



2017 Legislative Priorities for the Virginia General Assembly

Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and the most inhuman because it often results in physical death. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.



Reagyn Semler of Ohio, the first pediatric patient at Hampton University's new, state-of-the-art cancer treatment center, celebrates her last day of treatment and looks forward to a bright future

Source: Daily Press – January 6, 2011

Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute

**OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
HAMPTON, VA 23668**

Hampton University Virginia General Assembly FY 2017 BUDGET REQUEST

We have included requests in four project categories areas for the 2017 legislative session of the Virginia General Assembly. Hampton University's requests include:

- 1) Support Legislation to be enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia. The Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 3.2 - 3108 Distribution of Fund. The fund shall be distributed by the Commission for the provision of proton therapy telemedicine and scientific research performed at any cancer research treatment center in the commonwealth designed to advance the treatment and prevention of cancers and healthcare disparities that directly affect the citizens of tobacco- dependent communities throughout the Southside and Southwest regions of the Commonwealth.
Request: Language Only
- 2) Support Legislation to prohibit Discrimination in Health Insurance Payments for Proton Cancer Therapy Patients at the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute. Proton therapy should be covered for all commercially insured patients.
Request: Language Only
- 3) Support Request - Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute
Appropriation Request \$25 million
- 4) Support for a Severe Weather Center at Harbour Centre that can accurately predict the landfall of hurricanes as well as the potential for tornado detection. Hampton University is requesting these funds to add three new research staff to use our newly installed Direct Broadcast Receiving System at Harbour Centre for these severe storm predictions. The DBRS receives data presently from 11 satellites that provide atmospheric characterization over the Hampton site. The researchers will use these data in models for understanding the severity and direction of these storms.
Appropriation Request: \$1.5 million

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