

Caboose Budget amendments

Amendment 4: Provide unemployment insurance flexibility language

F. The Governor shall have the authority to alter the administration of the provisions of The Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act, Title 60.2 of the Code of Virginia, to meet the exigencies of a health emergency crisis."

Amendment 5: Provide authority for Superintendent of Public Instruction to grant temporary flexibility or issue waivers due to COVID-19

J. Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in this Act or in § 22.1, Code of Virginia, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may grant temporary flexibility or issue waivers of certain deadlines and requirements that cannot be met due to the state of emergency or school closures resulting from Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Such flexibility or waivers may include, but are not limited to, accreditation, testing and assessments, graduation, licensure, including temporary licensure, school calendars, and program applications and reports due to the Department of Education or Board of Education. Such authority only applies to deadlines and requirements for fiscal year 2020 (school year 2019-2020) or fiscal year 2021 (school year 2020-2021). Prior to granting any flexibility or waivers pursuant to this language, the Superintendent of Public Instruction must report to the Secretary of Education and substantiate how the state of emergency or school closures resulting from COVID-19 impacted each deadline or requirement, the proposed alternative, and the affected fiscal and school years. Subsequently, information about waivers or flexibility extended shall be reported to the Board of Education and made available on the agency website."

Amendment 7: Waive required local effort and required local match obligations due to school closures

(This amendment waives local school divisions' required local effort and required local match obligations for fiscal year 2020 due to the state of emergency and school closures resulting from COVID-19.)

Amendment 8: Remove planned voluntary Revenue Reserve deposits

(This amendment removes planned voluntary deposits to the Revenue Reserve Fund in response to a potential revenue shortfall caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.) \$600 million ish FY 19-20

Amendment 9: Fund cost of initial COVID-19 response

(This amendment increases funding to cover the cost of policy changes implemented by the Department of Medical Assistance Services in response to COVID-19. These actions include expanding the use of telemedicine, waiving service authorizations and eliminating cost sharing.) a little over \$1 million GF & NGF in FY 19-20

Amendment 11: Authorize changes to medical assistance programs in response to COVID-19

(This amendment provides DMAS temporary authority to make immediate changes to its medical assistance programs in response to COVID-19. Any change would be subject to the Governor's approval and must be reported within 15 days. Authorization and any program changes will expire with the Governor's emergency declaration.)

Amendment 14: Increase CCDBG appropriation to account for emergency child care funding provided by the CARES Act

(This amendment increases nongeneral fund appropriation in order to reflect additional federal funding provided to the Commonwealth in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This funding will help address child care issues that have arisen as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.) \$66 million NGF for FY 19-20

Amendment 17: Add language for emergency licensure exemption and background check portability for child day programs operating solely for children of essential personnel **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEW BIENNIUM

(This amendment sets out Item 347 which was not set out in the enrolled budget. The amendment includes language in new paragraphs H, I, and J, which allows emergency child care programs to be set up to care for children of essential workers during the COVID-19 state of emergency.)

Amendment 18: Add language to permit emergency program changes related to COVID-19 response **CARRIED FORWARD TO NEW BIENNIUM

(This amendment adds language to give the Department of Social Services the authority to make certain changes to program eligibility and enrollment in response to COVID-19.)

Amendment 30: Provide authority for agencies to solicit and accept donations, gifts, grants, and contracts that support the response to the COVID-19 pandemic

(This amendment provides authority for agencies to solicit and/or accept donations, gifts, grants, and contracts needed to respond to the direct and indirect impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.)

Amendment 32: Provide authority for agencies to alter or change cost factors to respond to COVID-19

(This amendment provides authority for agencies to alter or change cost factors in response to the direct and indirect impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.)

Amendment 33: Provide authority for agencies to establish new services to respond to COVID-19

(This amendment provides authority for agencies to establish services needed to respond to the direct and indirect impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.)

Amendment 35: Provide flexibility on reporting deadlines during declared disasters

(Adds language to allow the Governor to delay certain reporting deadlines during declared disasters.)