Summary of Governor Northam’s Proposed Amendments to HB29 and HB30
(pending action by the General Assembly at the Reconvened Session on Wednesday, April 22)

- **Public Board Meetings** – allows public bodies to meet electronically without quorum present in one location providing that they notify public via best available method and arrange for public access through electronic means

- **Unallots incremental, discretionary spending in FY2021 and FY2022**, pending a revenue reforecast and reenactment of the 2020-22 budget by the General Assembly, including but not limited to:
  - *Tuition Moderation Fund* – $54.8M in FY2021 and $25.0M in FY2022
  - Increases in *employee compensation* (one-time bonus in FY2021 and base salary increase in FY2022)
  - *UVA* – financial aid for undergraduates ($320,400 in FY2021 and $320,300 in FY2022) and graduate students ($222,800 in FY2021 and $334,200 in FY2022); additional funding for Virginia Humanities ($500,000 in each year)
  - *UVA-Wise* – undergraduate financial aid ($402,800 in FY2021 and $402,700 in FY2022)
  - *SCHEV* – funding for review of higher education costs, funding needs, appropriations, and efficiencies ($150,000 in each year); Grow Your Own Teacher Program ($125,000 in each year); Innovative Internship Fund and Program ($300,000 in FY2021 and $1.3M in FY2022)

- **Capital Projects** – allows Governor to delay continuation or initiation of state-supported (GF or debt) capital projects

- **Higher Education Reserves** – allows institutions to carry forward 6% of unexpended E&G balances

- **Auxiliary Operations** – allows institutions flexibility from recovering 100% of indirect costs from auxiliary operations to E&G activities

- **Reporting Requirements** – allows Governor to delay any report due prior to June 30, 2021; reporting entity must make request 30 days prior to due date

- **State Revenue Reserves** – unallots planned GF deposits to Revenue Reserve Fund ($600M in FY2020 and $300M in FY2022)
• **Health System-related**
  
  o Unallots funding for *medical pilot programs between the Department of Corrections and UVA Health* and VCU Health to provide offender medical care and provides that language associated with this allocation shall not be applicable
  
  o Authorizes *DMAS to make immediate changes to its medical assistance programs* in response to COVID-19, subject to the Governor’s approval
  
  o Increases funding to *recover costs of policy changes implemented by DMAS in response to COVID-19* including expanding the use of telemedicine, waiving service authorizations; and eliminating cost sharing
  
  o Advances appropriate allowable payments under federal or state law in order to take advantage of *enhanced federal match*
  
  o Requires DMAS to identify state savings associated with the *increased FMAP rate* (to 56.2%) and then unallots those savings
  
• **Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority (VIPA)**
  
  o Provides *greater flexibility for the use of the funds* (e.g., in one or more syndicated private investment funds; partnership with Virginia accelerators and university technology commercialization programs, technologies aligned with the Virginia Innovation Index, competitive grant funds for commercialization programs; young companies that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19)
  
  o Eliminates $6.1M GF in FY2021 for: (1) Commonwealth Growth Accelerator Program ($3.1M); (2) Entrepreneurial Ecosystems and Regional Innovation Fund ($2.0M); (3) Technology Industry Development Services ($1.0M)
  
  o Authorizes *CCAM to provide grants dedicated to matching funds* for the purpose of attracting federal funds for research projects related to COVID-19 to be conducted at the CCAM facility on a one-to-one basis

• **COVID-19**
  
  o *Appropriation of Federal Funds* – provides authority for the Governor to appropriate federal COVID-19 relief fund; provides $50M GF in FY2020 in state matching funds or other costs associated with COVID-19; and provides guidance for reporting the use of these funds; creates legislative advisory committee to provide advice on allocations of discretionary federal funds and appropriates GF matching funds for COVID-19 federal grants
  
  o *Unemployment Benefits* – allows Governor to override Unemployment Compensation Act
  
  o *Licensure of Childcare Facilities* – allows emergency child care programs to be established for children of essential workers