

## How they compare

Here is a comparison of the proposed budgets for 2010-2012 adopted yesterday by the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance Committee:

	<b>House Appropriations plan</b>	<b>Senate Finance plan</b>
<b>State workers</b>	No furloughs. No reduction in state payment to pensions. Three percent bonus in December 2011.	Six furlough days over two years. Lower state contributions to pensions. Three percent bonus in December 2011.
<b>Public education</b>	Cuts aid to K-12 by \$620 million but offsets it through \$540 million in localities' retirement savings. Adds \$92 million to limit effect of change in funding formula.	Cuts aid for K-12 by \$418 million. Reductions total \$133 million because of savings through lower pension fund contributions. Limits cuts in basic state aid under change in funding formula.
<b>Higher education</b>	No further cuts.	No additional cuts in direct aid to colleges and universities. Cuts \$10 million in grants to Virginians attending state's private colleges.
<b>Health programs</b>	Cuts Medicaid and children's health programs by \$200 million by reducing eligibility and payments to providers. Restores funding for adolescent mental-health center in Staunton. Closes another in Marion.	Cuts programs by \$344 million. Restores money for community health centers and preserves local dental services. Restores funding for adolescent mental-health center in Staunton. Closes another in Marion.
<b>Public safety</b>	Restores two-thirds of proposed \$204 million cut from sheriffs, prosecutors and other constitutional offices. Restores state trooper schools in 2011 and 2012. Closes two small, minimum-security prisons.	Recommends closing one prison, not yet determined, by June 30. Restores \$182 million to avoid layoffs of 1,500 deputies, court and local finance workers.
<b>Judicial</b>	Saves \$21 million by not filling 19 vacant judgeships and by closing drug courts.	Calls for study of court system during economic downturn.
<b>Tax relief</b>	Preserves \$950 million a year in car-tax relief for localities.	Preserves \$950 million a year in car-tax relief for localities.