

Independent

No funding amendments were approved by the General Assembly for Independent agencies, leaving appropriations at the same level as in Chapter 899. However, budget language requires the State Corporation Commission to reduce certain consumer education programs, increases the Lottery Proceeds Fund transfer, and transfers funding from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund to support the Line of Duty program. In addition, language in Part Three eliminates the proposed NGF reduction to VRS' administrative budget.

- **State Corporation Commission**
 - ***Consumer Education Program.*** Requires the State Corporation Commission to curtail consumer education program activities for electricity deregulation and defer initiating additional education activities for the biennium. Budget language in Part Three transfers \$2.0 million in the first year and \$6.5 million in the second year from savings in this program to the general fund.
- **State Lottery Department**
 - ***Across-the-Board Reductions.*** Language in Part Three increases the transfer to the Lottery Proceeds Fund by \$964,226 the first year and \$1,443,875 representing savings in the Lottery Department's administrative expenses.
- **Workers' Compensation Commission**
 - ***Line of Duty Payment.*** Authorizes a transfer of \$475,000 NGF from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund to reimburse the general fund for FY 2003 Line of Duty payments.
- **Virginia Retirement System**
 - ***Restore VRS Administrative Cost Reductions.*** Provides \$2.6 million GF in the second year in Central Appropriations to restore proposed reductions to VRS' administrative budget. Eliminates budget language authorizing the second year transfer of \$2.3 million NGF to the general fund from reductions in the VRS administrative budget.

- **Virginia Office of Protection and Advocacy**
 - ***Agency Director Salary.*** A Part 4 language amendment establishes the salary for the Executive Director of an independent agency.