

Item II.C. Amendments to the Budget and Policy Recommendations

The following includes amended language for the Budget and Policy Recommendation agenda item based on discussions during the Resources and Planning committee meeting on October 26.

Page 69. Additional State Support section, middle of the page, strike the second paragraph and insert the following:

In the 2020 regular session conference report, the General Assembly provided \$205 million in FY 2021 and \$193 million in FY 2022 for higher education. The Governor and the General Assembly subsequently "unallotted" most of these funds. Unallotted amounts include \$30.1 million each year in undergraduate financial aid, \$4.1 million in FY 2021 and \$7.9 million in FY 2022 for students attending private nonprofit institutions, \$34.5 million each year for the Get a Job, Get Skilled, Give Back (G3) program and additional funding for institutional support, higher education centers, research initiatives and other programs. These funds will remain unallotted unless the 2021 General Assembly takes action to reallocate these funds.

Purpose: This language is intended to highlight details of the funding that was not reallocated during the special session, including funding to students attending private nonprofit colleges.

Page 73-74 Labor market and education alignment (section). Strike the last sentence and insert.

The Council supports legislation and initiatives that could further the recommendations of the report and estimates that the initial costs to support labor market and education alignment would be approximately \$500,000.

Purpose: This language addresses member discussion to include a funding amount to support labor market and education alignment.

Page 76 insert section after the first paragraph

Broadband and technology access

In August 2020, SCHEV released an [article](#) highlighting that one in five Virginia students (K-12 and college) lack either high-speed internet or a computer in the home, both of which are necessary for successful distance learning. To help address this concern, funding was restored during the special session to support rural broadband efforts and the Governor designated federal CARES funding to increase access to technology. While these initiatives will address obstacles students face to remote learning, the Council supports additional initiatives and

outreach to continue to improve technology and broadband access for all Virginians.

Purpose: This additional language is to address an interest for the Council to continue to support funding and initiatives related to access to broadband and computers in the home.