

Families Forward Virginia, 2020 General Assembly Session – CROSSOVER/MONEY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT UPDATE 2-20-20

<b>2020 – 2020 Biennial Budget</b>	<b>Governor’s Introduced Budget</b>	<b>Senate Finance</b>	<b>House Appropriations</b>
<i>Home Visiting</i>	Included \$12.8 million GF to add as a Medicaid service	Eliminates Year 1 funding (\$1 million ish)	Same as Governor
<i>Local Caseworker Salaries</i>	Increases local salary minimums to reduce turnover; provides 3% compression increase (\$18 million GF)	Same as Governor	Provides smaller increase to local salary minimums to reduce turnover; provides 1.5% compression increase (\$11.2 million GF)
<i>Children’s Ombudsman</i>	Not included	Not included	Included
<i>Child Abuse Prevention Plan</i>	Not included	Not included	Included
<i>Abuse Prevention Funding</i>	LDSS staff and creating local prevention services as part of Family First (\$49.8 million GF)	Reduces funding, phases it in instead (\$20 million ish GF)	Reduces funding, phases it in instead (\$18.6 million ish GF)
<i>Medicaid Adult Dental Benefit</i>	Not included	Included (\$34 Million)	Not included
<i>Extend FAMIS MOMs coverage</i>	Extends coverage to 1 year post partum (\$3.2 million)	Same as Governor	Same as Governor
<i>Doula Medicaid benefit</i>	Establishes workgroup to study implementation and provide recommendation by end of FY20 (included in caboose)	Establishes workgroup in FY21 to study the implementation	Establishes workgroup in FY20 to study the implementation
<i>Increase TANF assistance</i>	Uses \$6.7m in TANF funds and \$735,752 in GFs to increase cash assistance by 5%	Uses \$38.7m in TANF funds and \$4.5m in GFs to increase cash assistance & income limits by 20%	Uses \$30.7m in TANF funds and \$1.5m in GFs to increase cash assistance by 18%
<i>Foster Care Kinship Support</i>	None	Kinship Navigator Program - \$400,000	HB933 Kin GAP – Fictive Kin, \$7,676 Emergency Kinship Caregiver Placement Approval - \$150,000

<i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Expands pre-K access for 3- and 4-yr-olds through VPI (\$93.4 million)	Similar to Governor, provides less for mixed delivery preschool grant (\$89.4 million)	Similar to Governor, provides less for mixed delivery preschool grant (\$79.4 million)
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Bills we support that are still alive:

HB 253 (Del. Vivian Watts) - Adds a third or subsequent conviction of unlawful dissemination or sale of images of another to the list of offenses requiring registration under the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB253>

HB 462 (Del. Rip Sullivan) - Directs the Secretary of Health to establish a task force to study the shortage of certified sexual assault nurse examiners in the Commonwealth. The task force shall report its findings and conclusions, together with specific recommendations for legislative, regulatory, and budgetary actions. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB462>

HB 298 (Del. Kathy Tran) - Increases the statute of limitations for prosecuting misdemeanor violations where the victim is a minor from one year after the victim reaches the age of majority to seven years after the victim reaches the age of majority. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB298>

HB 827 (Del. Carrol-Foy) / SB 712 (Sen. McClellan) - Requires employers to make reasonable accommodation for the known limitations of a person related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB827>

HB 840 (Del. Kathleen Murphy) - Requires health insurers whose plan includes coverage for medicines to classify medically necessary formula and enteral nutrition products as medicine and to include coverage for medically necessary formula and enteral nutrition products for covered individuals requiring treatment for an inherited metabolic disorder. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB840>

HB 861 (Del. Mark Levine) - Provides that any act of violence, force, or threat against an intimate partner or the intimate partner's child or any history of child abuse shall be considered by a court in determining the best interests of a child for the purposes of a custody or visitation arrangement. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB861>

HB 1301 (Del. Chris Hurst) - Establishes the Office of the Children's Ombudsman to provide oversight of the State Department of Social Services, local departments of social services, child-placing agencies, or child-caring institutions; The Office of the Children's Ombudsman is headed by the Children's Ombudsman, who is appointed for a term of four years by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1301>

HB 1544 (Del. Lee Carter) - Provides that no child under the age of 14 shall be strip searched and that a child who is 14 years of age or older but under 18 years of age shall not be strip searched unless such child and such child's parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the care of such child has authorized or consented to the strip search. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1544>

HB 74 (Del. Kaye Kory) - Requires each school board to (i) adopt and implement policies that require each teacher and other relevant personnel, as determined by the school board, employed on a full-time basis, to complete a mental health awareness training or similar program at least once and (ii) provide such training, which may be provided pursuant to a contract with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, a community services board, a behavioral health authority, a nonprofit organization, or other certified trainer or via an online module. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+bil+HB0074>

HB 1614 (Del. Emily Brewer) - Provides an affirmative defense to prosecution for prostitution and keeping, residing in, or frequenting a bawdy place if, at the time of the offense leading to such charge, such person was a victim of human trafficking. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=hb1614>

SB 105 (Sen. Barbara Favola) - Provides that the court shall consider any history of child abuse in determining the best interests of a child for the purposes of a custody or visitation arrangement. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB105>

SB 546 (Sen. John Edwards) - Increases from 14 years of age to 16 years of age the minimum age at which a juvenile can be tried as an adult in circuit court for a felony. <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=SB546>

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<https://newrepublic.com/article/156623/false-prophets-childcare-revolution>

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