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Governor's budget proposals leave K-12 funding untouched

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Governor Terry McAuliffe's proposed amendments to Virginia's 2014-2016 biennial budget do not include cuts to K-12 education and make no additional cuts to higher education beyond the \$45 million already prescribed in each year of the current spending plan.

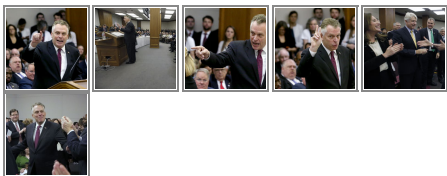
The proposed amendments, presented Wednesday morning to a packed hearing room of the legislative money committees, also include a request for \$2.7 million to implement a licensing and inspection program for the 1,920 unlicensed daycare centers in the state that currently receive a state subsidy. The proposal comes in response to recent fatalities at home daycare operations.

McAuliffe also allocates \$537,297 to increase the state's subsidy for Virginia's school breakfast program -- an attempt to increase the number of students who receive breakfast in participating school divisions as part of first lady Dorothy




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Gov. Terry McAuliffe addressed a joint meeting of the House Appropriations and the Senate Finance committees at the General Assembly Building.



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Officials also said McAuliffe will include language in the budget amendments that will authorize Medicaid expansion, but will direct any savings toward the state's rainy day fund.

McAuliffe said Virginia is at an "economic crossroads," but that "our first year working together has seen far

more bipartisan cooperation than political gridlock."

At this stage, McAuliffe's proposals are just that -- and are subject to approval, revision or rejection by the General Assembly, which is set to convene January 14.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe's plan to close the projected revenue shortfall in the biennial budget, meantime, makes room for \$176 million in additional spending financed, in part, through more than \$114 million in cuts to tax breaks and a \$225 million infusion from the sale of securities held by the state as unclaimed property.

McAuliffe is proposing to use the securities sale to reduce the teacher retirement liability by \$150 million and to fund school construction projects through \$50 million in loans and \$25 million in interest rate subsidies.

The governor's budget proposals also identify a number of other spending priorities, including an additional \$10 million a year for the depleted Governor's Development Opportunity Fund to help close deals with economic development prospects. That represents a doubling of the current spending.

Other highlights of the governor's budget proposals included:

- Re-purposing federal funding for workforce development.
- \$1 million for "rapid re-housing" of homeless Virginians, including about 600 veterans.
- \$713,000 to train principals at underperforming schools.
- \$4.2 million to compete for the contract to build a new Electron Ion Collider proposed for Newport News, a \$608 million project that could create 4,900 jobs over 10 years.
- \$1.5 million in salary adjustments to give 2,700 sheriff's deputies a raise to put them above the need for food stamps.
- Filling only 27 state trooper position out of the 68 vacancies.

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