FY 2023 FINAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

As Approved by Governor
(strike-through entries represent line items that the Governor vetoed)

FY23 State Revenue Estimate: $30,203,913,322

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.

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 certified teachers and employees: Provide funds to increase salaries by $2,000 effective September 1, 2022, for a total adjustment to the state base salary schedule of $5,000 since FY 2020.

For eligible state employees: Increase funds to allow eligible state employees to withdraw up to 40 hours of earned annual leave annually from their accrued leave balance.

Judicial Council

- $1.32 Million Added for grants for civil legal services for victims of domestic violence.
- $275,000 Added for grants for civil legal services for Kinship Care Families.
- $21,600 Reduced for one-time matching funds for the Child Support Collaborative Grant.

Juvenile Courts

- $35,000 Added for the case management contract.
- $690,000 May be added pending passage of HB 274 for juvenile court judges’ salary supplement for accountability courts. Conference Committee Note: “Increase funds to provide prorated supplemental grants by county based on dependency case backlog less than 180 days in that county as certified by the executive director of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges and the commissioner of the Department of Human Services.
- $25,000 Added for grants to counties for the Cobb Judicial Circuit pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-52 effective January 1, 2022.

District Attorneys

- $582,500 Added for four additional assistant district attorneys to support Juvenile Courts in the Bell-Forsyth, Chattahoochee, Northern, and Pataula Judicial Circuit.

Dept. of Agriculture

- $800,000 Added and matching funds recognized for the Georgia Grown Farm to Food Bank Program to combat agricultural waste and address fresh produce shortages in regional food banks. (Total Funds: $1,000,000).
Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Across the Agency:
- **$15.17 Million Added** to increase salaries for state psychiatric hospital nurses and health aides to address agency recruitment and retention.

Adult Addictive Disease Services
- **$1.67 Million Added** for a 10% increase for core services for addictive diseases.
- Utilize $500,000 in Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust funds to equip law enforcement, emergency medical services personnel, and probation staff with naloxone opioid overdose reversal medication (The use of the GOCAT funds replaces the Senate ask of $250,000 state dollars)
- **$50,000 Added** for Hope House to support addiction recovery services.

Adult Developmental Disability Services
- **$1.96 Million Added** to annualize the cost of 100 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **$10.33 Million Added** for 513 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **$4.9 Million Added** for a 2% rate increase for intellectual and developmental disability providers with approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- **Budget Direction:** Utilize $500,000 in ‘American Rescue Plan Act of 2021’ (ARP) funds to provide for a developmental disabilities provider rate study.
- **$668,000 Added** to provide a 5% increase to non-waiver family support.
- **$500,000 Added** for a “Special Project” for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Adult Forensic Services
- **$2.5 Million Added** for an additional 20-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot.
- **$1.18 Million Added** for an additional 15 forensic peer mentors to provide transition and re-entry support services.

Adult Mental Health Services:
- **$3.38 Million Added** for the Georgia Housing Voucher Program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement. (Adult Mental Health Services)
- **$3.8 Million Added** to convert an existing 16-bed crisis stabilization unit in Augusta to a 24-bed and 16 temporary observation chair behavioral health crisis center.
- **$3.1 Million Added** for the operational costs of 17 additional crisis stabilization unit beds at The Bradley Center of St. Francis Hospital.
- **$6.14 Million Added** for a 10% increase for core services for mental health.
- **$1.15 Million Added** to allow for Medicaid reimbursement of psychiatric and behavioral health care management services.
- **$2.2 Million Added** for three additional Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) programs.
- **$144,200 Added** for a housing network manager to support the Georgia Housing Voucher program.
- AOT provisions previously in this section were moved by the Senate below to the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination under the Office of the Governor
- **$897,060 Added** for co-responder mobile crisis team expansion to ten new sites.
- Senate budget direction: “Utilize funds in Direct Care Support Services to bring 92 state hospital beds at Georgia Regional Hospital at Atlanta online by October 1, 2022 to reach full bed capacity.”
- **$282,000 Added** for five additional community service board caseworkers for five new mental health accountability courts.
- **$34,000 Added** for a 5% salary supplement for 12 employees who work directly with mental health accountability courts.
- **$220,050 Added** to establish a technical assistance coordination center for mental health accountability courts.
- **$1.45 Million Added** for additional Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL) support staff to manage the national '988' hotline expansion.
- **$6.3 Million Added** for reopening a 18-bed adult medical psychiatric unit at Grady Memorial Hospital.
• $932,000 Added for one-time funds for a behavioral health provider rate study.
• $4 Million Added to issue value-based payments to Community Service Boards based on specific quality metrics as determined by the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination.

Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities
• $600,000 Added to Extra Special People (ESP) to expand services.
• $200,000 Added for Matthew Reardon Center for Autism.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
• $5.66 Million Added to Annualize funds to maintain services for the Georgia Apex Program.
• $100,000 Added for children and teen social and emotional learning.

Direct Care Support Services
• $9.56 Million Added to bring 45 state hospital beds at Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta and 47 beds in other state facilities online by November 15, 2022 to increase bed capacity.

Dept. of Community Affairs
• $45,000 Added for homelessness assistance
• $30,000 Added for a safe drinking water program

Dept. of Community Health

For Medicaid (ABD, LIM and PCK totaled)
• $268,000 Added to increase reimbursement rates for medical nutrition therapy.
• $653,800 Added for a 10% increase in two dental extraction codes and a 7% increase for 17 select dental restorative codes.

Departmental Administration
• $6.5 Million Added to replace the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) with the Medicaid Enterprise System Transformation (MEST).
• $425,000 Added for the Enterprise Analytics Solution for Everyone (EASE) data warehouse.
• $1 Million Added for a study on reimbursement rates for mental health care providers.
• Budget Direction: The department shall begin preparation for a repository for tracking, analyzing, and reporting information resulting from complaints received by consumers and state health care entities regarding suspected mental health parity violations.
• $0 Eliminated from a pilot to reduce Medicaid fraud.
• Budget Direction: The department shall utilize up to $250,000 to conduct an examination or audit of practices by the state’s current Medicaid care management organizations and their contracted pharmacy benefits managers as it relates to prescription drug benefit administration and prepare a report of findings to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Appropriations Committees. Any contractor assisting the department shall have experience providing pharmacy claims analysis to a state Medicaid program as well as experience analyzing effective rate pharmacy claim reimbursement practices.

Healthcare Access and Improvement
• $500,000 Added for two federally qualified health center behavioral health expansion start-up grants at Coastal Community Health Services and South Central Primary Care.
• $74,000 Added to expand mental health first aid training to address the need for front-line workers to identify, de-escalate, and refer persons in crisis.
• $200,000 Added to expand the RN-Reentry Program.
• $100,000 Added to expand housing capacity across the state for primary care residents completing rotations in rural areas.
• $125,000 Eliminated for one-time funding for a charity clinic.
• $2 Million Reduced for Rural Hospital Stabilization Grants in anticipation of the new hospital directed payment program.
Aged Blind Disabled Medicaid
- $5.71 Million Added for growth in based on projected need.
- $1.9 Million Added to increase the reimbursement rate for home and community-based service providers to offset the cost of fingerprint requirements.
- Recognize appropriations for current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services application that provides a 10% rate increase for home and community-based service providers, including the Georgia Pediatric Program.

Low-Income Medicaid
- $0 Added for growth in based on projected need.
- $39.47 Million Added for the implementation of express lane enrollment pursuant to the passage of HB 163 (2021 Session).
- $85.4 Million Added to eliminate attestation and reimburse all providers at enhanced rates for all 108 procedure codes.
- $28.18 Million Added to provide one year of postpartum coverage effective upon Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services approval.
- $10.67 Million Added for the Medicaid reimbursement of therapeutic services.
- $1.6 Million Added for the Medicaid reimbursement of psychiatric and behavioral health care management services.
- $469,000 Added for the Medicaid reimbursement of donor milk.
- $4.3 Million Added to provide funds and direct the department to submit an 1115 waiver to provide Medicaid benefits to individuals with HIV. (The House originally asked for this, and the conference committee slightly reduced it)
- $259,000 Added to increase reimbursement rates for medical nutrition therapy.
- $787,300 Added to increase select OB/GYN codes to 2020 Medicare reimbursement levels.
- $44.16 Million Added for value-based purchasing. (The House originally sought $5.79 Million, the Senate increased it to $46.28 Million and the conference committee slightly reduced it)
- $238,500 Added for a pilot program to use assistive technology to support people with chronic diseases.
- $954,100 Added for a dispensing fee for medications dispensed at independent pharmacies for recipients enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan.

PeachCare for Kids
- $12.28 Million Added for growth based on projected need.
- $2.32 Million Added for Value based purchasing. (The House originally sought $311,000, the Senate asked for $2.49 Million, and the conference committee slightly reduced it)
- $233,600 Added for a dispensing fee for medications dispensed at independent pharmacies for recipients enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan.

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce
- $400,000 Added to implement a Behavioral Health Care Workforce Database.
- $4 Million Added for 199 new residency slots in primary care medicine.
- $680,000 moved from here to DPH for a pilot program to perform echocardiograms of pregnant and postpartum women to address maternal mortality.
- $350,000 Added to support a new residency program at Archbold Medical Center.
- $250,000 Added for fellowship positions at Augusta University for gynecologic oncology, public health-focused medicine, and rural primary care.
- $35,000 Added for one-time funds for a statewide dental workforce assessment to evaluate current and future needs.
- $0 added to existing funds ($150,000) for Southern Regional Medical Center for continued planning and start-up of a new residency program.
- $0 added to existing funds ($150,000) for Southeast Georgia Health Systems for continued planning and start-up of a new residency program.
- $150,000 Added for Memorial Health Meadows Hospital for planning and start-up of a new residency fellowship program.
• $150,000 Added for Coffee Regional Hospital for planning and start-up of a new residency program.
• $109,300 Added for seven residency slots at Emory University.
• $0 Added for the start-up and operating support for the new nursing program at Morehouse School of Medicine.
• $376,000 Added to support child and adolescent psychology and psychiatric residency programs at Morehouse School of Medicine.
• $3 Million Added for Morehouse School of Medicine Clinical Campus expansion
• $385,000 Added for additional loan repayment grants for physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses in rural areas.
• $375,000 Added for the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine South Georgia campus to support growth.
• $3 Million Added for one time funding for equipment and operating grants for nursing programs with wait lists and additional student capacity. (The Senate originally asked for $5 Million, and the conference committee reduced it)
• $1.07 Million Added for the third year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine’s medical school campus in Columbus.

Georgia Commission on Family Violence
• $64,000 Added for the state match to federal funds for domestic violence programs.
• $31,600 Added for the implementation of a murder-suicide support group.

Dept. of Corrections
Across the Agency:
• Increase funds for a $2,000 increase for filled correctional officer positions to reduce turnover and overtime exposure.

Private Prisons
• $4.3 Million Added to increase per diem rates to expressly provide for a salary adjustment for correctional officers only.

State Prisons
• $1.0 Million Added for technology projects for promoting offender health, safety, and security.
• $42.46 Million Added for capital maintenance and repairs. (State Prisons)
• $4.2 Million Added for personal services and operating costs to establish regional offender transportation hubs.

Dept. of Early Care and Learning
• $2.1 Million subtracted in formula funds for training and experience for Pre-K teachers. (Pre-Kindergarten Program – Lottery Funds)
• $500,000 Added for the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program.

Dept. of Education
Agricultural Education
• $253,600 Added to offset the austerity reduction for the Area Teacher Program, Extended Day/Year, Young Farmers, and Youth Camps.
• $178,500 Added for 21 new extended day/year programs.
• $144,000 Added for an urban/suburban agriculture specialist.
• $100,000 in existing funds to be used for a Young Farmer program in Floyd County, and additional funds to the Young Farmer programs in Banks County, Barrow County, and Pelham City.
• $140,000 Added for an additional Georgia FFA Association staff member and two agricultural education support staff.
• $90,000 Added for a greenhouse in Calhoun County

Central Office
• $150,000 Added for the American Association of Adapted Sports Program.
• $75,000 Added for outdoor learning grants for local school systems.
Communities In Schools

- **$57,100 Added** to offset the austerity reduction to local affiliates.

Curriculum Development

- **$240,000 Reduction** for rural coding grant pilot program to reflect programmatic changes and recognize a new partnership between the Georgia Tech Research Institute and Department of Education on rural coding.
- **Budget Note:** “Utilize existing funds to expand the reach of the Dyslexia Pilot Program ($1,500,000) and for a dyslexia specialist ($130,000).”

GNETS

- **$3.26 Million Subtracted** for enrollment and training and experience decline.
- **$2.45 Million Added** to offset the austerity reduction for GNETS grants.
- **$0 Transferred** from the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) program to the Quality Basic Education program, Quality Basic Education Equalization, Pupil Transportation program, Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) program, and School Nurse program to reflect dissolution of state level GNETS program.
  - Conference Committee Budget Direction: “The Department of Education is directed to evaluate, in consultation with stakeholders, the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) program to provide strategic statutory recommendations and funding formula updates to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by November 1, 2022”

Non-Quality Basic Education Formula Grants

- **$480,000 Added** for Sparsity Grants based on enrollment decline.
- **$931,200 Added** for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance.
- **$200,000 Added** for feminine hygiene grants to include the fifth grade.
- **$460,800 Subtracted** to reflect the closure of a residential treatment facility.
- **$89,600 Reduced** to reflect an update to licensed capacity at a residential treatment facility.

Nutrition

- **$1.1 Million Added** for a 5.4% salary increase for school nutrition workers.
- **$712,000 Added** for school nutrition.

Preschool Disabilities Services

- **$717,700 Subtracted** to reflect a decline in students and teachers.
- **$1.68 Million Added** to offset the austerity reduction for grants.

Pupil Transportation

- **$1.46 Million Added** for transportation grants based on formula growth.
- **$4.75 Million Added** for a 5.4% salary increase for school transportation personnel.

QBE Equalization

- **$164.19 Million Decreased** for Equalization grants.

QBE Local Five Mill Share

- **$5.69 Million Subtracted** in the Adjusted formula funds for Local Five Mill Share to reflect inclusion of Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) FTEs in Quality Basic Education funding formula.

QBE Program

- **$35.34 Million Added** for the State Commission Charter School supplement.
- **$1.32 Million Added** for the charter system grant.
- **$382.7 Million Added** to offset the austerity reduction for K-12 education.
- **$43.53 Million Added** for enrollment growth and training and experience.
- **$3.04 Million Added** for grants for state special charter schools per SB 153 (2021 Session).
- **$2.9 Million Added** for the local charter school grant per SB 59 (2021 Session).
• **$4,800 Reduction** for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers.
• **$0 Added** for school nurses.
• **$0 Added** for the Special Needs Scholarship.
• **$0 Added** for special education in state institutions.
• **$37.93 Million Transferred** for school nurses from the Quality Basic Education program to create the School Nurse program.

**RESAs**
• **$222,300 Added** for RESAs (Regional Education Service Agencies) based on enrollment growth.
• **$433,000 Added** to offset the austerity reduction for grants to RESAs.
• **$160,000 Restored** for mental health contractual services.
• **$310,100 Added** for a 5.4% salary increase for certified staff.

**School Nurse**
• Reflect a new program and purpose statement. YES
• **$37.93 Million Transferred** for school nurses from the Quality Basic Education program to create the School Nurse program.
• **$1.8 Million Added** for a 5.4% salary increase for school nurses.

**State Schools**
• **$138,000 Added** for training and experience for teachers.
• **$200,000 Added** to offset the austerity reduction.
• **$2 Million Added** for major repairs and renovations.

**Technology/Career Education**
• **$282,460 Added** to offset the austerity reduction for Extended Day/Year, Vocational Supervisors, Industry Certification, and Youth Apprenticeship programs.
• **$288.7 Million in BONDS** for local school construction.

**Governor’s Office**

**Office of Health Strategy and Coordination**
• **$1.04 Million Transferred** from the Office of Planning and Budget to create a new program for greater transparency.
• Budget Note: Recognize funds to continue the implementation of the All-Payer Claims Database.
• **$126,100 Added** for one analyst to coordinate the collection and reporting of nursing and hospital data.
• **$0 Added** to establish a statewide Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) database.
• **$0 Added** to establish an Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Oversight Unit within the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination.

**Governor’s Office of Student Achievement**
• Provide funds for Growing Readers ($1,600,000); GA Awards ($1,803,000); research and academic audits ($900,175); and personal services and operating expenses ($1,485,289).
• **$1.63 Million Transferred** from the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement to the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement: Governor’s Honors Program to provide for greater transparency.
• **$1.94 Million Transferred** from the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement to the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement: Governor’s School Leadership Academy to provide for greater transparency.
• **$0 Million Added** to establish quality incentive payments for schools that demonstrate "Beat the Odds" and/or Content Mastery of Third Grade reading targets.
• **$589,000 Added** to maintain current participation levels of the Governor’s School Leadership Academy

**Office of the Child Advocate**
• **$380,800 Added** for two investigators and operating expenses to expand capacity.
Dept. of Human Services
In Child Support Services, Child Welfare Services, & Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention
• Adjust special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) hourly rate from $57.50 to $77.50 per hour.
• Adjust special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) paralegal hourly rate from $25 to $40.
• Budget Direction: Increase funds to adjust special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) hourly rate from $57.50 to $77.50 per hour by case based on dependency case backlog less than 180 days as certified by the executive director of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges and the commissioner of the Department of Human Services.

Out-of-School Services
• $4.73 Million replaced with State Education Agency ($212,469,000) and Local Educational Agency ($764,887,000) funds provided in the ‘American Rescue Plan Act of 2021’ (ARP) for programming associated with COVID-19 learning loss.
• $4 Million Added for out of school programs with locations in communities serving at-risk youth.
• Change the name of the After School Care program to the Out of School Services program.
• Budget note: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out of school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
• Budget Direction: Recognize $1,100,533 in marriage and divorce fee collections for the Children’s Trust Fund for child abuse and neglect prevention.
• $250,000 Added for services for at-risk girls.

Child Welfare Services
• $1.5 Million Added for a community action team pilot program to address children who are in, or are at risk of entering, foster care.
• $452,000 Added for an autism recognition pilot program in Region 12.
• $1 Million Added for autism respite care.
• $200,000 Added to the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to enhance statewide capacity.
• $100,000 Added for contracts for vocational training services.

Out-of-Home Care
• $27.81 Million Added for a 10% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers.
• Budget Direction: Utilize $6,700,000 in existing funds to improve the continuum of care including preventative and therapeutic services, in addition to addressing youth with complex needs.
• $240,400 Decrease to reflect collections by the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission.
• $3.03 Million Added to increase the annual foster care clothing allowance by $275 per child.

Family Connection
• $815,500 Added to increase operational support and each county’s allocation to $52,500.

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
• $160,000 Added for independent living services.
• $20,000 Added to operate the Georgia Commission for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
• $2 Million Added to support the opening of priority service categories.
• $54,000 Restored for Georgia Radio Reading Service.
• $0 State Dollars Added for Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) to expand support services.

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
Insurance Regulation
• $127,200 Added for one position to oversee the implementation of mental health parity initiatives and a mental health parity violation repository.

Reinsurance
FY2023 State Budget www.georgiavoices.org
• $124.34 Million Added to implement the state reinsurance program per the Patients First Act (2019 Session).
• $15.52 Million Added to create the state healthcare exchange per the Patients First Act (2019 Session).

**GA Bureau of Investigation**

**Regional Investigative Services**

$4.58 Million Added for 15 special agents, six criminal intelligence analysts, one help desk analyst, and associated operating expenses for the Gang Task Force to combat crime.

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

• $383,100 Added for five victims’ assistance positions due to declining federal funds.
• $98,300 Transferred from the Department of Juvenile Justice for one juvenile detention alternatives coordinator position.
• $1.08 Million Added for five new mental health accountability courts and court managers.
• $222,700 Added for a 5% salary increase for accountability court case managers.
• $1.27 Million Added for 20 unfilled accountability court case manager positions.
• $680,050 Restored for operating ($377,000) and provide funds for one treatment monitor, one technical assistance specialist, and one data analyst to ensure fidelity across behavioral health programs. (Accountability Courts)
• $896,000 Added for an additional felony drug court, veterans’ treatment court, and family treatment court.
• $772,300 Added for accountability court participant census.

**Dept. of Juvenile Justice**

**Across the Agency**

• Increase funds for a $2,000 increase for filled juvenile correctional officer positions to reduce turnover and overtime exposure.
• $911,500 Transferred from Secure Detention to DJJ Community Service Division to provide a 20% salary increase for Juvenile Program Managers to provide parity with previously provided salary adjustments.

**Community Service**

• $3.38 Million Added for Room, Board, and Watchful Oversight to reflect the loss of Title IV-E surplus revenue.
• $701,300 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.
• $2.31 Million Added for a 10% provider rate increase to Child Caring Institutions.

**Departmental Administration**

• $1.04 Million 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.

**Secure Commitment**

• $43,400 Added for teacher training and experience in Youth Detention Centers (YDCs).
• $0 Added for capital maintenance and repairs. House said “Yes; Reflect funding in the Amended FY 2022 budget (HB 910, 2022 Session).”

**Secure Detention**

• $0 Added for capital maintenance and repairs of RYDCs.

**Bonds**

• $16.4 Million in BONDS for DJJ facilities design, maintenance, and repair.

**Dept. of Labor**

**Budget Direction:** Transfer funds and all associated positions, equipment, and property to the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) to establish Employment Services at TCSG and streamline WIOA Title I and Title III programs under TCSG in order to reduce duplicity and better serve employers and job seekers across the state. (Total Funds: $63.22 Million)
Department of Law
• $1.32 Million Added for twelve positions to establish a gang prosecution unit.
• $317,500 Added for 3 positions to expand the human trafficking unit to address anticipated workload.
• $234,400 Added for two cybersecurity positions.

Payments to Georgia Building Authority
• $0 Added for the Migration Plan for Capitol Hill to maximize operational efficiencies by consolidating agencies from 2 Peachtree to Capitol Hill.

GA Public Defender Council
• $582,500 Added for 4 juvenile assistant public defenders.

Dept. of Public Health
Across the Agency
• $16.27 Million Added to increase salaries for public health workers to address agency recruitment and retention.

Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion
• $500,000 Added for a comprehensive care management pilot for high-risk pregnancy populations.
• $680,000 Added for a pilot program to perform echocardiograms of pregnant and postpartum women to address maternal mortality.
• $538,700 Added for the Sickle Cell Foundation to support care coordination and expanded access to testing in rural areas.
• $146,000 Added for two pilot projects for rural maternal health.

Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services
• $150,000 Added for grants to perinatal centers to fund autopsies in compliance with requirements in SB496 (2022 Session).

Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement
• $4.36 Million Added to expand the Georgia Regional Coordinating Center’s efforts to coordinate emergency room capacity statewide.

Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control
• $1.85 Million Added for additional lead inspectors and testing machines to support the recommendations of the House Study Committee on Childhood Lead Exposure and pursuant to HB 1355 (2022 Session).

Public Health Formula Grants to Counties
• $1.7 Million Added for grants to counties for improved infrastructure and support. (The House originally sought $1.7 Million; the Senate eliminated that add, then the CC restored the House recommendation)

Dept. of Public Safety
• $1.09 Million Added for 16 proper use of force and de-escalation positions and operational needs. (Georgia Public Safety Training Center)

University System of GA
Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics
• $3.5 Million in state match Added for the Medical College of Georgia 3+ program by utilizing $5,200,000 in existing funds and increasing the state match.

Public Libraries
• $181,600 Added for the Public Libraries formula based on an increase in the state population.
• $725,600 Added to offset the austerity reduction for Public Libraries.
• $2.21 Million Added for materials grants by 20 cents from $0.40 to $0.60 per capita.
Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives

- $1.2 Million Transferred from the Teaching program to fund the first year of a five-year plan to expand capacity for nursing students across the university system.
- $2.5 Million Added for a pilot program in University summer programs to enhance exposure for high school foster youth to postsecondary options. State General Funds

Teaching

- $0 Added to launch an online elementary education degree program at Valdosta State University.
- $229.63 Million Added to offset the austerity reduction in the Teaching formula and eliminate the Special Institutional Fee at USG’s 26 institutions.
- $0 Added for merit-based scholarships to promote recruitment of rural paraprofessionals at Valdosta State University.
- $8.33 Million Added for year three of a three-year phase-in for increased medical education funding.
- $0 Added to begin an elementary education degree program at Savannah State University.
- $0 Added for a virtual classroom environment to train teacher candidates at Albany State University and Fort Valley State University.
- $0 Added for the first year of a five-year plan to expand capacity for nursing students across the university system.
- $49,500 Added for the UGA Small Business Development Center for multilingual support.

Georgia Military College Preparatory School

- $776,800 Added for enrollment growth and training and experience.
- $135,500 Added to offset the austerity reduction for K-12 education.

Secretary of State

Professional Licensing Boards

- Utilize existing funds for the Board of Nursing to collect and publish data in coordination with the Governor’s Office of Health Strategy and Coordination.
- Redirect $4,064,073 in 20-year unutilized issued bonds from FY 2020 (HB 31, Bond #355.531) to be used for the professional licensing board modernization initiative.

Student Finance System of GA

- $10 Million Transferred funds to postsecondary gap funding grants from the Low Interest Loans program to create the College Completion Grants program.
- $0 Added for updated Dual Enrollment projections.
- $113,050 Added to provide a total of 720 Engineer Scholarships annually.
- $924,000 Added to restructure the HOPE GED program to support equivalency exam costs for eligible test takers across the state.
- Budget Note: “Change the name of the HOPE GED program to the HOPE High School Equivalency Exam program.”
- Budget Note: “The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia’s High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.”
- $855,400 Added to expand the HOPE Career Grant to include Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement programs.
- $4.62 Million Added to ensure coverage of 90% of tuition for the HOPE Grant.
- $0 Million Added for HOPE Grant scholarships for students enrolled in strategic high-demand career programs.
- $4.13 Million Added to increase the award amount or HOPE scholarships in Private Schools by 6 percent.
- $47.2 Million Added to meet the projected need for HOPE Scholarships in Public Schools.
- Budget Note: Utilize $10,000,000 in other funds to provide service cancelable loans to Georgia residents enrolled in degree programs in qualified behavioral health professions.
- $2.6 Million Added to increase the Tuition Equalization Grants award amount from $850 to $900 per year.
- Budget Note: “Utilize one quarter of existing funds ($5,139,266) for refocusing the Tuition Equalization Grants on high demand fields including engineering, nursing, computer science and teaching in STEM fields to fulfill workforce needs.”
Technical College System of Georgia

**Workforce Development**
- $1.28 Million Added to establish the High-Demand Career Initiatives Program and expand apprenticeship programs across the state.

**Technical Education**
- $4.8 Million Added to implement the Dual Achievement Program pilot (SB 204, 2021 Session).
- $2.7 Million Added to recognize high-cost instructional programs.