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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1127

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*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-1509, 2.2-1510 and 9.1-169 of the Code of Virginia, relating to funds distributed to counties, cities and towns for law-enforcement expenditures of local governments.*

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 2.2-1509, 2.2-1510 and 9.1-169 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.2-1509. Budget bill.

A. On or before December 20 of the year immediately prior to the beginning of each regular session of the General Assembly held in an even-numbered year, the Governor also shall submit to the presiding officer of each house of the General Assembly, at the same time he submits "The Executive Budget," copies of a tentative bill for all proposed appropriations of the budget, for each year in the ensuing biennial appropriation period, which shall be known as "The Budget Bill." "The Budget Bill" shall be organized by function, primary agency, and proposed appropriation item and shall include an identification of, and authorization for, common programs and the appropriation of funds according to programs. Except as expressly provided in an appropriation act, whenever the amounts in a schedule for a single appropriation item are shown in two or more lines, the portions of the total amount shown on separate lines are for information purposes only and are not limiting. No such bill shall contain any appropriation the expenditure of which is contingent upon the receipt of revenues in excess of funds unconditionally appropriated.

B. The salary proposed for payment for the position of each cabinet secretary and administrative head of each agency and institution of the executive branch of state government shall be specified in "The Budget Bill," showing the salary ranges and levels proposed for such positions.

C. "The Budget Bill" shall include all proposed capital appropriations, including each capital project to be financed through revenue bonds or other debt issuance, the amount of each project, and the identity of the entity that will issue the debt.

D. Concurrently with the submission of "The Budget Bill," the Governor shall submit a tentative bill involving a request for authorization of additional bonded indebtedness if its issuance is authorized by, or its repayment is proposed to be made in whole or in part, from revenues or appropriations contained in "The Budget Bill."

E. For each fiscal year covered by "The Budget Bill" and for the purposes set forth in § 9.1-169, "The Budget Bill" shall provide for a percentage increase or decrease in the total amount of funds to be distributed, pursuant to § 9.1-169, from the preceding fiscal year. Such increase or decrease for each fiscal year shall equal the anticipated percentage increase or decrease in total general fund revenue collections for such fiscal year as stated in "The Budget Bill". "The Budget Bill" shall provide funding to local governments for the purposes set forth in § 9.1-169 as adjusted by such increase or decrease from the preceding fiscal year. In no event, however, shall such percentage change in the amount of funds to be distributed pursuant to § 9.1-169 for any fiscal year be amended or otherwise changed after the relevant fiscal year has begun.

EF. On or before December 20 of the year immediately prior to the beginning of each regular session held in an odd-numbered year of the General Assembly, the Governor shall submit to the presiding officer of each house printed copies of all gubernatorial amendments proposed to the general appropriation act adopted in the immediately preceding even-numbered year session. In preparing the amendments, the Governor may obtain estimates in the manner prescribed in §§ 2.2-1504, 2.2-1505, and 2.2-1506. On the same date he shall also submit a tentative bill during the second year of the appropriation period, a request for authorization of additional bonded indebtedness if its issuance is authorized by, or its repayment is proposed to be made in whole or in part, from revenues or appropriations contained in the proposed gubernatorial amendments.

§ 2.2-1510. Publication of budget highlights; public hearings.

A. The Governor shall ensure that a summary of the highlights of each budget submitted pursuant to § 2.2-1508 and set of amendments submitted pursuant to subsection EF of § 2.2-1509 are sent to a newspaper of general circulation in the following geographical areas of the Commonwealth: Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads, Richmond/Petersburg, Central Virginia, Shenandoah Valley, Roanoke Valley,

59 Southside, and Southwest Virginia prior to the convening of each session of the General Assembly.

60 B. The House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance shall hold at least  
61 four regional public hearings on the budget bill submitted by the Governor. The four public hearings  
62 shall be held prior to the convening of such session of the General Assembly, at hearing sites and times  
63 as selected by the chairmen of the two committees.

64 § 9.1-169. Total amount and method of distribution of funds to counties and cities.

65 A. The total amount of funds to be distributed as determined by the Department shall be equal to the  
66 amount of state aid to localities with police, as defined in § 9.1-165, minus (i) the salaries and expenses  
67 of sheriffs' offices in such cities and counties as estimated pursuant to Article 3 (§ 15.2-1609 et seq.) of  
68 Chapter 16 of Title 15.2 and (ii) five percent of the remainder, which shall be placed in a discretionary  
69 fund to be administered as specified in § 9.1-171. However, the percentage change in the total amount  
70 of funds to be distributed for any fiscal year from the preceding fiscal year shall be equal to the  
71 anticipated percentage change in total general fund revenue collections for ~~the same time period as~~  
72 ~~stated in the appropriation act~~ *such fiscal year as stated in the appropriations act signed into law by the*  
73 *Governor in an even-numbered year. In no event, however, shall the percentage change in the total*  
74 *amount of funds to be distributed for any fiscal year from the preceding fiscal year, as determined by*  
75 *this section, be amended or otherwise changed after the relevant fiscal year has begun.*

76 B. Each city and eligible county shall receive a percentage of such total amount to be distributed  
77 equal to the percentage of the total adjusted crime index attributable to such city or county. Payments to  
78 the cities and eligible counties shall be made in equal quarterly installments by the State Treasurer on  
79 warrants issued by the Comptroller. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the General Assembly,  
80 through the appropriation act, may appropriate specific dollar amounts to provide financial assistance to  
81 localities with police departments. #