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2012 POSITION PAPER Care Center Staffing

1. **OBJECTIVE:** Ensure that state veterans care centers have the required personnel and financial resources to deliver quality care to residents.
2. **BACKGROUND:**
 - DVS operates two veterans care centers – in Richmond and Roanoke.
 - The 240-bed Virginia Veterans Care Center (VVCC) in Roanoke has 260 authorized full-time positions. The VVCC includes 120 skilled-care beds, 60 beds in the Alzheimer's/Dementia unit, and 60 assisted-living beds.
 - The 160-bed Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center (SBVCC) in Richmond has 233 authorized full-time positions. The SBVCC includes 120 skilled-care beds and 40 beds in the Alzheimer's/Dementia unit.
 - A 40-bed addition (skilled care beds) is planned for the SBVCC. Design work is underway. Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2012 and last several months to a year.
 - Staffing ratios per resident are higher for skilled care beds than for assisted living beds, which accounts for the higher staffing ratios at the SBVCC than at the VVCC.
3. **DISCUSSION:**
 - The VVCC and SBVCC both have adequate staffing and spending authority to meet current (FY12) service levels.
 - SBVCC will require additional staff and appropriation (spending authority) in late FY13 and ongoing for the 40-bed addition.
 - 51 additional full-time positions will be needed.
 - \$2.7 million in additional appropriation (spending authority) will be required the first year and \$3.6 million in subsequent years.
4. **RECOMMENDATION:** That the General Assembly support the proposals made in Governor McDonnell's introduced budget for 51 additional NGF positions and \$2.7 million (NGF) in FY13 and \$3.6 million (NGF) in FY14 for the Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center addition.