

# **VIRGINIA: STRONG, DYNAMIC, WINNING**

Governor Youngkin's Proposed Amendments to HB 1600, as Enrolled

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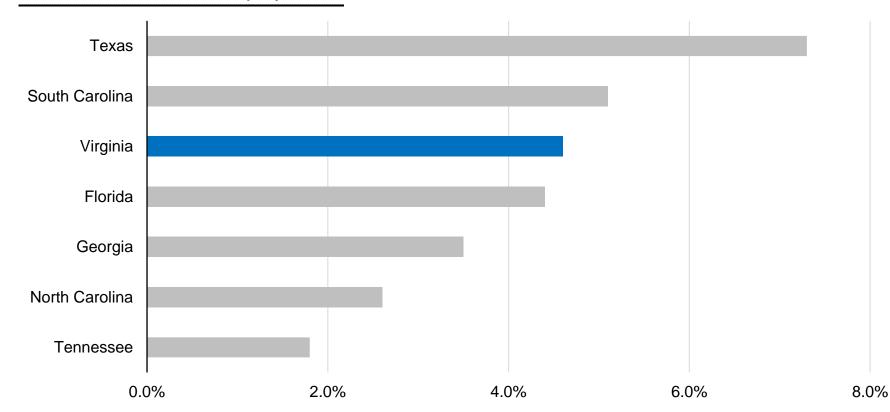
### **SUMMARY**

- Virginia is winning.
  - 276,400 jobs added since January 2022; largest workforce in Commonwealth history.
  - #1 state for business. Since 2022, \$102.3 billion in announced new investment, more than 70,000 future hires expected based upon company announcements.
  - After a decade of losing, more working families are moving to Virginia than leaving.
- The Commonwealth has never been in better financial condition.
  - GF revenues consistently exceed prudent forecasts.
  - Rainy-day reserves are at unprecedented levels. Combined balances at 17% of revenues.
  - Virginia is one of the best-positioned Triple-AAA rated states.
- Strong year-to-date results support achievement of the FY 2025 forecast.
- The Governor's amendments to HB 1600 provide a prudent and responsible approach to addressing immediate costs of shared priorities – including Medicaid, K-12 education, higher education, public safety and economic development -- while increasing revenue reserve funding to approximately \$5 billion.

#### **VIRGINIA HAS ADDED 276,400 JOBS SINCE JANUARY 2022** EFFECTIVELY COMPETING AGAINST PRIMARY COMPETITOR STATES

January 2022 onward employment change

%, Jan '22 to Dec '24, seasonally adjusted



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (seasonally adjusted); VEDP calculations. 276,400 is difference between Jan 2025 and Jan 2022 Virginia nonfarm payrolls (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics).

### **VIRGINIA IS THE #1 STATE FOR BUSINESS**

- Virginia is CNBC's 2024 Top State for Business.
- Virginia ranked #1 for Education.
- Virginia ranked #3 for Infrastructure, the most heavily-weighted category.

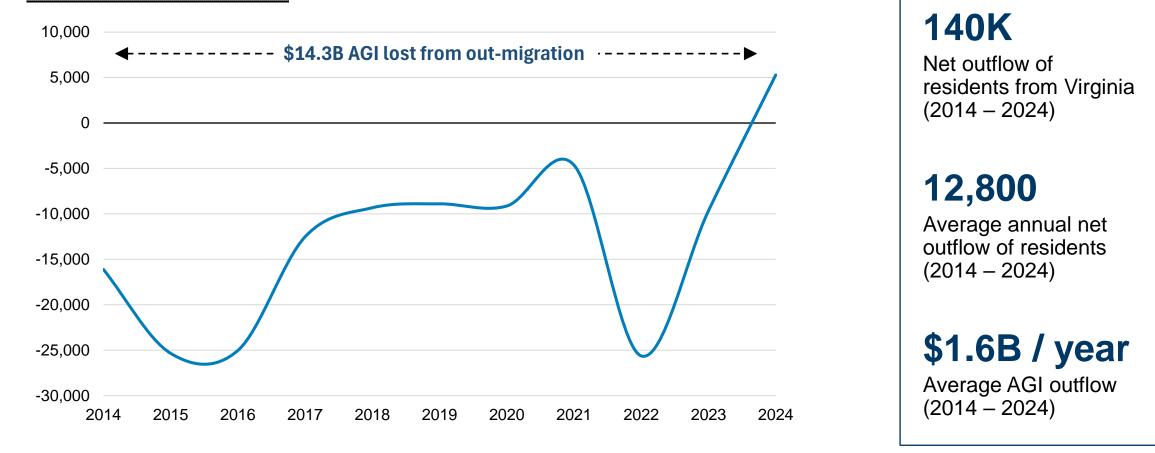


#### VIRGINIA IS BUSINESS FACILITIES' 2024 STATE OF THE YEAR



# **2024 WAS THE FIRST YEAR OF POSITIVE NET DOMESTIC IN-MIGRATION IN MORE THAN A DECADE**

**Virginia net domestic in-migration** Net domestic migration, 2014 – 2024



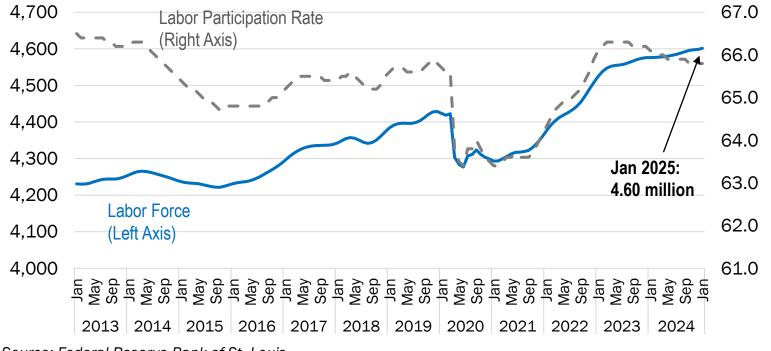
Source: U.S. Census; Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data; VEDP analysis.

Key stats

### **LARGEST WORKFORCE IN VIRGINIA'S HISTORY**

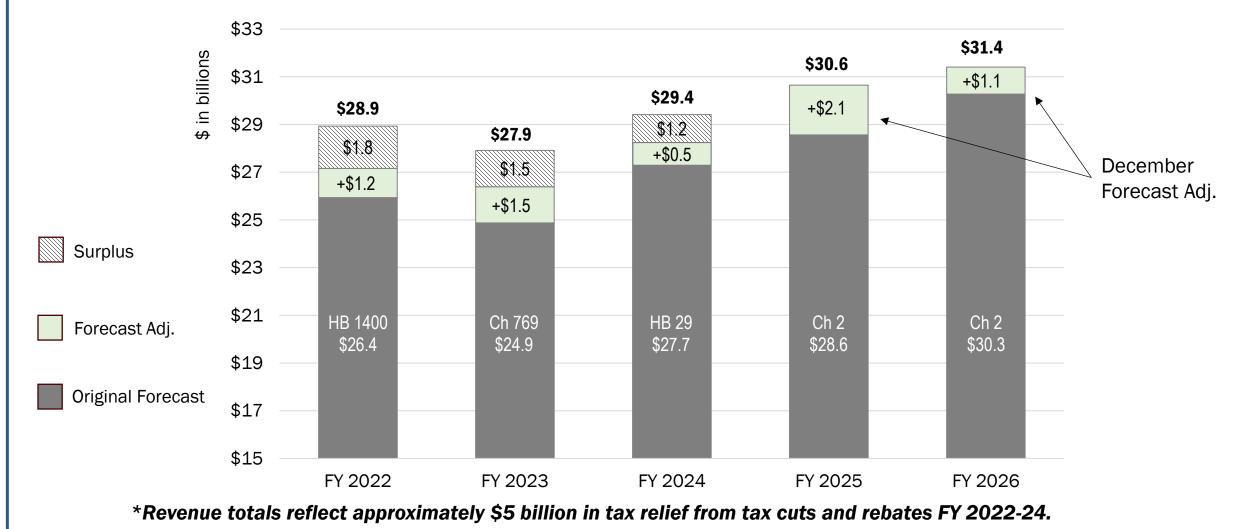
#### **Virginia Labor Force and Labor Participation Rate**

Labor Force in thousands, Participation Rate in %, seasonally adjusted



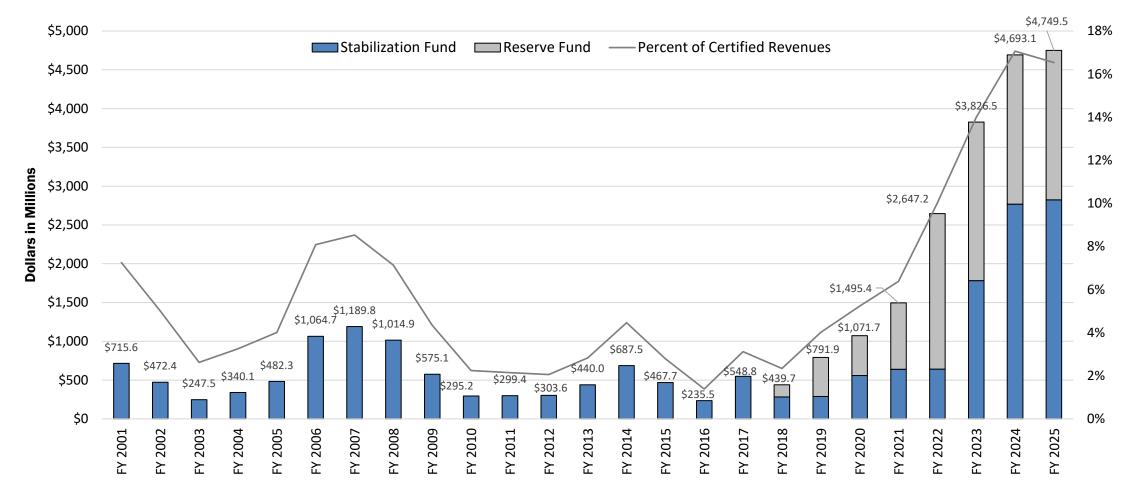
Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

#### **GF REVENUES HAVE CONSISTENTLY EXCEEDED PRUDENT FORECASTS** FY 2025-26 BIENNIAL BUDGET ADDED \$3.2 BILLION OVER CHAPTER 2 FORECAST



#### **RECORD RESERVE FUND BALANCES**

**Total of All Reserves** 



#### VIRGINIA IS ONE OF THE BEST-POSITIONED TRIPLE-AAA RATED STATES

**Rainy Day Funds as Percent of GF Expenditures** 

#### AAA States, FY 2019

21%	
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#### AAA States, FY 2024

Texas	22%	Currently 17%
North Carolina	16%	
Virginia*	15%	
South Dakota	15%	
lowa	11%	
Ohio	11%	
Maryland	9%	
Indiana	9%	
Minnesota	9%	
Utah	8%	
Tennessee	8%	
Florida	7%	
Missouri	6%	
Delaware	6%	
Georgia	N/A	

Source: National Association of State Budget Officers "The Fiscal Survey of States"

## YEAR-TO-DATE RESULTS SUPPORT CONFIDENCE IN OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 FORECAST

- Total general fund revenues continue to exceed forecast through February.
- Year-to-date revenues are \$1,166.3 million (6.6%) ahead of last year and \$187.2 million (1.0%) ahead of forecast.
- February revenues were \$208.6 million (12.6%) ahead of last year and \$72.3 million (4.0%) ahead of forecast.
- Payroll withholding, the single largest source in the general fund, is 7.1 percent ahead of last year and 1.4 percent ahead of forecast.
- Year-to-date sales and use tax revenues are 2.5 percent ahead of last year and 0.6 percent ahead of projections.
- The strong performance of revenues in February and year-to-date, particularly in payroll withholding, provides confidence in meeting the forecast included in the Governor's proposed budget.

### YEAR-OVER-YEAR GROWTH WAS STRONG IN FEBRUARY

	<u>February</u>				<u>FYTD</u>			
SOURCE, \$ Mil	FY 24	FY 25	Change \$	Change %	FY 24	FY 25	Change \$	Change %
Withholding	\$1,370.4	\$1,565.0	\$194.6	14.2%	\$10,936.0	\$11,712.0	\$776.0	7.1%
Non-withholding	196.0	146.8	(49.2)	-25.1%	2,885.6	3,200.1	314.5	10.9%
IIT Refunds	(484.2)	(505.6)	(21.4)	<u>4.4</u> %	(1,675.5)	(1,736.2)	(60.7)	<u>3.6</u> %
Net Individual Income	\$1,082.3	\$1,206.2	\$124.0	11.5%	\$12,146.0	\$13,175.8	\$1,029.8	8.5%
Sales & Use Tax	328.8	349.3	20.4	6.2%	3,154.9	3,232.5	77.6	2.5%
Corporate Gross	36.3	12.4	(23.9)	-65.8%	1,301.5	1,244.2	(57.2)	-4.4%
Corporate Refunds	(73.6)	(23.9)	49.7	- <u>67.5</u> %	(275.1)	(298.0)	(22.9)	<u>8.3</u> %
Net Corporate Income Tax	(37.3)	(11.5)	25.8	-69.2%	1,026.4	946.2	(80.1)	-7.8%
Insurance	24.8	49.0	24.2	97.3%	128.3	183.5	55.3	43.1%
Wills, Suits, Deeds	29.2	29.5	0.2	0.8%	252.4	300.9	48.5	19.2%
Interest Income	108.5	113.5	4.9	4.5%	553.2	538.8	(14.4)	-2.6%
All Other	114.1	122.7	8.6	7.5%	525.4	575.1	49.7	9.5%
Total GF Revenues	\$1,650.4	\$1,858.6	\$208.2	12.6%	\$17,786.6	\$18,952.9	\$1,166.3	6.6%

• Year-to-date revenues have grown 6.6 percent (\$1.17B).

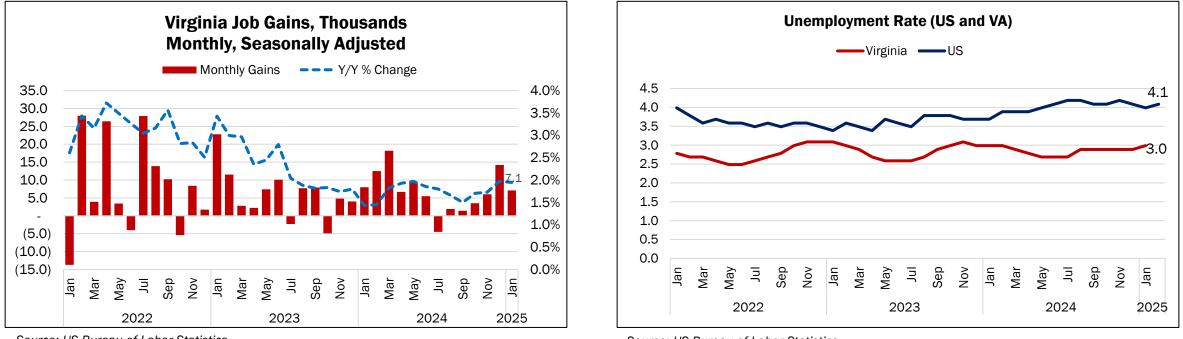
- Year-to-date withholding and sales and use taxes have grown 7.1 percent and 2.5 percent, indicating a strong economy to date.
- Revenues for the remainder of the year need only grow by 0.3 percent to achieve forecast.

# FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS EXCEED PROJECTIONS; YEAR-TO-DATE REVENUES REMAIN ON TARGET

		Febr	uar <u>y</u>			<u>FY</u>	<u>rD</u>	
SOURCE, \$ Mil	Actuals	Projected	Variance \$	Variance %	Actuals	Projected	Variance \$	Variance %
Withholding	\$1,565.0	\$1,414.9	\$150.2	10.6%	\$11,712.0	\$11,555.3	\$156.7	1.4%
Non-withholding	146.8	193.7	(46.8)	-24.2%	3,200.1	3,144.2	55.8	1.8%
IIT Refunds	(505.6)	(425.8)	(79.8)	18.7%	(1,736.2)	(1,540.4)	(195.9)	<u>12.7</u> %
Net Individual Income	\$1,206.2	\$1,182.7	\$23.5	2.0%	\$13,175.8	\$13,159.2	\$16.6	0.1%
Sales & Use Tax	349.3	335.4	13.9	4.1%	3,232.5	3,212.5	20.1	0.6%
Corporate Income Tax	(11.5)	(0.3)	(11.2)	***	946.2	956.3	(10.1)	-1.1%
Insurance	49.0	16.4	32.6	199.3%	183.5	105.0	78.5	74.7%
Wills, Suits, Deeds	29.5	31.3	(1.9)	-6.0%	300.9	279.4	21.5	7.7%
Interest Income	113.5	102.9	10.6	10.3%	538.8	514.3	24.6	4.8%
All Other	122.7	118.0	4.7	4.0%	575.1	539.0	36.0	6.7%
Total GF Revenues	\$1,858.6	\$1,786.3	\$72.3	4.0%	\$18,952.9	\$18,765.7	\$187.2	1.0%
Total, Excl. NWH and Refunds	\$2,217.4	\$2,018.4	\$199.0	9.9%	\$17,489.1	\$17,161.8	\$327.3	1.9%

- Compared to the forecast assumed in the Governor's introduced budget, revenues exceeded projections for the month by 4.0% (\$72.3 million).
- Year-to-date, revenues are ahead of projections by 1.0 percent (\$187.3 million).

### VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT CONSISTENTLY GROWING AT 1.5 TO 2.0 PERCENT YEAR-OVER-YEAR, UNEMPLOYMENT WELL BELOW THE U.S.

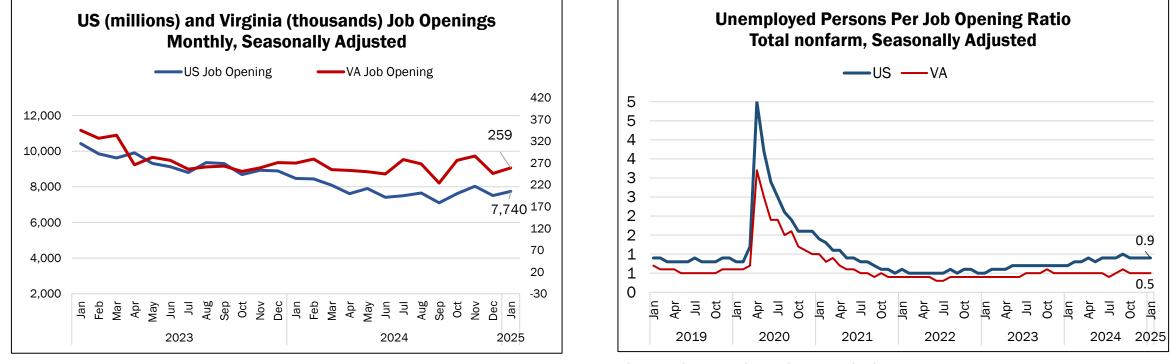


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- Virginia added 7,100 jobs in January. Over the past six months the Commonwealth has added more than 40,000 jobs.
- The most recent readings of unemployment confirmed Virginia's strong labor market with over a full point lower unemployment that the national average.

### **TWO OPEN JOBS FOR EVERY PERSON UNEMPLOYED**



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, JOLTS

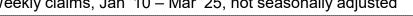
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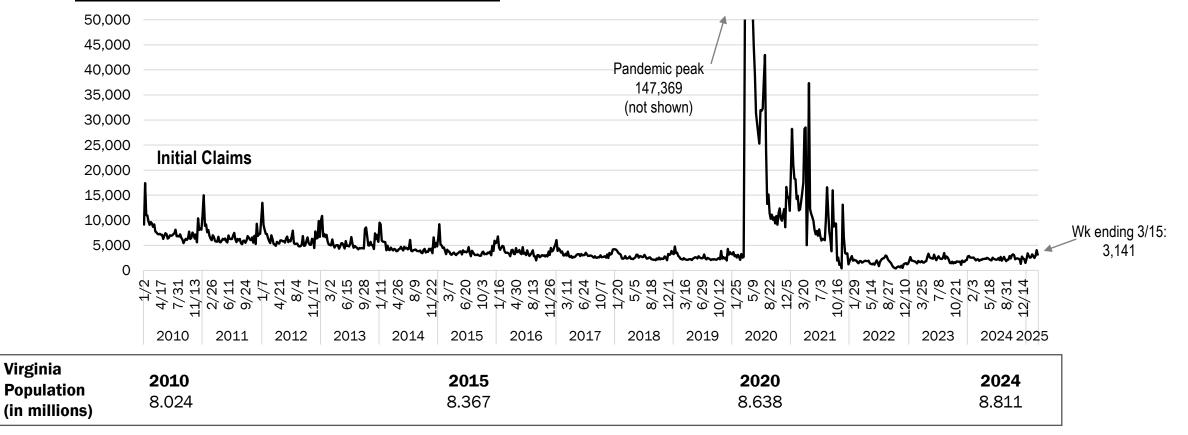
- At the close of January, the last available data point, Virginia had 259,000 job openings available.
- Virginia has consistently had a stronger job market relative to the nation as a whole. Nationally there are approximately 0.9 unemployed persons per job opening. Virginia's sits at just 0.5.

### **VIRGINIA UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS**

Recent rise in claims is predominantly attributable to private sector companies unrelated to federal spending.

Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Virginia Weekly claims, Jan '10 - Mar '25, not seasonally adjusted





Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Virginia Works.

### **VIRGINIA IS IN POSITION OF GREAT FINANCIAL STRENGTH**

- Three years of strong revenues and prudent budgeting have supported:
  - Unprecedented investments in critical priorities.
  - Building a rainy-day reserve of \$5 billion, 17% of latest year revenues, up from 9% at the end of FY 22.
  - Tax relief and rebates of \$9 billion over the term of Governor Youngkin.
- Virginia is winning the war for economic growth.
  - 276,400 new jobs added since January 2022.
  - Currently ranked #1 State for Business and #1 for Sites.
  - Since 2022, \$102.3 billion in announced new investment and 70,000 new direct jobs expected based upon company announcements.
  - After more than a decade of 140,000 domestic residents moving <u>out</u> of Virginia than moving <u>to</u> Virginia, the trend has reversed in 2024.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> lowest unemployment rate in the U.S. and 259,000 open positions.

### **VIRGINIA: STRONG, DYNAMIC AND WINNING**

Perceived Risks	Mitigants
Potential risk to FY 2025 revenues	<ul> <li>Year-to-date revenues are up 6.6% over prior year with strong February results, particularly in withholding and sales taxes.</li> <li>Year-to-date revenues exceed forecast by \$187.2 million</li> <li>Revenues for the remainder of the year need only grow at 0.3% to achieve forecast</li> <li>Strong reserve position</li> </ul>
Potential federal workforce and contractor job losses	<ul> <li>While job losses are anticipated, "Virginia Has Jobs" is activated and there is ample financial support:         <ul> <li>3.0% unemployment, 6th lowest in the U.S.</li> <li>259,000 open positions, 70,000 new jobs in economic development pipeline</li> <li>\$1.5 billion in Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, Federal Government reimburses for federal employees</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Financial risks associated with potential future economic dislocation	<ul> <li>Existing commitments of companies bringing \$102.3 billion in new capital and 70,000 new jobs are in industries for the future</li> <li>The continued strong execution by VEDP and ongoing investments in sites and infrastructure ensure that Virginia will be well-positioned to capture future reshoring, which has already begun.</li> <li>Prudent budgeting provides cushion for potential reduced revenues <ul> <li>Reducing near term spend and adding discretionary FY 2025 \$300 million deposit to the FY2024 deposit of \$294.5 million to the Revenue Reserve Fund, total of almost \$600 million added.</li> <li>Total of \$5.0 billion in rainy-day reserve balance, \$2.3 billion is in the more flexible Revenue Reserve Fund</li> <li>Reduce recurring spending to provide additional available resources in following biennia.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# **Governor's Amendments to HB 1600**

- Includes 8 vetoes and 205 amendments to the Conference Report on HB 1600.
  - Primary focus is reducing ongoing spending to recognize General Assembly concerns over potential downside risk to general fund revenues from necessary reductions in federal spending.
- Deposits \$594.5 million into the Revenue Reserve Fund over the biennium.
  - Supplemental deposit of \$300 million from Governor's identified spending reductions, in addition to \$294.5 million from FY2024 surplus revenues.
  - Total combined "rainy-day" reserves of approximately \$5.0 billion.
- No incremental debt beyond Chapter 2 levels.
  - Directs any surplus revenues above current FY25 forecast be dedicated to deobligation of existing \$400 million authorization approved in Chapter 2.

# **Governor's Tax Policy Amendments**

- Nearly \$1.1 billion in additional tax relief to all Virginia families.
  - \$200 tax rebate for individuals and \$400 tax rebate for joint filers to be issued on October 15, 2025
- Makes increased standard deduction and earned income tax credits permanent.
  - Standard deduction increased to \$8,750 / \$17,500
  - Increases refundability of the Earned Income Tax Credit to 20 percent of the federal level
- Extends the sunset on business-friendly tax incentives.
  - Data Center Sales & Use Tax exemption extended to 2050
  - Research & Development Tax Credits extended to 2027
  - Major Business Facilities Jobs Tax Credit extended to 2027
- Will provide approximately \$9 billion in tax relief to Virginians over the FY22 to FY26 time period.

# **Investments in Public Education**

- Governor's amendments provide \$166.1 million more than introduced HB 1600 and \$452.6 million over Chapter 2, including:
  - \$193.4 million in required technical updates;
    - \$110.7 million for English Language Learners
  - \$84.7 million to increase the support cap to 25.5 positions per 1,000 students;
    - Current cap is 24:1,000
  - \$52.8 million for enhanced special education;
  - \$25.8 million for maintaining testing contract;
  - \$25 million in Opportunity Scholarships;
  - \$25 million in School Performance & Supports, and
  - \$15 million for College Partnership Lab Schools.
- Provides \$134.4 million for a \$1,000 bonus in June 2025 for funded instructional support personnel with no local match required.
- Increases ongoing investments in early childhood programs by \$7.5 million and makes policy changes that increase available slots by 7,000 slots and reduce waiting lists.
  - Ensures high-quality early childhood learning to over 52,000 children across Virginia.

# **Higher Education**

- Builds on \$1 billion in new investment from Chapter 2 by providing an additional \$235 million over the biennium.
  - \$90 million for VMSDEP
  - \$55 million in Affordability
  - \$15 million in Financial Aid
  - \$15 million in IT Infrastructure
- Fully funds VMSDEP costs with ongoing \$60 million NGF annual contribution from \$1b actuarial surplus of the Commonwealth Savers Plan
- Directs colleges not increase tuition by more than 2.5% or inflation.
- Significant Higher Education Capital Outlay investments of more than \$820 million.
  - Retains funding for UVA Center for the Arts
  - Restores funding for VMI Center for Leadership & Ethics

# **Employee Compensation**

- Provides \$83.1 million for a 1.5 percent bonus for state and state supported local employee
  - Sate employees will receive their bonus in June and state-supported locals will receive their bonuses in July.
- Includes \$2.5 million for step-increases at Virginia State Police.
- Provides \$1.0 million for a \$2,231 salary increase for security positions at the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- Includes \$0.9 million for a 6 percent salary adjustment for Sheriff Office's E-911 dispatchers.

# **Health & Human Resources**

- Provides an additional \$824.5 million for Health & Human Resources over the biennium.
  - Includes \$686.1 million GF over the biennium for the Medicaid and children's health forecasts
  - Provides \$100.3 million for Children's Services Act caseload and cost increases
- Removes most proposed rate increases for expansion of Medicaid services to ensure adequate revenue reserves and future cost avoidance.
  - Includes \$1.1 million to increase Medicaid rates for substance use disorder services by 6.5 percent
- Adds \$15 million for drinking water grants at VDH.
- Provides \$1.7 million for hard to serve pharmacies in rural areas.
- Includes \$1.5 million to initiate transition of EBT cards to chip cards to reduce potential benefit fraud.

# **Public Safety Investments**

- Includes \$50 million for Disaster Response and Relief in southwest Virginia.
  - Expands to recent rain events in addition to Hurricane Helene
  - Allows a portion of funding to be used by local governments to cover required federal match for FEMA programs
  - Authorizes \$2.5 million to be utilized for improvements to public safety communications infrastructure
- Provides an additional \$5.3 million for School Resource Officer incentive grants.
- Provides \$4.2 million to expand the ability for Special Conservator's of the Peace to help individuals under a temporary detention order waiting for an available hospital bed.
  - An additional \$2.0 million is provided for reimbursement of local law enforcement transportation of individuals emergency custody or temporary detention orders
- Requires local law enforcement agencies to cooperate with ICE.
- Extends worker's compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress, anxiety, and depressive disorders for two years for law enforcement personnel and firefighters.

# **Investments in Commerce & Trade**

- Adds \$20 million in new Business Ready Sites funding to establish a base annual funding of \$40 million.
- Provides \$14.0 for investments in utility infrastructure for targeted business investment opportunities
  - \$7.5 million for natural gas and utilities in Pulaski
  - \$6.5 million for natural gas expansion in Accomack
- Realigns Virginia's internship program with Virginia Works.
- Includes \$480,000 for enhancements to Virginia Has Jobs
- Retains \$8 million for transformative energy investments through Virginia's
   Clean Energy Innovation Bank
- Provides \$8 million investment in dredging at Wallops Island to support the commercial space industry.
- Authorizes \$20 million line of credit to support runway modifications at Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport.

# **Investments in Natural & Historic Resources**

- Includes \$50 million NGF to Community Flood Preparedness Fund.
- Provides \$50 million GF for Richmond CSO project.
- Provides \$8 million for flood protection measures at Jamestown.
- Authorizes \$5 million for Colonial Williamsburg transit center improvements as part of the semiquincentennial celebration.
- Language authorizes consideration of the acquisition of Oak Hill State Park.

## **VIRGINIA: STRONG, DYNAMIC, WINNING**

#### **VIRGINIA IS STRONG**

- Jobs continue to grow and current financial results continue to exceed forecast.
- Economic development in Virginia has great momentum, \$102 billion of capital investment and 70,000 jobs of the future are expected from secured commitments.
- Well positioned to capture future reshoring of strategic opportunities 259,000 open positions as of January.
- Significant investments have been made in shared priorities while returning \$9 billion in tax relief over the term of Governor Youngkin.
- Rainy-day reserves are now \$5 billion, 17% of defined revenues.

#### **VIRGINIA IS DYNAMIC**

- Potential risks are well-understood, and Virginia is well-positioned to respond should anything arise.
- Given the \$3.2 billion surplus over Chapter 2 and carryover balances, we can continue to invest in shared priorities...
- While providing tax relief (\$1.1 billion) and further building rainy day reserves (\$600 million) to enhance our cushion for potential changes in the economic landscape.

#### **VIRGINIA IS WINNING**

- We are now effectively competing with our competitor states for job growth.
- More people are moving to Virginia than leaving, reversing a decade of losing.
- We have invested to build a financial profile that will maintain our triple-AAA rating for the future.