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**Budget Analysis – House and Senate Reports, Feb. 26**

**Health and Human Resources**

Health Department (Environmental Health Services)

The House restores \$3.7 million each year from the general fund and reduces \$3.7 million each year in nongeneral funds from fee revenue for environmental health services in the Health Department that was in the introduced budget.

The amendment also strikes language in the introduced budget which increased fees for environmental health services, including on-site sewage systems, private wells, restaurants, hotels, campgrounds, and summer camps. The Senate made no changes to the introduced bill.

Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA)

Both the House and Senate restore funding and language that keeps CCCA operational in FY 2011 and FY 2012. The House restores \$2.1 million each year to the general fund to continue operations at the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescent located in Staunton.

The Senate added language that requires the Commissioner to develop a plan to continue operating the CCCA and develop new treatment models to minimize the need for care at the CCCA. The Senate restores \$5.0 million GF and \$1.8 million NGF the first year and \$8.3 million GF and \$1.8 million NGF the second year to prevent closure.

Child Advocacy Centers (CAC's)

The House reduced funding for Child Advocacy Centers by \$500,000 in each year in their approved budget. The introduced budget funded CAC's at \$900,000 in each year and required funds be apportioned in thirds to (1) fully accredited members (2) associate centers (3) other centers that are currently operating, developing, or exploring development based on standards set by the National Children's Alliance.

The Senate keeps funding that was appropriated in the introduced budget but specified funding is to be used to sustain statewide services. Funding is allocated to accredited centers (67%) and to developing centers (30%).

Department of Social Services

The Senate amendment that proposed mandatory consolidation of local departments of social services was re-written and passed as a study in workload simplification and an efficiency

review. Language in the Senate requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, with the cooperation of the Department of Social Services, to examine options and incentives for workload simplification, structure and efficiencies of the local human services delivery system, which may include public/private partnerships, shared services, and regional services. The Secretary shall communicate his findings to the Governor's Commission on Government Reform and Restructure established by Executive Order 2 (2010) and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees by October 15, 2010. Neither the House, nor the introduced budget has corresponding language.

Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)

The Senate adds budget neutral language allowing for the reduction in the match rate that localities must pay for CSA services at the lowest match rate for participating localities when two or more contiguous communities join efforts to establish community-based services. There is no corresponding language in the House.

The House reduces CSA funding by \$1.5 million in each year because of decreased utilization. The Senate makes no reductions to the introduced budget.

Medicaid Waiver Slots

The House, in late action on Thursday, Feb. 25, added 178 new waiver slots for the elderly and disabled population. All new proposed waiver slots will be for people with intellectual disabilities. Funding for the new slots were approved funded with funds from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Senate eliminated the freeze on community-based Medicaid waiver slots included in the introduced budget if Congress enacts legislation to extend enhanced Medicaid funding from January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011. The Senate also restored funding in the first year for respite care services and home- and community-based waiver rates if Congress extends enhanced Medicaid funding.

Other HHR funding reductions

The following reductions were exclusively approved by the House:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>
273	Secretary of HHR	Child advocacy centers	-\$500,000	-\$500,000
274	CSA	Utilization of services	-\$1,500,000	-\$1,500,000
287	VDH	Local Health Departments	-\$4,598,427	-\$4,589,866

288	VDH	Comprehensive Health Investment Project (CHIP) of Virginia	-\$891,831	-\$843,612
289	VDH	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	-\$2,600,000	-\$2,600,000
296	DMAS	FAMIS eligibility to 175% of FPL	\$16,324,894	\$17,224,239
296	DMAS	FAMIS Moms eligibility to 175% FPL	-\$1,985,668	-\$2,070,989
328	DSS	Local Social Services Departments	-\$4,641,894	-\$4,642,133
330	DSS	Auxiliary Grant rate from \$1,112 to \$1,012 per month	-\$4,992,000	-\$4,992,000
330	DSS	Chore and companion services	-\$1,750,000	-\$1,750,000
330	DSS	Domestic violence services	-\$442,492	-\$444,648
332	DSS	General Relief Program	-\$2,400,000	-\$2,400,000
333	DSS	Healthy Families	-\$1,368,195	-\$1,757,272
333	DSS	Early Childhood Foundation	-\$1,275,000	-\$1,275,000
330	DSS	Other purchased services by Local DSS	-\$1,000,000	-\$1,000,000

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