

## **Amended Fiscal Year 2026 – Governor’s Recommendations**

*(The below are changes to the FY26 Budget as passed)*

***(Balanced to \$42.268 Billion State Dollars)***

### **Statewide**

- **\$611,76 Million Added** to provide a \$2,000 one-time supplement to full-time, benefit-eligible state and Regents employees, formula earned K12 teachers, school administrators, custodians, nutrition workers, school nurses, and bus drivers.

### **Dept. of Administrative Services**

#### ***Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund***

- **\$4.8 Million Added** to establish the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund under the State Treasury pursuant to SB 244 (2025 Session).
- **\$200,000 Added** for the Office of State Administrative Hearings for hearings and adjudication of claims pursuant to SB 244 (2025 Session).
- *Budget Direction:* Change the name of the Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions program to the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund program to reflect the passage of SB 244 (2025 Session)

#### ***Payments to Georgia Technology Authority***

- **\$35 Million Added** for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) modernization.
- *Budget Direction:* Utilize existing funds (\$7,930,340) relating to interest revenue accrued in the Technology Empowerment Fund for the ERP modernization timeline extension and additional components of the State Ethics Commission e-filing software project due to the passage of HB 199 (2025 Session).

### **Dept. of Agriculture**

#### ***Consumer Protection***

- **\$1.05 Million Added** for personnel to reflect increased retention of Consumer Protection positions
- **\$234,000 Added** for new licensing and inspection software for the Food Safety division.

### **Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**

#### ***Adult Forensic Services***

- **\$243,750 Restored** for jail-based competency restoration in Cobb County Jail. \$243,750

### **Dept. of Community Affairs**

#### ***Housing Initiatives***

- **\$50 Million Added** for one-time funds for the State Housing Trust Fund to address homelessness through matching funds to local governments and nonprofit organizations.

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## **Dept. of Community Health**

### ***Departmental Administration***

- **\$5,349 Added** for a \$3,000 salary enhancement for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for parity with Department of Human Services Medicaid caseworkers.
- Budget Direction: The Department shall submit a 1915(i) waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide a comprehensive suite of services as benefits to members enrolled in the Therapeutic Care Model program.

### ***GA Board of Dentistry***

- **\$30,389 Added** for one vehicle and protective equipment for an additional criminal investigator for which funding is appropriated in FY 2027.

### ***Medicaid - Aged Blind and Disabled***

- **\$223.98 Million Added** for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.
- **\$25.82 Million Added** for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.
- **\$3.2 Million Added** for Medicare Part D Clawback payment.
- **\$11.62 Million Removed** high-cost drugs based on projected utilization
- Budget Direction: Replace \$4,783,831 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.
- Budget Direction: Replace \$27,902,969 in state general funds with nursing home provider fees.
- **\$2.65 Million Added** for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.

### ***Medicaid - Low Income***

- **\$141.29 Million Reduced** for Medicaid based on projected utilization.
- Budget Direction: Replace \$42,206,820 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.

### ***GA Board of Healthcare Workforce***

- Redirect existing funds (\$734,438) for grants for graduate medical education programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment to fund the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University.
- *Budget Direction:* Change program name from Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education to Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs to include nursing education.

## **Dept. of Corrections**

### ***Health***

- **\$38.9 Million Added** for the physical health contract for a per diem increase (\$10,946,108), outside-the-wire care (\$15,000,000), and to reflect the opening of additional beds (\$12,923,790).
- **\$374,587 Added** for the dental health contract to increase staffing ratios.
- **\$479,411 Added** for the mental health contract to increase staffing ratios.
- *Budget Direction:* Utilize prior year funds (\$20,402,982) for physical health risk share obligations.

### ***Offender Management***

- **\$6.24 Million Added** for jail subsidy payments to local jails for housing Department of Corrections inmates.

### ***Private Prisons***

- **\$1.05 Million Added** for Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution to fully utilize available beds at correct tier rate added in HB 68 (2025 Session).

### ***State Prisons***

- **\$4.98 Million Added** for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios based on improved retention.
- **\$964,650 Added** for start-up costs for six canine handlers.
- **\$150,000 Added** for a pilot program at Autry State Prison to provide for peer led programming.

- **\$93,672 Added** for required staff needed to meet accreditation requirements to operate a high school diploma program.
- **\$137,802 Added** for start-up costs for three security threat group regional coordinators.
- **\$13.39 Million Added** for managed access and drone detection systems to prevent contraband in facilities.
- **\$2.45 Million Added** for the purchase of public safety supplies and equipment.
- **\$93,179 Added** for additional programming at Metro Reentry Facility. \$
- **\$880,104 Added** for operations at five modular correctional units
- **\$1.54 Million Added** for operations at Lee Arrendale State Prison.

## **Dept. of Defense**

### ***Youth Educational Services***

- **\$1.04 Million Reduced** in state funds match to reflect a loss of federal funding from lower graduation targets.

## **Dept. of Early Care and Learning**

### ***Pre-K Program***

- **\$17.22 Million Added** to provide a one-time salary supplement of \$2,000 for formula earned teachers and assistant teachers

## **Departmental Administration**

- **\$10 Million Added** for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority for infrastructure and security costs related to the 2028 Super Bowl.

## **Dept. of Education**

### ***Agricultural Education***

- **\$172,465 Added** for a one-time salary supplement of \$2,000 for area teachers and young farmers.
- **\$268,157 Eliminated** for camp-affiliated staff. (See HB 68 intent language considered nonbinding by the Governor.)

### ***Charter Schools***

- **\$1 Million Added** for one-time funds for a completion schools planning grant for Southern Rivers Completion High School to support the opening of up to six locations.

### ***Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)***

- **\$2.07 Million Added** for a one-time salary supplement of \$2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff.

### ***Non-Quality Basic Education Formula Grants***

- **\$35,200 Reduced** in formula funds to reflect a data correction for Residential Treatment Facilities.
- **\$557,245 Added** for sparsity to reflect accurate count of eligible schools.
- **\$19.58 Million Added** to provide a one-time salary supplement of \$2,000 for custodians.

### ***Nutrition***

- **\$28.61 Million Added** to provide a one-time salary supplement of \$2,000 for nutrition workers.

### ***QBE Local Five Mill Share***

- **\$2.37 Million Adjusted Downward** for the Local Five Mill Share for four new State Commission Charter Schools.

### ***Quality Basic Education Program***

- **\$43.47 Million Added** for a midterm adjustment based on enrollment growth.

- **\$26.86 Million Added** for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of \$292,144,723.
- **\$14.48 Million Added** to reflect growth in the Special Needs Scholarship.
- **\$44,952 Added** for a midterm adjustment to the charter system grant.
- **\$58,834 Added** for a midterm adjustment to the local charter school grant.
- **\$3.86 Million Added** for a midterm adjustment to the State Commission Charter School supplement for training and experience.
- **\$1.63 Million in formula funds Added** for the Completion Special Schools Supplement.
- **\$1.4 Million Added** for the employer share of TRS (Teacher Retirement Systems) for non-certified school management positions pursuant to O.C.G.A 47-3-63.
- **\$248,820 Added** to reflect corrected data for certified SHBP (State House Benefits Plan) enrollee count.

#### ***Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)***

- **\$389,568 Added** to provide a one-time salary supplement of \$2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff.

#### ***Student Support Services***

- **\$1.3 Million Added** for mental health support grants to reflect accurate count of middle and high schools.
- **\$1.38 Million Added** to fully fund grants for social work services.
- **\$750,000 Added** in one-time funds for grants to districts to pilot programs that assist in maximizing reimbursement for mental health services.

#### **Office of the Governor**

##### ***Governor's Emergency Fund***

- **\$3.5 Million Added** to meet projected need.

##### ***Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency***

- **\$5.7 Million Added** to meet federal matching requirements for emergency preparedness.
- **\$1 Million Transferred** from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.
- **\$9.97 Million Added** and \$5 Million of existing funds used to facilitate the transition to Next Generation 911 emergency services.

##### ***Governor's Office of Student Achievement***

- **\$9 Million Added** for start-up costs and implementation of new responsibilities to support Top State for Talent initiatives including a Career Navigator system.

##### ***Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination***

- **\$282,688 Reduced** to reflect dyslexia screener savings.
- **\$300,000 Added** for one-time funds for America250 literacy initiatives.

#### **Dept. of Human Services**

##### ***Child Support Services***

- **\$2.63 Million in one-time funds Added** to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.

##### ***Child Welfare Services***

- **\$371,500 Transferred** for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from Out-of-Home Care to Child Welfare Services to align budgets with expenditures.

### ***Federal Eligibility Benefit Services***

- **\$6.21 Million Added** for Gateway system modifications to reduce the SNAP payment error rate and ensure federal compliance.

### ***Out-of-Home Care***

- **\$41.53 Million Added** for utilization growth and increased costs of care.

### ***Office of the Commissioner of Insurance***

#### ***Reinsurance***

- **\$25 Million Reduced** based on projected expenditures.

### ***Georgia Bureau of Investigation***

#### ***Regional Investigative Services***

- **\$294,420 Added** to annualize three human trafficking positions.
- **\$800,000 Eliminated** for one-time connectivity to the statewide gang case management system.

### ***Dept. of Juvenile Justice***

#### ***Secure Confinement (Residential Youth Detention Centers – RYDCs)***

- **\$2.54 Million Added** for personal services due to decreased turnover

### ***Dept. of Public Safety***

#### ***Georgia Public Safety Training Center***

- **\$582,527 Added** for the new Metro Academy in Austell effective November 3, 2025.

### ***University System of Georgia Board of Regents***

#### ***Regents Central Office***

- **\$325 Million total Added** for a state match for endowment (\$300,000,000) and scholarship funds (\$25,000,000) for the needs-based DREAMS Scholarship program.

### ***Dept. of Revenue***

#### ***Taxpayer Services***

- Utilize \$1.17 **Billion** in prior year undesignated state surplus to provide a one-time additional refund for tax year 2025 of \$250 for single filers, \$375 for head of household filers, and \$500 for married filing jointly.

### ***Georgia Student Finance Commission***

#### ***Dual Enrollment***

- **\$18.45 Million Added** to meet projected enrollment.

#### ***Engineer Scholarship***

- **\$160,000 Reduced** to meet projected need.

#### ***Georgia Military College Scholarship***

- **\$439,652 Added** to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.

#### ***HOPE Scholarship – Private Schools***

- **\$927,063 Added** to meet projected need.

#### ***HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools***

- **\$11.27 Million Added** to meet projected need.

#### ***North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants***

- **\$554,815 Added** to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.

***Promise Scholarship***

- **\$85.96 Million Decreased** to meet projected need based on eligible applications for the 2025-2026 academic year.

***Tuition Equalization Grants***

- Utilize existing funds (\$1,885,174) to meet projected need.

**Dept. of Transportation*****Capital Construction Projects***

- **\$36.98 Million Added** based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.
- **\$200 Million Added** in state general funds for SR 316 interchange conversions.

***Capital Maintenance Projects***

- **\$100 Million Added** in state general funds for the rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges.

***Local Road Assistance Administration***

- **\$250 Million Added** for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects

***Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority***

- **\$1.8 Billion Added** in state general funds for the extension and bi-directional expansion of I-75 express lanes in Clayton and Henry counties.

**Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission – Capital Projects Fund**

- **Board of Regents, University System of Georgia**
  - **\$40 Million Added** for additional major rehabilitation and renovation projects, statewide.
  - **\$88.2 Million Added** to design and construct the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering building, Georgia Institute of Technology,
  - **\$5.6 Million Added** to design the School of Nursing at the University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.
  - **\$11.43 Million Added** to equip the School of Medicine, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.
- **Technical College System of Georgia**
  - **\$48 Million Added** to provide for additional major rehabilitation and renovation projects, statewide.
- **Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**
  - **\$20.74 Million Added** for a 40-bed forensic restoration facility at East Central Regional Hospital, Augusta, Richmond County.
- **Dept. of Corrections**
  - **\$89.6 Million Added** to design and construction to replace locking controls, statewide.
  - **\$84.66 Million Added** to design and construct fire alarm replacement, perimeter security and lighting, thermal cameras, and CCTV, statewide.
- **Dept. of Juvenile Justice**
  - **\$600,000 Added** to replace Muscogee YDC CCTV system, Columbus, Muscogee County.
  - **\$2.83 Million Added** for facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.