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MAJOR RELATED LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS OF CROSSOVER

This memorandum provides information on major related legislation affecting the Attorney General as of Crossover:

House Bill No. 1024 - This bill provides a \$3,050,000 general fund deficiency appropriation to the Attorney General for the 2023-25 biennium, of which \$3,000,000 is for the statewide litigation funding pool and \$50,000 is for prosecution witness fees.

House Bill No. 1193 - This bill appropriates one-time funding of \$3.5 million from the general fund to the Attorney General for a peace officer and correctional officer appreciation grant program. Of the total, \$750,000 must be granted to city and county law enforcement agencies employing 10 or fewer employees working in a law enforcement capacity. Funding must be used for providing hiring and retention bonuses to new and current law enforcement and correctional officers and providing tuition and fee payments on behalf of law enforcement trainees. The funding is the same as provided for the back the blue grants program during the 2023-25 biennium.

House Bill No. 1199 - This bill creates a missing indigenous people task force and a missing indigenous people grant fund, authorizes the Attorney General a continuing appropriation from the fund, and provides an appropriation and transfer of \$250,000 from the general fund to the new fund for supporting efforts of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe, or band in the state to identify, report, and find missing indigenous people.

House Bill No. 1525 - This bill replaces the current five-member Gaming Commission with a nine-member Gaming Commission to oversee gaming activities in the state and appropriates \$25,000 of one-time funding from the general fund to the Attorney General for defraying the costs of operations of the Gaming Commission.

Senate Bill No. 2167 - This bill requires individuals convicted of a felony or misdemeanor to pay a fee of up to \$100 for the cost of digital forensic examinations, establishes an internet crimes investigation fund, and provides the Attorney General a continuing appropriation from the fund.

Senate Bill No. 2205 - This bill increases the quarterly transfers from the charitable gaming operating fund to the gambling prevention and treatment fund to provide for a biennial increase of \$520,000, from \$80,000 to \$600,000. This will result in a \$520,000 decrease in the amount transferred from the charitable gaming operating fund to the general fund at the end of each biennium.

Senate Bill No. 2209 - This bill appropriates \$200,000 of ongoing funding from the general fund to the Attorney General for the domestic violence forensic medical examination program for community-based or hospital-based domestic violence examiner programs and related administrative costs.

Senate Bill No. 2292 - This bill amends Section 12.1-34-07 to provide the cost of medical screenings and acute forensic medical examinations be paid from the general fund. The 2025-27 biennium base budget for the Attorney General includes \$964,560 from the insurance regulatory trust fund for medical examinations (\$660,000) and children's forensic interviews (\$304,560). The House did not change the funding source for these programs in House Bill No. 1003 (2025).