April 2, 2003, Reconvened (Veto) Session General Assembly Actions on the Governor's Proposed Changes to the Amended 2002-2004 Biennial Budget Adopted at the Regular Session

Update Funding for State-operated Programs

Governor's Proposed Amendment – Reduces funding for State-operated Programs by \$798,972 in fiscal year 2003 and \$106,402 in fiscal year 2004. The fiscal year 2003 reduction is based on final contracted costs for services and one detention center not opening as expected. The fiscal year 2004 reduction is based on the delayed opening of one detention center. This change has no impact on entitlements paid to school divisions.

General Assembly Action – Adopted Governor's Amendment.

Update Funding for the SOL Algebra Readiness Program

Governor's Proposed Amendment – Reduces funding for the SOL Algebra Readiness program by \$95,517 in fiscal year 2003 based on final participation by school divisions. This change has no impact on funding for school divisions participating in the program.

General Assembly Action – Adopted Governor's Amendment.

Use Fiscal Year 2003 Balances to Restore Funding for the Student Achievement Grants Program

Governor's Proposed Amendment – Provides language authorizing the Department of Education to use unobligated fiscal year 2003 general fund balances in Direct Aid to Public Education accounts and any increase in revenues from lottery proceeds exceeding the fiscal year 2003 estimate to restore up to \$6.8 million for the Student Achievement Grants program in fiscal year 2004.

General Assembly Action – Rejected Governor's Amendment.

Eliminate Contingency Language on Appropriation for Compensation Supplement Account

Governor's Proposed Amendment – Eliminates language that makes the compensation supplement payment of 2.25 percent effective January 1, 2004, contingent on general fund revenue generated in fiscal year 2004. This amendment also eliminates the required transfer of \$1.2 million from the Student Achievement Grants program to the compensation supplement account in the event sufficient general fund revenues are not available to provide the full 2.25

percent salary increase effective January 1, 2004. As a result, the funding available for the Student Achievement Grants program in fiscal year 2004 is \$10.1 million.

General Assembly Action – Adopted Governor's Amendment.

Provide Funding for the Jobs for Virginia Graduates Program

Governor's Proposed Amendment – Provides \$300,000 in fiscal year 2004 for the Jobs for Virginia Graduates program.

General Assembly Action – Rejected Governor's Amendment.