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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas
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The Honorable Luke E. Torian
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Dear Senator Lucas and Delegate Torian:

Pursuant to paragraph T.5. of Item 416, Chapter 1, 2026 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, I am reporting on the Department of State's Police's spending and programmatic actions in fiscal year 2026 and the impact of such actions on budgetary needs for fiscal year 2027 and fiscal year 2028. The purpose of the report is to assess the impact of the Department of State Police holding the 146th Basic Trooper School and if the agency has sufficient appropriation in the 2026-2028 biennium to support this class.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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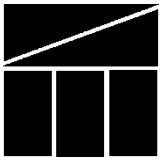
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Report to the General Assembly on the Department of State Police's Spending and Programmatic Actions in FY 2026 and Their Impact on FY 2027 and FY 2028

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Overview

In accordance with Item 416, Paragraph T.5, Chapter 1, 2026 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I (the 2026 Appropriation Act), the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has prepared this report on the Department of State Police's spending and programmatic actions in fiscal year 2026 and assessment of the impact of such actions on budgetary needs for fiscal year 2027 and fiscal year 2028. Pursuant to this language, the following analysis delineates the additional general fund support appropriated to State Police for fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2028, as well as the 2026-2028 biennial budget implications given State Police's fiscal year 2026 spending and programmatic actions.

FY 2026

Chapter 7, 2026 Acts of Assembly, provided an additional $50.3 million in general fund (GF) for fiscal year (FY) 2026 to the Department of State Police (VSP). Of the amount provided, the proposed use of the funding was as follows:

- $9.3 million for VITA IT Transformation costs and ongoing operating and maintenance costs.
- $11.5 million for the ongoing salary and fringe costs for the 144th Basic Trooper School.
- $5.74 million for the salary and fringe costs for the 145th prorated to six months.
- $17.8 million for the vehicle and equipment costs for a basic trooper school.
- $5.97 million for unanticipated overtime costs.

Of these amounts, $9.3 million was placed in Program 302: Information Technology Systems, Telecommunications and Record Management, with $41.0 million in Program 310: Law Enforcement and Highway Safety Services.

At the end of FY 2026, VSP had an end of year GF balance of $17.68 million. This balance broken down by program area is as follows:

- Program 302 (Information Technology Systems, Telecommunications and Record Management): $974,472
- Program 310 (Law Enforcement and Highway Safety Services): $15.95 million
- Program 399 (Administrative and Support Services): $760,149

FY 2027 and FY 2028

When accounting for a reduction of $20.64 million against the Introduced Budget (HB30/SB30) by Conference Amendment Item 416 #1c, VSP had new GF support for the following proposed uses:

FY 2027

- $9.3 million for VITA IT Transformation costs and ongoing operating and maintenance costs.
- $22.96 million for the ongoing salary and fringe costs for the 144th and 145th Basic Trooper Schools.

FY 2028

- $9.3 million for VITA IT Transformation costs and ongoing operating and maintenance costs.
- $22.96 million for the ongoing salary and fringe costs for the 144th and 145th Basic Trooper School.
- $11.5 million for the salary and fringe costs for the 146th Basic Trooper School.
- $17.8 million for the vehicle and equipment costs of the 147th Basic Trooper School.

As part of its FY2026 spending and programmatic actions, VSP started an additional Basic Trooper School, the 146th, in June 2026, given the smaller than planned number of new troopers graduating from the 145th school. The agency estimates the salary and benefits cost for the 146th Basic Trooper School to be $7.7 million in FY 2027, which includes a mid-session cohort being added of certified Department of Criminal Justice Services law enforcement officers with patrol experience. The agency also indicates the cost for the supplies and materials of the 146th Basic Trooper School to be $3.86 million. This amount is based on open purchase orders at the end of FY 2026 which include the cost for vehicle equipment installation, laptops, uniforms, firearms, radars, lidars, academy meals, ammunition, and ancillary communication equipment. Regarding the purchase of vehicles for the 146th Basic Trooper School, the agency indicates funds provided in Chapter 7, 2026 Acts of Assembly, covered the cost of vehicles for this trooper school.

The agency had a FY 2026 year-end GF balance of $17.68 million to cover the cost of the 146th Basic Trooper School, which was reappropriated into FY 2027. With this reappropriation and the available funding in FY 2027, the agency has enough funding to support the 146th Basic Trooper School. Based on the amounts already budgeted in FY 2028, the Department of State Police will also have sufficient funding in FY 2028 for the ongoing salary and benefits costs of the 146th Basic Trooper School.