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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET BILL



The following items potentially impacting the Compensation Board and the offices of Sheriffs and Regional Jail Superintendents were included in Governor Kaine's Budget Bill, released December 17, 2008.

- ◆ 7-10% reduction in Sheriff and Regional Jail appropriations.
- ◆ Funding for FY09/10 salary increases has been removed.
- ◆ Funding for the cost of the retiree health care credit paid by the Compensation Board on behalf of Constitutional Officers and Regional Jail Superintendents has been eliminated. 100% of the cost will be recovered from localities beginning in FY10.
- ◆ No additional positions or funding were provided to meet staffing standards needs.
- ◆ General funds of \$6million to support communications operators have been supplanted by a transfer of E-911 non-general funds of \$6 million, resulting in level funding of these positions.
- ◆ Additional funding totaling \$3,526,665 and 219 positions was provided in FY10 for the staffing of expansion projects in the Loudoun County Jail and the New River Regional Jail. No additional funding was provided for the early completion of the Newport News City Jail bed conversion project currently funded for March 2009. Also included is a reduction of \$1,035,384 in FY09 and \$1,142,371 in FY10 associated with the delayed completion of the second phase of the Riverside Regional Jail expansion, currently funded for March 2008, but rescheduled for opening in 2009

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AUDITOR'S

CORNER

The Compensation Board Audit Staff presents the LIDS Audit results of the first half of FY09, July-December, 2008.

- ♦ 10 offices received an Exceptional Audit Rating.
- ♦ 7 offices received a Satisfactory Audit Rating.
- ♦ 1 office received an Adequate Audit Rating.

The Compensation Board Audit Staff and Management wish to congratulate the following jails on receiving an *Exceptional* audit rating.

Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office

Middle Peninsula Regional Jail

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

New River Valley Regional Jail

Newport News City Farm

Norfolk City Sheriff's Office

Northwestern Regional Jail

Page County Sheriff's Office

Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office

Richmond City Sheriff's Office

Governor's Budget Bill

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♦ No additional funding or positions are provided for law enforcement deputies in FY10. Based on provisional population data released by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia in January 2008, additional funding of \$2,344,172 and 68 additional positions is needed to meet the FY10 cost of additional law enforcement positions due based upon the ratio of 1 deputy per 1,500 of local population.

♦ No additional funding was provided for participation in the Master Deputy/Jail Officer program.

♦ The Budget Bill continues budget reduction strategies to streamline Compensation Board administrative operations resulting in a reduction of \$553,028 in FY09 and \$437,064 in FY10.

Please keep in mind that the items listed here are currently no more than proposals by the Governor and that the final reduction levels will be determined by the legislature during the 2009 General Assembly session.

Probation/Parole Violator Payment Status

Please remember that all offenders held on a probation or parole violation are pre-trial. As such, regardless of whether the violation is technical, misdemeanor or felony, the offender will remain locally responsible until such time as they are released, or have their probation/parole revoked by the Parole Board or the Court and a sentence imposed.

New FY09 VCC's

The following Virginia Crime Codes were added by the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission in FY09 effective July 1, 2008.

- ◆ Gross, Reckless Care of a Child
 - § 18.2-371.1 (A) FAM-3806-F4
- ◆ Cruelty and Injury to a Child
 - §40.1-103 FAM-3810-F6

Updates & Reminders

Batch jails should not be correcting pending errors online in LIDS unless absolutely necessary. Errors should be corrected in the local jail management system, which will in turn initiate corrections in LIDS during the next upload.

Reason Confined Code 46-Pre-Trial/Work Release has been added to LIDS as well as the website.

In the December issue there was notification that there would be an adjustment in LIDS Race Codes. All updates to race were made in December with the exception of Hispanic. Hispanic will not be removed from LIDS as a race until July. In July Hispanic will cease to be a race in LIDS and will instead be an ethnicity flag to be checked.

QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS

LIDS
Certification & Approval Due
Date 1/12/2009

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.