

Veterans and Defense Affairs

Governor's Proposed Amendments				
(\$ in millions)				
	FY 2019 Proposed		FY 2020 Proposed	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
2018-20 Current Budget (Ch. 2, 2018 Special Session I)	\$22.2	\$65.6	\$22.8	\$78.4
Proposed Increases	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0
Proposed Decreases	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>
\$ Net Change	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.1
HB 1700/SB 1100, as Introduced	\$22.2	\$65.6	\$24.5	\$61.1
% Change	0.0%	0.0%	7.6%	0.0%
FTEs	216.00	627.00	239.00	867.00
# Change	0.00	0.00	18.00	0.00

- **Department of Veterans Services**

- *Virginia Veteran and Family Support Program.* Proposes \$634,000 GF the second year for eight new resource specialist positions support the Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS) program. Resource specialists work with veterans and their families to link them with services that meet identified behavioral health, rehabilitation, and other needs. The new positions would be distributed across the state, with one in Richmond, one in Fredericksburg, one in Roanoke, two in Big Stone Gap, and three in the east region. Included in the proposed amendment is \$24,000 GF for three vehicles for these positions which include DGS fleet costs, gas, and parking.
- *New Deputy Director Position.* Proposes \$140,000 GF the second year for a new deputy director position. The Department believes the new position is necessary to relieve the increased workload placed upon the existing deputy director due to the rapid growth of the Department's programs and staffing over the past half-decade.

- ***Veterans Workforce Transition Initiatives.*** Includes \$461,000 GF the second year related to several of the Department’s workforce initiatives, specifically:
 - Create two regional coordinator positions for the Virginia Transition Assistance Program (VTAP), with one based in Northern Virginia and one in Hampton Roads (\$218,000);
 - Hire a credentialing and training manager for the Veterans Education, Transition, and Employment (VETE) program (\$109,000);
 - Create a regional transition coordinator position to serve both VTAP and the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) programs in southwest Virginia (\$90,000);
 - Mail “welcome home” packets to be sent to transitioning service members (\$24,000), and
 - Support the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), hire a part-time customer service administrative position (\$20,000).

- ***Veterans Benefits Section.*** Includes \$500,000 GF the second year to:
 - Hire four new veterans services representatives to serve as “floaters” serving offices in the four DVS regions as needed (\$394,000);
 - Hire one claims specialist in the Roanoke office (\$90,000), and
 - Provide for the additional training costs needed for veterans services representatives (\$16,000).