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FY09 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

On October 9, 2008 the Governor announced the official revenue reforecast, projecting a shortfall of \$973.6 million for FY09 and \$1.54 billion for FY10. Governor Kaine also announced his executive spending reduction plan to meet the FY 2009 shortfall. The following items address Compensation Board funding for constitutional officers:

- ◆ There are no reductions to Compensation Board budgeted funding for constitutional officers for FY09 (reductions impact funding for Compensation Board agency administration only)
- ◆ Defer the 2% salary increase planned for constitutional officers and their employees (along with state employees) from December 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009.
- ◆ Potential reductions that may be necessary to meet the higher shortfall projected for FY10 (beginning July 1, 2009) will be included in the Governor's Budget Bill submitted to the General Assembly on December 17.

The Governor's Reduction Plan does not change the implementation of the statewide \$50 million Aid to Localities reductions approved by the 2008 General Assembly, for which localities have recently made elections regarding distribution among state agency programs.

The Reduction Plan also does not change existing policies regarding vacancies and the use of vacancy and turnover savings.

Important Dates

LIDS Basic Training is November 20, 2008 from 9:30 to 3p.m.

Please contact Anne Wilmoth or Kari Bullock to register.

LIDS Certification & Approval Due Date 11/12/2008.

FBI: N-DEX

In March 2008 the FBI deployed the first increment of their N-DEX program. N-DEX, the Law Enforcement National Data Exchange, is an automated investigative tool that will allow law enforcement agencies to share, search, and analyze information as never before. The second increment of the program will be deployed in the summer of 2009, when the data is expanded and participation is expected to increase to 100,000 users. The final increment of the program is slated for the summer of 2010.

Participation in N-DEX by each law enforcement agency will be voluntary, and access to the data would be available via the Internet. If you are interested in learning more about this nationally automated system please use the following link. <http://it.ojp.gov/iepd/>, email ndex@leo.gov, or call (304) 625-4219.



The LIDS Users Guide is currently under revision. If you have any suggestions that would make the guide more helpful or user friendly please email Kari Bullock @ kari.bullock@scb.virginia.gov. Look for the new and improved LIDS Users Guide to be posted on the Compensation Board website no later than July 2009.

The Compensation Board is currently drafting its first annual LIDS Report. The annual LIDS Report will reflect inmate population trends in local jails to include categories such as: demographics, crime type, gang activity, illegal aliens, probation and parole violators, and length of stay. The first annual LIDS Report is scheduled to be posted on the Compensation Board website July 1, 2009. If you have suggestions for what you would like to see in next year's LIDS Report please email them to Kari Bullock.

SCAAP

SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program) is a federally funded program that provides compensation to states and localities when a facility has held undocumented criminal aliens with at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions, and who have been held for at least 4 consecutive days during the reporting period. For example, a facility submitting an FY 2009 application for an inmate meeting the above criteria must have held the inmate between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008.

SCAAP funds may be applied for by local governments with authority over facilities which have housed such criminal aliens as described above. Funds for aliens held in regional jails may not be applied for by the jail itself. Each locality housing inmates in the regional jail must apply separately for SCAAP funds, based on the cost of the locality to house the undocumented aliens in the regional jail.

Localities are eligible for reimbursement for holding inmates meeting the following criteria:

- ◆ Born outside of the U.S. with no reported or documented claim to U.S. citizenship.
- ◆ Held by the jail 4 or more consecutive days during the reporting period.
- ◆ Have been convicted of a felony or two misdemeanors. (This only refers to state convictions, not federal.)
- ◆ Have been reported as undocumented.

The final decision of an inmate's eligibility for SCAAP funds rests with the U.S. Dept of Homeland Security.

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Applications for reimbursement are submitted from the website of the Bureau of Justice Assistance at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Offender data submitted on the application is verified and validated by the U.S. Dept of Homeland Security. The per diem SCAAP is calculated using correctional officer salaries and total inmate days supplied by applicants. For FY 2007, the average per diem was \$30.30 per inmate. Once an application has been approved, SCAAP payments are made electronically to the general fund account of the locality.

For questions or additional information regarding SCAAP you may access the website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/scaap.html>.

LIDS Contact Information

Please email any changes to your LIDS Users Contact Information to Kari Bullock by November 15th.

Updated information will be posted to the Compensation Board website by December 1st.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Virginia is the only state that pays localities for holding inmates in jail.
- ◆ FY2008 SCAAP Payments to Virginia localities totaled \$3,403,255.



2007 JAIL COST & MENTAL HEALTH

The FY 2007 Jail Cost Report will be posted on the Compensation Board website November, 2008. In conjunction with the Jail Cost Report the Compensation Board will also release its first annual jail Mental Health Report. The 2007 Compensation Board Mental Health Report was prepared using data submitted by local and regional jails in your 2007 Mental Health Survey.

The Compensation Board has been charged by the 2008 General Assembly with providing an annual report on the number and diagnoses of inmates with mental illness in local and regional jails, the treatment services provided, and expenditures on jail mental health programs. From this year forward this report is to be provided annually in conjunction with the Jail Cost Report.

To ensure the accuracy and completeness of future reports in meeting the above requirements, the Compensation Board is currently establishing a task force to determine a comprehensive method of capturing mental health data in local and regional jails on an annual basis.

QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS

Questions or comments about the content of the LIDS Gazette are always welcome. If you have such please call or email Kari Bullock. For suggestions or requests about what you may like to be addressed in future editions of the LIDS Gazette please email Kari Bullock.

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