidy needs based on further analysis of WMATA's proposed budget.