

# Virginia Association of Museums Legislative Update

Issue 2008-7 Budget Committees Report

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## House and Senate Money Committees Report Their Version of the Budget

Below are the budget recommendations by the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee from state general funds (your tax dollars) for the next biennium on behalf of agencies of interest to museums and cultural institutions. Both houses recommended **NO FUNDS IN EITHER YEAR FOR NONSTATE AGENCIES**. A conference committee will now be appointed to reconcile the two versions of the budget.



AGENCY	HOUSE	SENATE
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### Education

Jamestown Yorktown Fndn.	(1.5 million)	
- Yorktown Museum		
Library of Virginia		
- preserve state archival records		550,000
- toward full funding local libraries		(100,000)
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts		(290,556)
Science Museum of Virginia	600,000	
- bring science programs to western VA		

### Natural Resources

Chippokes Plantation Farm Fndn.		324,334
Virginia Museum of Natural History	(300,000)	
Virginia's Explore Park	100,000	
State Park System	(1 million)	

### Economic Development

Virginia Tourism Authority		
- Cooperative Outdoor Advertising	200,000	
- "See Virginia First" Pub/Priv Coop.	450,000	700,000
- Coalfield's Tourism Authority	200,000	
- Daniel Boone Visitor Center	(200,000)	

### NON-GENERAL FUNDS (NGF) - PROPOSED VA PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY BOND ISSUE

Frontier Culture Museum	216,000	
Gunston Hall	156,000	
Jamestown Yorktown Foundation	1.57 million	1.59 million
Library of Virginia	6,000	
Science Museum of Virginia	1.568 million	
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts	1.79 million	

Virginia Museum of Natural History            137,000

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

VMFA allowed to roll forward balance in Maintenance Reserve Fund from '08 to '09, and allowed to use up to 20% of its annual maintenance for conservation of art works. (Senate)

**2008 General Assembly Calendar**

- February 21     Houses of introduction to complete work on the Budget Bill(s)
- February 26     Committees responsible for revenue bills of the other house to complete work by midnight
- February 27     Last day for each house to act on the Budget Bill(s) and revenue bills of the other house and appoint conferees by midnight
- February 29     All requests for drafts, redrafts, and corrections for joint commending and memorial resolutions to Legislative Services by 5:00 p.m.
- March 1         First conference on revenue bills to finish by midnight
- March 3         Revenue conference reports available by noon; All joint commending and memorial resolutions filed with clerk by 5:00 p.m.; Last day for any committee action on legislation by midnight
- March 4         First conference on the Budget Bill(s) to complete work by midnight
- March 6         Budget Bill(s) conference report available by noon; Last day to put bills in conference
- March 8         Sine die (General Assembly session ends)

**VAM Annual Conference March 16-18, 2008 at the Homestead**



Don't forget to register for the 2008 annual meeting of the Virginia Association of Museums! For more information and to register, visit [www.VAMuseums.org](http://www.VAMuseums.org) or call the office at 804-788-5822.

The Homestead is still honoring the low conference rate of \$125 for Sunday and Monday nights, but hurry! We have already exceeded our room block.

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Questions? Comments? Have a bill you would like for us to track? Contact me at [mcarlock@vamuseums.org](mailto:mcarlock@vamuseums.org) or 804-788-5821.

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