

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

### *Workforce and Small Business Incentives, 2018*

**Workforce and small business incentives** ► Amend the Code of Virginia to increase the minimum wage requirements for the Virginia Jobs Investment Program and the Small Business Jobs Grant. (Recommendation 1)

**Workforce incentives** ► Eliminate the Worker Retraining Tax Credit. (Recommendation 5)

**Small business incentives** ► Amend § 2.2-1616 of the Code of Virginia to direct the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority (VSBFA) to develop and use a scoring system to (i) award the Small Business Investment Grant and (ii) set the reimbursement rate for each award. The scoring system should be based on project characteristics and other criteria as determined by VSBFA. (Recommendation 6)

**Small business incentives** ► Amend § 2.2-1616 of the Code of Virginia to require reasonable efforts to recapture Small Business Investment Grant awards from the business if the business (i) relocates outside the state or (ii) closes due to criminal conduct or malfeasance, within a certain time period after the grant is awarded. (Recommendation 8)

**Workforce incentives** ► Eliminate the Telework Expenses Tax Credit. (Recommendation 12)

**OPTION Small business incentives** ► Consolidate the Small Business Jobs Grant into the Virginia Jobs Investment Program administered by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. (Option 1)

**OPTION Small business incentives** ► Amend § 2.2-1616 of the Code of Virginia to (i) make professional investors eligible for Small Business Investment Grant funding and (ii) impose a minimum investment threshold. (Option 2)

*Film Incentives, 2017*

**Film incentives ►** If the General Assembly decides to maintain the film incentive program in Virginia, amend the Code of Virginia to repeal § 58.1-439.12:03, which establishes the Motion Picture Production Tax Credit, and to incorporate the tax credit criteria and reimbursement rate provisions into § 2.2-2320, which establishes the Governor's Motion Picture Opportunity Fund. (Recommendation 1)

**OPTION Film incentives ►** Eliminate the Motion Picture Production Tax Credit and the Governor's Motion Picture Opportunity Fund. (Option 1)

**OPTION Film incentives ►** Maintain a film incentive program in Virginia and make substantive changes to improve the effectiveness and the economic benefit of the program. (Option 2)