

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Judicial Council

- \$175,000 Added for grants for legal services for domestic violence
- \$250,000 Added for grants for legal services for Kinship Care Families
- \$243,945 Added for the operation of the Juvenile Data Exchange Program
- \$236,113 Added for the operation of the Weighted Caseload project
- \$21,600 Added for one-time matching funds for the Child Support Collaborative Grant

Juvenile Courts

- \$122,600 *Eliminated* for a Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Statewide Coordinator position. These were funds the governor had requested in his recommendation.

Dept. of Agriculture

- \$100,000 Added for the Southwest Georgia Project (SWGP) for a community food hub to bolster Southwest Georgia's farmers, economy, and public health, and leverage other funds

Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

- \$7 Million Added to annualize funds for a behavioral health crisis center for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (Adult Developmental Disabilities Services)
- \$12.34 Million Added for a 5% rate increase for intellectual and developmental disability providers (with approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) (Adult Developmental Disabilities Services)
- \$4.7 Million Restored for non-waiver services in family support (Adult Developmental Disabilities Services)
- *Budget Direction:* Reflect the department's intent to provide a time-limited rate increase for providers serving the intellectual and developmental disability population, including adult day centers and residential services (Pending final approval by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) (Adult Developmental Disabilities Services)
- *Budget Direction:* Reflect the intent to continue to serve the estimated 188 individuals who are currently receiving community living supports services who may be impacted by the COMP waiver renewal with alternate service(s). By December 1, 2021, provide a report to the chairs of the House Appropriations Human Resources Subcommittee and the Senate Appropriations Human Development and Public Health Subcommittee on how this population will continue to receive services based on their assessed need following the extended transition period. (Pending final approval by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) (Adult Developmental Disabilities Services)
- \$1.5 Million Added for respite services with priority to rural communities (Adult Developmental Disabilities Services)
- \$100,000 Added for [Rockdale Cares](#) for respite services (Adult Developmental Disabilities Services)
- \$114,039 Added to support the 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline pursuant to the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 (Adult Mental Health Services)
- \$177,748 Added for suicide prevention related to the COVID-19 pandemic (\$70,000) and one suicide epidemiologist (\$107,748) (Adult Mental Health Services)
- \$6.49 Million Added for core services to promote equity among providers (Adult Mental Health Services)

- \$0 Added for advancements in mental health telehealth capabilities (The Senate requested \$1 Million, but the Conference Committee eliminated that request, stating “Partner with existing county resources to deliver mental health telehealth”) (Adult Mental Health Services)
- \$1.48 Million *Subtracted* for crisis respite home due to non-implementation
- \$2 Million Added to accelerate the expansion of the Georgia Apex Program
- \$102,502 Added for mental health and suicide prevention training in schools (\$12,900) and a youth suicide prevention specialist (\$89,602)
- *Budget Direction:* Utilize existing funds to expand the housing supports pilot program for the Georgia Housing Voucher Program (Adult Mental Health Services)
- \$67,157 Added to replace one-time other funds with state funds for the Inclusive Post-Secondary Education program (Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities)

Dept. of Community Affairs

- \$40 Million Added to establish a Rural Innovation Fund to assist rural communities developing targeted solutions for economic, medical, technological, or infrastructure challenges within their regions (OneGeorgia Authority)
- \$10 Million Added to establish a broadband infrastructure grant program to enable rural communities to leverage existing federal, local, and private resources to quickly target high-need broadband expansion within their areas (OneGeorgia Authority)
- \$100,000 Added to increase funds for food banks
- \$150,000 Added to hire a grant administrator and perform mapping maintenance to enable rural communities to leverage existing federal, local, and private resources to quickly target high-need broadband expansion within their areas

Dept. of Community Health

- \$2.63 Million Added to begin the implementation of the Patients First Act (2019 Session)
- \$50,000 new monies Added and \$750,000 *Replaced* with existing funds for planning and implementation of an All-Payer Claims Database
- \$834,684 Added for three senior leadership positions to support the department's increasing workload, including contract oversight
- \$724,641 Added for a business support analyst, a financial analyst, and three compliance specialists to begin October 1, 2021 to support quality incentive payment reimbursements
- \$500,000 Added for two federally qualified health center start-up grants in Jeff-Davis County and Marion County
- \$6 Million *Subtracted* to reduce one-time funds for Rural Hospital Stabilization Grants from \$15 million to \$9 million and review the grant process and report potential new formal grant processes to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Health Subcommittee and the Senate Appropriations Community Health Subcommittee, the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and the House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office

- \$300,000 Added to provide an additional three-year grant to rural hospitals for Electronic Intensive Care Units (EICU) to improve patient outcomes and reduce the need for long-distance travel away from local communities to obtain this level of care
- \$100,000 *Eliminated* for start-up funding for a charity clinic
- \$125,000 Added for the South Central Primary Care Center dental program
- 3% increase appropriated for dental reimbursement rates for 15 select Medicaid dental codes
- \$72.1 Million *Subtracted* for growth in Aged Blind and Disabled Medicaid based on projected need
- \$65.46 Million Added to begin the implementation of the Patients First Act (2019 Session) (Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid)
- \$116.4 Million Added for growth in Low Income Medicaid based on projected need
- \$7.1 Million Added to increase 18 select primary care and OB/GYN codes to 2020 Medicare levels (Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid)
- \$4.01 Million Added for growth in PeachCare based on projected need
- \$2.58 Million Added for 188 new residency slots in primary care medicine
- \$300,000 Added for the initial planning work for the establishment of two graduate medical education programs
- \$5.33 Million Added for the second year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine's medical school campus in Columbus

Dept. of Corrections

- *Budget Direction:* Utilize existing funds to implement a 10% increase for correctional officers in state prison facilities

Dept. of Early Care and Learning

- \$3.5 Million Added for the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program to provide assistance to low-income families for the cost of childcare (an estimated 625 slots)
- \$1.45 Million Added to increase formula funds for training and experience for Pre-K teachers
- \$1.75 Million Added to increase funds for Pre-K classroom operations by 2.5%
- \$81,149 Added for one Pre-K Specialist position that was eliminated in FY 2021

Dept. of Education

- \$589,272 Added to offset the austerity reduction for the Area Teacher Program, Extended Day/Year, Young Farmers, and Youth Camps (Agricultural Education)
- \$340,000 Added for four young farmer positions in Fulton County, Pickens County, Ware County, and Worth County
- \$68,000 Added for eight new Agricultural Education Programs
- \$250,000 Added for a Law Enforcement Teaching Students program (which will leverage matching funds)
- \$1 Million Added to increase funds for charter school facility grants pursuant to HB 430 (2017 session)
- \$85,686 Added to offset the austerity reduction to Communities in Schools local affiliates

- \$323,000 Transferred from Technology/Career Education program to the Curriculum Development program for the Rural Teacher Training Initiative. Any training provided for the initiative will be outside of the regular school day in order to not remove teachers from the classroom.
- \$344,000 Added for computer science grants per SB 108 (2019 Session)
- \$1.63 Million Added to fund SB 48 (2019 Session) screening mandate and a state educational agency dyslexia specialist
- \$240,000 Added for rural coding equipment in partnership with Georgia Cyber Center
- \$3.67 Million Added to offset the austerity reduction for Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) grants
- \$3.39 Million Subtracted for enrollment and training and experience decline in GNETS
- \$75,000 Added to provide funds for a pilot program to provide access to STEM and AP STEM virtual courses to students in rural Georgia without district courses
- \$950,000 Added to offset the austerity reduction to feminine hygiene grants with the House's *Budget Direction*: Increase funds for feminine hygiene grants and prioritize grants to school systems that have low property tax wealth and high percentage of economically disadvantaged students
- \$268,221 Subtracted for formula funds for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance; and participate in developing a new funding formula based on attendance and funding needs
- \$125,000 Added for a Residential Treatment Facilities' budget analyst/grant manager
- \$249,472 Reduced formula funds for Sparsity Grants based on enrollment decline
- \$5 Million Added for school nutrition staff
- \$4.94 Million Reduced formula funds based on enrollment decline (Preschool Disabilities Services)
- \$2.52 Million Added to offset the austerity reduction for grants in Preschool Disabilities Services
- \$179,152 Added for pupil transportation grants based on formula growth
- \$71.92 Million to increase formula funds for QBE Equalization grants
- \$111.86 Million Reduced in formula funds for the QBE Local Five Mill Share
- \$52.4 Million Reduced for QBE formula earnings for the 2021-2022 school year due to declining enrollment
- \$22,323 Added in formula funds for the charter system QBE grant
- \$35.68 Million Added in the State Commission Charter School supplement
- \$0 Added for grants for system-collaborative state charter schools (The Senate wanted to add \$37 Million for this but it was rejected by the Conference Committee)
- *Budget Direction*: Maintain current funding and hold harmless for formula reduction for school nurse funding (\$1,067,491)
- \$863,849 Reduced formula funds for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers (Quality Basic Education Program)

- \$567.55 Million Added to offset the austerity reduction in QBE for K-12 education
- \$162,941 Reduced formula funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) based on enrollment decline
- \$889,508 Added to offset the austerity reduction for grants to RESAs
- \$211,362 Added for training and experience for teachers in State Schools
- \$300,000 Added to offset the austerity reduction in State Schools
- \$840,924 Added to offset the austerity reduction for Extended Day/Year, Vocational Supervisors, Industry Certification, and Youth Apprenticeship programs (Technology/Career Education)
- \$2.3 Million Added to administer Georgia Milestones in accordance with federal requirements
- \$125,000 Added for a pilot program for Computer Science Principles AP exams with a focus on schools and systems with no AP coursework
- \$93,117 Added to offset the austerity reduction for Tuition for Multiple Disability Students

Dept. of Human Services

- \$4.52 Million Added for caseload growth in adoptions
- \$4.73 Million to support community partnerships to stem learning loss due to COVID-19 for K-12 students (Afterschool Care Program)
- *Budget Direction:* Recognize \$1,135,678 in marriage and divorce fee collections for the Children's Trust Fund for child abuse and neglect prevention
- \$7.25 Million Added to begin the implementation of the Patients First Act (2019 Session)
- \$943,603 Added to begin the implementation of the Patients First Act (2019 Session)
- \$14.37 Million Subtracted to reflect savings from a reduction in Out-of-Home Care utilization due to a decline in average monthly out-of-home placements
- \$6.7 Million Added to establish a therapeutic foster care program and leverage federal funds
- \$6.58 Million Added to reflect the loss of Title IV-E funds associated with the October 1, 2021 implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act and the statewide transition to increased family-based placement settings
- \$351,005 Added to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission
- \$200,000 Added for contracts for vocational training services with [Broken Shackle Ranch](#)
- \$65,000 Added for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) for development and start-up for underserved Echols, Henry, and Lowndes Counties
- \$951,700 Restored to funds for contracts for educational services with the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children which were reduced last year

Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

- \$1 Million Added to establish the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination.

Georgia Professional Standards Commission

- \$140,720 Added for personal services to meet program needs in the Ethics Division and Educator Preparation

Division

- \$197,002 Added for Troops to Teachers

Governor’s Office of Student Achievement

Budget Direction: Reflect funds for Governor’s School Leadership Academy (\$1,700,000); Governor’s Honors Program (\$1,600,000); Growing Readers (\$1,500,000); GA Awards (\$1,803,000); research and academic audits (\$900,175); and personal services and operating expenses (\$1,274,262)

- \$100,000 Added for the Growing Readers program
- \$150,000 Added to the Governor’s School Leadership Academy

Georgia Bureau of Investigations

- \$270,320 Added for three positions to support the Legal Division and the GBI Gang Task Force

- *Budget Direction:* Maintain responsibility for managing and administering accountability court grants
- \$30 Million Transferred for accountability court grants to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges program
- \$700,000 Added for grants to local domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers
- \$1.1 Million Added for a 9% increase to domestic violence shelters
- \$150,000 Added for two domestic violence shelters partially funded in FY 2020
- \$150,000 Added for sexual assault centers
- \$1.6 Million Added for the recruitment and retention of medical examiners
- *Budget Direction:* The Council shall engage stakeholders to evaluate the current funding formula for domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers and study the merits of an updated formula that takes into account many of the factors involved, including but not limited to: number of services provided, number of bed nights provided, area poverty level, service area, and area population, and the Council shall submit a report of their findings to the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by December 31, 2021

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| <p style="text-align: center;">FORENSIC PATHOLOGY EDUCATION</p> <p>Critical to investigating deaths, including those of children, forensic pathologists are in high demand nationwide, including in Georgia.</p> <p>Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with medical education programs to develop graduate medical programs to address the shortage of medical examiners and forensic pathologist • \$500,000 Added to increase funds for two medical examiner/forensic pathologists at Mercer School of Medicine • \$100,000 Added to increase funds to expand physician loan forgiveness program to include forensic pathology fellowship program at Georgia Bureau of Investigation in partnership with medical colleges) <p>Georgia Bureau of Investigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$241,529 Added to increase funds to expand a forensic pathology fellowship program with medical colleges |
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Dept. of Juvenile Justice

- \$94,531 Added for teacher training and experience in YDCs
- \$132,579 Added for teacher training and experience in RYDCs

- \$0 Reduced for Secure Commitment Residential Youth Development Centers contracts to reflect unused prior year funds and projected expenditures (The Senate originally wanted to reduce this line by \$409,232, but the Conference Committee rejected this reduction)
- \$0 Reduced for Secure Commitment Youth Development Centers contracts to reflect unused prior year funds and projected expenditures (The Senate originally wanted to reduce this line by \$451,488, but the Conference Committee rejected this reduction)
- *Budget Direction:* Utilize existing funds to implement a 10% increase for juvenile correctional officers in secure facilities
- *Budget Direction:* Develop an electronic monitoring supervision program using innovative 21st century technology on offenders being supervised by the Department of Juvenile Justice

Dept. of Labor

- \$198,916 Added to fund a Chief Labor Officer, to be appointed (subject to appropriate legislation), to oversee all unemployment insurance matters and respond to financial audit requests

Dept. of Natural Resources

- \$2.8 Million Added for state parks and an outdoor recreational facility

Public Defender Council

- \$470,500 Added for five juvenile assistant public defenders

Dept. of Public Health

- \$365,000 Added for the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia
- \$200,000 Added for feminine hygiene products
- \$857,986 Added for a chief medical officer, a deputy commissioner of public health, a chief data officer to support the agency with COVID-19 pandemic response as well as provide ongoing public health leadership
- \$1.5 Million Replaced by federal funds for the ongoing maintenance and operations of the new vaccine management system
- \$1 Million Added for newborn screening of Krabbe disease
- \$506,000 Added to support Grady Memorial Hospital's efforts to continue the coordination of emergency room use in the 13-county metro Atlanta area

Dept. of Public Safety

- \$191,525 Added for the School Resource Officer training program

University System of GA

- \$500,000 Added for an eminent scholar for Sickle Cell research
- \$50,000 Added to recruit Academy of Eminent Scholars into research fields with a focus on rural Georgia and historically black colleges and universities
- \$5.2 Million Added to provide matching funds for endowment gift for Medical College of Georgia 3+ program
- \$47,146 Added for the Public Libraries formula based on an increase in the state population

- \$945,000 Added for a rural coding program in partnership with the Department of Education
- \$547,161 Added to increase funds for Public Libraries' materials grants by five cents from \$0.35 to \$0.40 per capita
- \$7.78 Million Added for year two of a three-year phase-in for increased medical education funding
- \$0 Reduced to reflect realignment of Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission to focus on K-12 educational programming during COVID-19 pandemic (The Senate recommended a reduction of \$477,639, but the Conference Committee did not agree.)

Dept. of Revenue

- \$25,000,000 Added for Forestland Protection Act grant reimbursements to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts
- \$878,808 Added for six tax examiners, three auditors, three criminal investigators, and three call center contractors to regulate the distribution and sale of vaping products (SB 375, 2020 Session)
- \$161,912 Added for one attorney and one legal secretary to regulate the distribution and sale of vaping products (HB 375, 2020 Session)

Secretary of State

- \$150,000 Added for the Georgia Board of Nursing to issue temporary permits to practice nursing to administer the COVID-19 vaccine and monitor patients for any adverse reactions

Student Finance System of Georgia

- \$7.04 Million Subtracted for updated Dual Enrollment projections
- \$192,500 Added for the Engineer Scholarship
- \$5.43 Million Added to meet the projected need for HOPE Grants and address any additional needs in the Amended FY 2022 budget
- \$444,864 Added to meet the projected need for the HOPE Scholarships (Private Schools)
- \$166,809 Added to meet the projected need for HOPE Zell Miller Scholarship students attending private postsecondary institutions
- \$2.33 Million Added to meet the projected need for the HOPE Scholarships (Public Schools)
- \$5.56 Million Added to meet the projected need for HOPE Zell Miller Scholarship students attending public postsecondary institutions

Technical College System of Georgia

- \$0 Added for the Technical College System of Georgia High School Diploma program pursuant to SB 204 (2021 Session), with the caveat that funds will be added in the Amended FY 2022 budget pursuant to final passage of SB 204 (2021 Session)

Dept. of Transportation

- *Budget Direction:* Utilize existing funds (\$10,000,000) for broadband and rural development initiatives to enhance broadband access in underserved areas and promote safety and innovation on rural roadways

**FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS AS DESIGNATED BY THE FY22 BUDGET
(AS AGREED TO BY HOUSE AND SENATE)**

| State Agency | Agency Division | State-Designated Use of ARP Funds | Federal ARP Funds |
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| DBHDD | Adult Addictive Diseases Services | Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant | \$45,985,000 |
| DBHDD | Adult Mental Health Services / Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services | Community Mental Health Services Block Grants for both child and adolescent and adult mental health needs | \$45,491,000 |
| DCA | Special Housing Initiatives | Emergency Food and Shelter Program | \$12,351,000 |
| DCH | Medicaid: Aged, Blind, Disabled | Increase funds and utilize federal funds to reflect the 10% increase in FMAP for home and community-based providers | n/a |
| DCH | Medicaid: Aged, Blind, Disabled | Increase funds to provide supplemental quality incentive payments to eligible skilled nursing facilities limited to appropriated amount | n/a |
| DECAL | Child Care Services | Child Care and Development Block Grant | \$606,960,000 |
| DECAL | Child Care Services | Head Start Coordination with funds going directly to childcare providers for Head Start coordination | \$26,728,000 |
| DECAL | Child Care Services | Child Care Stabilization Grants | \$970,772,000 |
| DECAL | Child Care Services | Increase in the matching portion of the CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds | \$17,504,000 |
| Dept. of Economic Development | Georgia Council for the Arts – Special Project | National Endowment for the Arts Grants | \$914,000 |
| Dept. of Economic Development | Tourism | National Endowment for the Humanities Grants | \$1,142,000 |
| GaDOE | Federal Programs | Special Education Grants for States to fund grants to states, preschool, and infants & toddlers | \$89,976,000 |
| GaDOE | Federal Programs | Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools | \$65,585,000 |
| GaDOE | QBE Program | Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund | \$4,249,371,000 |
| Office of the Governor | Governor's Office | For the following purposes: (A) to respond to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts (e.g., assistance to households, small | \$4,654,502,000 |

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| | | businesses, nonprofits, impacted industries); (B) premium pay for essential workers (C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in state revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency (D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure | |
| Office of the Governor | Governor's Office | Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for Georgia to carry out projects to support work, education and health monitoring during COVID-19 | \$261,682,000 |
| Office of the Governor | Governor's Office | Use ARP funds for allowable capital investments | n/a |
| Office of the Governor | Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency | Emergency Management Performance Grants | \$2,679,000 |
| DHS/DFCS | Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention | Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants | \$8,397,000 |
| DHS/DFCS | Child Welfare Services | Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants | \$3,336,000 |
| DHS | Departmental Administration | Capital Assistance Programs for Elderly and Disabled Persons | \$642,000 |
| DHS | Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention | Long Term Care Ombudsman Services | \$274,000 |
| DHS | Elder Community Living Services | Aging Supportive & Senior Centers | \$12,345,000 |
| DHS | Elder Community Living Services | Special Programs for Aging-Nutrition Services | \$20,365,000 |
| DHS | Elder Community Living Services | Special Programs for Aging-Disease Prevention and Health Promotion | \$1,206,000 |
| DHS | Elder Community Living Services | National Family Caregiver Support | \$3,812,000 |
| DHS | Energy Assistance | Low Income Energy Assistance | \$117,918,000 |
| DHS | Federal Eligibility Benefit Services | Pandemic Emergency Assistance | \$22,004,000 |
| DPH | Infant and Child Health Promotion | Supplemental Nutrition-Women, Infants & Children | \$13,267,000 |
| USG | Public Libraries | Institute for Museum and Library Services Grants | \$4,333,000 |
| USG | Teaching | Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund for the University System | \$949,097,000 |

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| USG | Technical Education | Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund in the Technical College System | \$260,261,000 |
| DOT | Intermodal | Federal Transit Grants for Rural Areas | \$1,558,000 |
| DOT | Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority | Federal Urbanized Transit Grants for regional priorities | \$307,339,260 |



What's that Mean?

Acronym Key

[DBHDD](#) = Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

[DCS](#) = Department of Community Supervision

[DECAL](#) = Department of Early Care and Learning

[GDEcD](#) = Department of Economic Development

[DHS](#) = Department of Human Services (houses [DFCS](#) = Division of Family and Children Services, as well as [DCSS](#) = Division of Child Support Services)

[DJJ](#) = Department of Juvenile Justice

[DOE](#) = Department of Education

[DOL](#) = Department of Labor

[DOR](#) = Department of Revenue

[DPH](#) = Department of Public Health

[GBI](#) = Georgia Bureau of Investigation

[CJCC](#) = Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (attached to GBI)

[CJCJ](#) = Council of Juvenile Court Judges (attached to Juvenile Courts)

[GDC](#) = Georgia Department of Corrections

[GOSA](#) = Governor's Office of Student Achievement

[GSFC](#) = Georgia Student Finance Commission

[GPDC](#) = Georgia Public Defenders Council

[PAC](#) = Prosecuting Attorneys Council

[TCSG](#) = Technical College System of Georgia

[USG](#) = University System of Georgia

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