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<p>Department of Conservation and Recreation and established pursuant to Item 363 B of this act is authorized for transfer to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund, a subfund of the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund established under the Water Quality Improvement Act of 1997. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the monies transferred to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund shall be distributed by the Department upon approval by the Virginia Soil and Water Quality Conservation Board in accordance with the Board's developed policies, as follows: of the \$8,274,474, a total of \$992,937 shall be appropriated for Technical Assistance for Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and \$7,281,537 for Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Assistance where of this amount \$4,368,922 shall be used for matching grants for agricultural best management practices on lands exclusively or partly within the Chesapeake Bay watershed and \$2,912,615 shall be used for matching grants for agricultural best practices on lands in the Commonwealth exclusively outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed."</p> <p>This amendment authorizes funding previously deposited to the Virginia Water Quality Reserve Fund be transferred to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund and appropriates them for distribution in FY18 for the agriculture best management practices cost share program. This takes an appropriate percentage of technical assistance established in FY17 budget.</p>		
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