

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
On Senate Bill 800, As Introduced
(February 7, 1999)

Mr. Chairmen and Members of the Committee:

Your subcommittee has reviewed the provisions of Senate Bill 800, the budget bill as introduced, with respect to the Office of Public Safety. Except for those items as noted in the attached spreadsheet and language amendments, we recommend acceptance of the Governor's recommendations.

In particular, we are pleased to support full funding of the House Bill 599 program for aid to localities with police departments. We recognize additional work may be necessary next year to adjust the distribution formula, based on the work of the Commission on the Condition and Future of Virginia's Cities.

As all of you know, the rate of violent crime has declined in recent years, and the growth in the population of our adult and juvenile correctional facilities has slowed. This is welcome news. Accordingly, there are fewer needs for additional spending in this field than we expected just a few years ago.

Virginia was the only state last year in which violent crime and the adult prison population both declined. This speaks well of our efforts to address the problems of crime and corrections.

Our criminal sentencing guidelines, which were adopted as part of the abolition of parole in 1994, are also recognized at the national level. In Virginia, if you are convicted of a violent offense -- and especially if you are a repeat offender -- you can expect to spend more time behind bars than in any other state in the nation.

Virginia has also been recognized in the field of community corrections -- providing alternatives to incarceration for first-time, non-violent offenders. We are also moving forward with efforts to screen, assess, and provide treatment for drug offenders.

One of the subcommittee's objectives for the coming year is to review the evaluation studies which have been conducted at the state and national level, to gain a better understanding of what works (and doesn't work) in fighting crime and reducing recidivism.

However, recognizing the progress we have already made, the adjustments in the budget this year are relatively minor.

For example, we recommend sufficient general funds for the Department of Corrections to replace its computer network next year using the master equipment lease program.

In the field of juvenile corrections, we recommend a budget adjustment to insure better utilization of private provider beds, with the intent that our state facilities should not have to operate above capacity when space is available in alternative facilities. We also propose that new federal block grant funds be used to renovate Hanover Juvenile Correctional Center, as well as purchase Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center.

In the field of communications technology, we face a significant challenge. We support the initiative for the Department of State Police to develop a request for proposals for a statewide-shared land mobile radio system serving 11 agencies, which we will have to finance beginning next year. As we move forward with this project, we must also be assured that localities have the capacity to provide emergency 911 services, and that our substantial investments in communications technology at the state level are coordinated with these local efforts.

Mr. Chairmen, this concludes the report of the subcommittee.

Report of the Subcommittee on Public Safety
Recommended Adjustments to SB 800, As Introduced
(February 7, 1999 -- General Funds)

	FY 1999	FY 2000	Biennium
Secretary of Public Safety			
Sec'y PS-Study DOC HQ Lease Options	\$0	Language	Language
Sec'y PS-Port of Hampton Roads Firefighting	\$0	Language	Language
Commonwealth's Attorneys Services Council			
CASC-Remove Language in Item 457.B.2	\$0	Language	Language
Department of Criminal Justice Services			
DCJS-New Partnership Balances	(\$10,000)	\$0	(\$10,000)
DCJS-ICJIS First Year Balance	(\$100,000)	\$0	(\$100,000)
DCJS-Domestic Violence Shelters	\$0	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)
DCJS-Local Criminal Justice Planners	\$0	(\$160,000)	(\$160,000)
DCJS-Governor's New Partnership	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
DCJS-Prince William Anti-Crime Program	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
DCJS-Pre-Trial Release Program	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
DCJS-Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	\$0	Language	Language
DCJS-HB 599 Technical Correction (GOV)	\$0	Language	Language
Department of State Police			
DSP-Excess DMV Motor Carrier Fees for VCIN	(\$1,600,000)	(\$900,000)	(\$2,500,000)
DSP-Radio System RFP (Use NGF; Language)	\$0	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)
DSP-Clifton Forge Area Office (CO)	\$0	\$185,000	\$185,000
DSP-Danville, Wytheville Area Offices (CO)	\$0	\$705,000	\$705,000
DSP-Warsaw, West Point Area Offices (CO)	\$0	\$390,000	\$390,000
DSP-Emporia Area Office (CO)	\$0	\$185,000	\$185,000
Department of Corrections			
DOC-New Partnership Balances	(\$30,000)	\$0	(\$30,000)
DOC-Computer Network (Language)	\$0	\$2,170,494	\$2,170,494
DOC-Improve Offender Forecast Data	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Institutions			
DOC-Transfer Salary Adjustments to CA	\$0	(\$11,980,485)	(\$11,980,485)
DOC-Sex Offender Treatment (6 FTE)	\$0	\$576,000	\$576,000
DOC-Red Onion Telemedicine	\$0	\$280,000	\$280,000
DOC-Red Onion, Wallens Rdg, Sussex II (FTE)	\$0	\$195,000	\$195,000
DOC-Agribusiness/Va Tech Partnership	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
DOC-Replace GF in Special Reserve Fund (GOV)	\$0	(\$8,045,000)	(\$8,045,000)
DOC-Special Reserve Fund (Language)	\$0	\$273,975	\$273,975
DOC-Indirect Cost Recoveries	\$0	Language	Language

(2) PS Sub Spreadsheet (2/7/99)

	FY 1999	FY 2000	Biennium
Community Corrections			
DOC-Gemeinschaft House	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
DOC-Sex Offender Supervision (4 FTE)	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000
DOC-Drug Offender Screening	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Department of Correctional Education			
DCE-New Partnership Balances	(\$20,000)	\$0	(\$20,000)
DCE-Teacher Vacancy Rate	(\$750,000)	\$0	(\$750,000)
DCE-Transfer Salary Adjustments to CA	\$0	(\$2,246,026)	(\$2,246,026)
DCE-FTE's for Culpeper JCC (33 FTE)	33 FTE	33 FTE	33 FTE
Department of Juvenile Justice			
DJJ-New Partnership Balances	(\$15,000)	\$0	(\$15,000)
DJJ-Boot Camp (Revised Opening Date)	(\$1,200,000)	\$0	(\$1,200,000)
DJJ-Private Placements (Language)	(\$1,417,590)	(\$2,115,760)	(\$3,533,350)
DJJ-Temporarily Close Units at Hanover JCC	\$0	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)
DJJ-Transfer Salary Adjustments to CA	\$0	(\$1,582,053)	(\$1,582,053)
DJJ-Juvenile Accountability Block Grant			
Planning: Hanover JCC (CO)	\$0	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)
Hanover Security Improvements (CO)	\$0	(\$300,000)	(\$300,000)
Hanover WWTP Improvements (CO)	\$0	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)
Juvenile Probation Officers	\$0	(\$591,972)	(\$591,972)
Drug Offender Screening (Use NGF)	\$0	Language	Language
Office on Youth (James City County)	\$0	NGF	NGF
Office on Youth (Buckingham County)	\$0	NGF	NGF
Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment (3 FTE)	\$0	NGF	NGF
Richmond Dept Juvenile Justice Services	\$0	NGF	NGF
Natural Bridge JCC Acquisition	\$0	Language	Language
DJJ-Court Liaison Officers/Truancy (3 FTE)	\$0	\$125,000	\$125,000
DJJ-Fairfax Less Secure Detention Home	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
DJJ-Study Reimbursement of Juv Det Homes	\$0	Language	Language
DJJ-Study Post-D Detention Staffing	\$0	NGF	NGF
Department of Emergency Services			
DES-Reallocation of Positions	\$0	(\$38,366)	(\$38,366)
DES-Lynchburg HAZMAT Equipment	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
DES-Giles County Hazmat Truck	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
DES-Civil Air Patrol	\$0	\$35,428	\$35,428
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control			
ABC-Reduce Operating Costs/Increase Profits	\$0	NGF	NGF
ABC-Study Use of Promoters by Non-Profits	\$0	Language	Language
SUBCOMMITTEE TOTAL	(\$5,142,590)	(\$25,073,765)	(\$30,216,355)