“Recognize existing funds for the Scholarship for Engineering Education at Mercer University, which is designed to incentivize students to pursue a career in engineering and remain in Georgia upon graduation.”

$3.23 Million Added to meet the projected need for the HOPE Grant program at a factor rate of 100% and reduce out of pocket needs for students in Commercial Drivers’ License and Law Enforcement programs at TCSG.

$16.77 Million Added to increase the HOPE Private Zell award from $2,977 to $3,100 and adjust the HOPE Private award amount to 100% of the Zell award. The House had added $15.37 Million and the Senate reduced it, and the Conference Committee agreed to this amount above.

$1.45 Million Added to meet the projected need for the HOPE Scholarship at private institutions.

$46.98 Million Added to meet the projected need for the HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools program at a factor rate of 100%. The governor had recommended adding $57.9 Million or a factor rate of 100%; the House reduced that factor rate to 95% ($31.93 Million) and the Senate put it back to 100% at $57.9 Million, and the Conference Committee decreased the total.

$955,830 Added for IPSE grants to be awarded to eligible students enrolled in IPSE programs at postsecondary institutions across the state.

**Budget Note:** “Utilize state and other funds to fully fund REACH program needs.”

$1.7 Million Reduced funds associated with the Leo Scholarship Grant Service Cancelable Loans (HB 1319 of the 2022 Session, which was not enacted into law)

**Budget Note:** “Utilize existing other funds to support the Georgia Military College Transfer Service Cancelable Loan.”

$3.2 Million Added to provide up to $20,000 maximum loan repayments across five years of service to support recruitment and retention of public law enforcement officers across the state.

$140,000 Added and recognize in existing funds to establish the medical examiner loan repayment program.

**Budget Note:** “Utilize existing funds ($10,000,000) to provide service cancelable loans to Georgia residents enrolled in degree programs in qualified behavioral health professions pursuant to HB 1013 (2022 Session).“

**Technical College System of Georgia**

$8.98 Million Reduced to reflect a 3.5% decrease in credit hours (-$9,292,213) with an increase in funds to reflect a 2.1% increase in square footage ($315.390) (Technical Division)