FY 2022 AMENDED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS
Governor’s Recommendations plus the House Changes (in yellow) plus Senate Changes (in blue) plus Conference Committee Changes (in gray)

The Bill now heads to the Governor for his consideration.

FY22 Original Revenue Estimate: $27,252,569,596
FY22 Amended Revenue Estimate: $29,889,163,593
Increase in Estimate = $2,636,593,997

Recurring Costs Throughout the Budget:
For all full-time, benefit eligible state employees: Increase funds to provide a $5,000 cost of living adjustment effective July 1, 2022.

- Various agencies are directed and authorized to submit to federal authorizers for funds for the benefit of federal and other-funded employees to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment pay increase to begin no later than July 1, 2022. Therefore, the Senate version of the budget reduces some funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-7-3

For Teachers (in K-12, Georgia’s Pre-K Program, Dept. of Juvenile Justice, and Georgia Military College Preparatory School): adjust the state base salary schedule to increase salaries for by $2,000 effective July 1, 2022

For Part Time School Support Personnel (K-12 QBE-funded instructional staff, school support staff, school administration, and central administration, school nutrition workers, bus drivers, school nurses AND RESAs): one-time salary supplement of $2,000. (The Conference Committee doubled the original $1000.)

Juvenile Courts
- $25,000 Added for the case management contract.
- $12,500 Added for grants to counties for the Cobb Judicial Circuit Juvenile Court

Dept. of Agriculture
- $25,000 Added for the Department to create and maintain a central website, which makes available information for consumers that names available resources concerning food accessibility in multiple locations or regions throughout the state. (The Conference Committee reduced the Senate add of $100,000 and moved the money to another division within the agency.)

Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
$750,000 Added for respite care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.  (The Conference Committee reduced the Senate add of $1,250,000.)  (Adult Developmental Disability Services)

$250,000 Added for non-emergency non-medical transportation services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities  (Adult Developmental Disability Services)

$302,505 Added (Reduced from the House’s $310,000 recommendation) for technology upgrades to the Georgia Crisis Access Line in preparation for interfacing with the national ‘988’ hotline.  (Adult MH Services)

$200,000 Added for Silence the Shame to support mental health community wellness and outreach programs.  (The Conference Committee reduced the Senate add of $400,000.)  (Adult MH Services)

$16,875 Added for the Matthew Reardon Center for Autism (Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities)

$2 Million Added for capital maintenance and repairs.  (The House originally asked for $5 Million, the Senate eliminated that and then the Conference restored the $2 Million.)  (Direct Care Support Services)

Dept. of Community Affairs

$17.25 Million Added for rural downtown development grants.  (The Conference Committee reduced the Senate add by $3 Million.)

$35,000 Added for Overcomers House for homeless assistance

$200,000 Added for Helping Hands Ending Hunger program expansion in Northwest Georgia.  (The Conference Committee reduced the Senate add of $400,000.)

Dept. of Community Health

$2.815 Million Added for the All-Payer Claims Database to enable analysis and public reporting of health care costs and utilization for medical, dental, and pharmaceutical services  (DCH Dept. Administration)

$750,000 Added for development of PeachCare mental health services.

$36.66 Million Subtracted from Aged Blind Disabled Medicaid based on projected need

$279.12 Million Added for growth in Low Income Medicaid based on projected need.

$0 Added for increased provider rates for Low-Income Medicaid providers to enable transition to value-based purchasing in FY2023.  (The Conference Committee eliminated the Senate add of $11.57 Million.)

$447,000 Added for Low Income Medicaid reimbursement of donor milk

$20.88 Million Added for growth in PeachCare based on projected need PLUS $13.1 Million Transferred from the Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid program to reflect projected expenditures.

$0 Added for increased provider rates for PeachCare providers to enable transition to value-based purchasing in FY2023.  (The Conference Committee reduced the Senate add of $621,801.)

$26.23 Million Added for skilled nursing centers for an add-on payment of an additional $10 per patient day.  (Medicaid - Aged Blind Disabled)
• $1.74 Million Added for residency slots to fully fund the actual number of residents.

• $3 Million Added for equipment and operating grants for nursing programs with wait lists and additional current student capacity. (The Conference Committee reduced the Senate add by $2 Million.)

• $500,000 Subtracted from Mercer School of Medicine to reflect expenditures

• $500,000 Added to support planning efforts for a new nursing program at Morehouse School of Medicine.

Dept. of Corrections

• $3.44 Million Added for a $2,000 increase for sworn positions to reduce turnover and overtime exposure, effective April 1, 2022. (The Conference Committee reduced the Senate add by half.)

Dept. of Early Care and Learning

• Utilize Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal COVID-19 relief funds to provide two one-time salary supplements of $1,000 each to increase salaries for certified Pre-K teachers and assistant teachers. (H:Yes)

• Utilize existing funds to expand the Summer Transition Program in order to address learning loss resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. (H:Yes)

• $300,000 Added for summer nutrition start-up grants to provide meals for youth in unserved or underserved counties.

Dept. of Education

• $253,600 Added to offset the austerity reduction for the Area Teacher Program, Extended Day/Year, Young Farmers, and Youth Camps (Agricultural Education)

• $4.3 Million Added for agricultural education equipment and facilities.

• $1.37 Million Added to offset the austerity reduction to Communities in Schools local affiliates

• $388,260 Added for the Association of Adapted Sports Programs (Central Office)

• $240,000 Subtracted to reflect a delayed implementation date for the rural coding program.

• $13.78 Million Added to increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,000 to all nutrition workers.

• $2.45 Million Added to offset the austerity reduction for the GNETS grants (Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support)

• $1.68 Million Added to offset the austerity reduction for grants in Preschool Disabilities Services

• $188 Million Added to replace 1,747 buses statewide over three years at a base bus cost of $88,110 and provide funds for reimbursement of key safety features.

• $5 Million Added to incentivize school systems to purchase alternative fuel buses. (The Conference Committee restored the original House recommendation of $5 million.)

• $3.466 Million Added for a midterm adjustment to the State Commission Charter School supplement training and experience. (QBE)

• $8.5 Million Added to provide a one-time salary supplement of $1,000 to all custodians.
• **$1.6 Million Reduction** to reflect charter school closure. (QBE)
• **$382.7 Million Added** to offset the austerity reduction for K-12 education. (QBE)
• **$93.1 Million Added** for a midterm adjustment based on enrollment growth. (QBE)
• **$14.6 Million QBE formula funds Added** for the State Commission Charter School supplement.
• **$233,700 QBE formula funds Added** for a midterm adjustment to the charter system grant.
• **$2.9 Million Added** for growth in the Special Needs Scholarship. (QBE)
• **$433,006 Added** to offset the austerity reduction for grants to RESAs. (reduced from the Governor’s recommendation of $593,000)
• **$160,000 Added** to restore funds for mental health contractual services. (RESAs)
• **$2.6 Million Added** purchase equipment for construction industry certification, statewide (Technology/Career Education)
• **$200,000 Added** to offset the austerity reduction for state schools.
• **$282,460 Added** Increase funds to offset the austerity reduction for Extended Day/Year, Vocational Supervisors, Industry Certification, and Youth Apprenticeship programs. (Technology/Career Education)
• **$0 Added** (Reduced from the governor’s recommended $2.4 Million addition) to administer Georgia Milestones in accordance with Federal requirements. (Testing)
• **$0 Million Subtracted** for unappropriated testing requirements. (The Conference Committee restored the Senate reduction of $2.97 Million.)

**Governor’s Office**

• **$8.5 Million Added** to provide for statewide public safety initiatives. [Governor’s Emergency Fund]

**Dept. of Human Services**

• **$2.7 Million Added** for the Integrated Eligibility System costs for the implementation of the Patients First Act (2019 Session) (Departmental Administration) (reduced from the Governor’s recommended $4 Million)
• **$283,200 Reduction** (restoring some of the $514,900 reduction that was recommended by the House) to reflect workforce efficiencies in Departmental Administration
• **$0 Reduced** (Eliminates the $2.6 Million reduction in Departmental Administration operating funds) in order to Redirect $4,100,000 in unutilized funds to address programmatic costs associated with high-need youth
• **$0 Subtracted** (Restored from the $2.36 Million the House sought to cut) to reflect delayed implementation of FY22 appropriation for the Afterschool Care Program
• **$80,000 Added** for contracts for Washington Street Community Center for after school programs
• **$27,000 Restored** for Georgia Radio Reading Service (Vocational Rehabilitation Program)
• **$100,000 Added** for contracts for vocational training services with Broken Shackle Ranch

**Office of the Child Advocate**

• **$75,900 Added** for technology upgrades.
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

- $49,400 Added to implement the state reinsurance program per the Patients First Act (2019 Session). (Reinsurance)
- $8 Million Added to create the state healthcare exchange per the Patients First Act (2019 Session). (Reinsurance)

Dept. of Juvenile Justice

- $562,000 Added for a $4,000 increase for sworn positions to reduce turnover and overtime exposure, effective April 1, 2022. (The Conference Committee reduced the Senate add by half.)
- $228,000 Transferred from Secure Detention to provide a 20% salary increase for Juvenile Program Managers to provide parity with previously provided salary adjustments.
- $2.06 Million Added for Room, Board, and Watchful Oversight to reflect the loss of Title IV-E federal funds.
- $526,000 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.
- $261,000 Transferred from Secure Detention to fill vacancies and increase salaries for positions involved in recruitment and retention initiatives, gang activity investigations, facility management, and public safety training. (Departmental Administration)
- $3.25 Million Added for capital repairs and maintenance in Secure Commitment (YDCs)
- $6.75 Million Added for capital repairs and maintenance in Secure Detention (RYDCs)

State Properties Commission

- $45 Million Added for the migration plan for Capitol Hill to maximize operational efficiencies by consolidating agencies from 2 Peachtree to Capitol Hill. (The Conference Committee restored the original House recommendation fully.)

Dept. of Public Health

- $9.9 Million Added to address the state funds shortfall for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) per the state match requirement in the Ryan White Care Act Title II Award. (Infectious Disease Control)
- $0 Reduced to reflect workforce efficiencies (Departmental Administration). (The Conference Committee restored the Senate subtraction of $204,635.)

Dept. of Public Safety

- $424,245 Reduced in accordance with Fiscal Year 2021 Joshua’s Law collections.

University System of GA

- $2 Million Added for technology grants for the Georgia Public Library System.
- $493,000 Added for enrollment growth at the Georgia Military Preparatory School.
• **$157,500 Added** to offset the austerity reduction for K-12 education at the Georgia Military Preparatory School.

• **$3 Million Added** for major repair and renovation for public libraries.

• **$309,570 Added** for one-time funding of the Learning Neighborhoods Community project (Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission)

### Dept. of Revenue

• Utilize $1,600,000,000 in prior year undesignated state funds surplus to provide a one-time additional refund for tax year 2021 of $250 for single filers, $375 for head of household filers, and $500 for married filing jointly. (G: YES) (H: YES; Administer prior year undesignated state fund surplus in accordance with the provisions prescribed and passed by the Georgia General Assembly for Tax Year 2021) (S: YES; Utilize $1,600,000,000 in prior year undesignated state funds surplus to provide a one-time additional refund for tax year 2021 of $250 for single filers, $375 for head of household filers, and $500 for married filing jointly in accordance with HB 1302 (2022 Session)) (CC: YES; Administer prior year undesignated state fund surplus in accordance with the provisions prescribed and passed by the General Assembly for Tax Year 2021 in HB 1302 (2022 Session))

### Student Finance System of GA

• **$2.23 Million Added** to meet the projected need for the HOPE Scholarships (Public Schools)

• **$6.5 Million Reduced** based on projections for Dual Enrollment. (A larger reduction than the recommended $3.44 Million reduction recommended by the House, but less than the $7.26 Million reduction recommended by the Senate.)

• **$111,300 Added** to meet projected need of the Engineer Scholarship. (The Conference Committee restored the original House add)

• **$294,400 Reduced** in the Georgia Military College Scholarship to meet the projected need

• **$0 Reduced** in the HERO Scholarship to meet the projected need. (The Conference Committee restored $398,042 the Senate cut.)

• **$0 Reduced** in the North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants to meet the projected need. (The Conference Committee restored $186,854 the Senate cut.)

• **$0 Reduced** in the North Georgia ROTC Grants to meet the projected need. (The Conference Committee restored $213,283 the Senate cut.)

• **$100,000 Added** for service cancelable loan payments to provide for recruitment and retention for full-time medical examiners employed by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. [Medical Examiner Loan Payment]

• **$923,000 Million Reduced** in Tuition Equalization Grants to meet the projected need (The Conference Committee restored $1 Million of the Senate cut.)

• **$10 Million Added** to provide service cancelable loans to Georgia residents enrolled in degree programs in qualified behavioral health professions.

### Technical College System of Georgia

• **$938,193 Added** (Less than the recommended $1.54 Million addition recommended by the Governor) to implement the Dual Achievement Program pilot (SB 204, 2021 Session).
• **$5.8 Million Added** for equipment for an aviation training academy at Chattahoochee Technical College.

**Dept. of Transportation**

• **$106.64 Million Added** for the required state match for the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) projects. (The Conference Committee reduced the Senate add by $83.23 Million.)