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Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 26, line 789.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities $11,592,520 in state general funds in the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program for the purpose of providing 900 additional New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Department is instructed to utilize $2,318,504 of the state general funds appropriated in line 789 to provide for 100 additional slots and withhold the remaining $9,274,016.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 28, line 873.

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to utilize $1,181,216 in existing funds and to appropriate an additional $500,000 in state general funds in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services program for positions and development of resources to include behavioral health training to 300 high-needs elementary and middle schools pursuant to HB 268 (2025 Session). As HB 268 does not require the state to cover the full cost of training for school systems, the Department is instructed to utilize the $1,181,216 in existing funds to implement the provisions of line 873 but shall withhold the additional appropriation of $500,000.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 34, line 1070.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Community Health $20,222 in state general funds in the Departmental Administration (DCH) program to provide for a $3,000 salary enhancement for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for parity with Department of Human Services Medicaid caseworkers. The Department has already implemented the associated salary increase for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers utilizing existing funds. Therefore, the Department is instructed to maintain the salary enhancement but withhold spending the increased appropriation included in line 1070.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 39, line 1261.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Community Health $2,843,558 in state general funds in the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education program to provide for 124 new residency slots. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Department is instructed to utilize $2,096,412 of the state general funds appropriated in line 1261 to provide for 105 additional residency slots and withhold the remaining $747,146.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 41, line 1308.

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department of Community Health to maintain $500,000 in state general fund spending in the Georgia Composite Medical Board program to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB 455 (2024 Session). These funds were originally appropriated as one-time funding in the FY 2026 appropriations act. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Department is instructed to disregard the language included in line 1308 and withhold $500,000 in existing funds.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 41, line 1311.

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department of Community Health to utilize $200,000 in retained revenue in the Georgia Composite Medical Board program for ThoughtSpan implementation. The appropriations act should not designate state vendors outside of the regular procurement process as required by the Department of Administrative Services. Therefore, the Department is instructed to disregard the language included in line 1311 and implement licensing and regulatory software in accordance with all applicable state laws and rules.

Section 19, pertaining to the Department of Corrections, page 46, line 1464 through 1467.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Corrections $55,793,188 in state general funds in the Health program for contract increases for the physical, dental, mental, and pharmacy contracts. The Department should ensure that appropriated funds are prioritized to first fully fund existing contractual obligations for anticipated population growth. Any expansion of services or rate adjustments and should be contemplated only within remaining available funds after existing obligations are fully met. Therefore, the Department is instructed to disregard the language included in lines 1464 through 1467 and prioritize funds to meet any obligations as required under existing contractual agreements.

Section 19, pertaining to the Department of Corrections, page 47, line 1488.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Corrections $3,214,920 in state general funds in the Private Prisons program to be used for 200 additional non-dormitory beds. As the Department projects continued growth in its offender population, it should continue to prioritize bed space flexibility and maximization to meet population needs. Therefore, the Department is instructed to disregard the language included in line 1488 and utilize the appropriated funds to maximize bed utilization that aligns with the security needs of offenders.

Section 19, pertaining to the Department of Corrections, page 47, line 1513.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Corrections $3,879,259 in state general funds in the State Prisons program to provide for additional operations at Lee Arrendale State Prison. The additional scope of operations would include housing an additional 200 offenders at the prison for the purpose of operating Georgia Correctional Industries activities at the state prison. The additional population is outside the scope of intended use of the facility following the transfer of offenders to McRae State Prison. This expansion of operations and offenders would impact the costs of providing other services at the facility beyond those contemplated in the current appropriations act. Therefore, the Department is instructed to disregard the language included in line 1513 and withhold $2,337,080 of the associated appropriation.

Section 19, pertaining to the Department of Corrections, page 47, line 1520.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Corrections $1,118,244 in state general funds in the State Prisons program to provide for an increase in the offender call monitoring contract due to an increase in usage. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Department is instructed to maintain the call monitoring contract at the Amended FY 2026 amount and withhold $354,024 in additional funds provided in line 1520.

Section 22, pertaining to Bright from the Start: Department of Early Care and Learning, page 52, line 1682.

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department of Early Care and Learning to utilize existing lottery for education funds of $881,000 and appropriate an additional $708,500 in lottery for education funds to expand the Rising Pre-K program and add 50 new classes. The existing funds identified by the General Assembly are already obligated to funding the underlying Pre-K funding formula for the Department and redirecting such funds to other initiatives could result in a funding shortfall in the program. Therefore, the Department is instructed to disregard the language included in line 1682 and utilize only the additionally appropriated lottery for education funds to fund up to 25 new classes.

Section 22, pertaining to Bright from the Start: Department of Early Care and Learning, page 52, line 1683.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Early Care and Learning $3,975,060 in lottery for education funds to provide five days of leave for Pre-K lead and assistant teachers. These funds would provide providers with additional operational funding to cover the cost of substitute teachers during teacher leave. In order to ensure parity with K-12 systems, the Department is instructed to utilize up to $1,229,400 in lottery for education funds to provide formula rates for leave commensurate with those provided through the Quality Basic Education funding formula for local education agencies. The Department is further instructed to withhold the remaining $2,745,660 included in line 1683.

Section 22, pertaining to Bright from the Start: Department of Early Care and Learning, page 52, line 1684.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Early Care and Learning $350,000 in lottery for education funds to expand an existing partnership for the Summer Transition Program. These funds would be used to expand an arts education partnership with the Alliance Theater. As this would not fund core pre-kindergarten curriculum, the Department is instructed to disregard the language included in line 1684 and withhold the associated appropriation.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 57, line 1866.

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department of Education in the Charter Schools program to maintain funds for planning grants for State Completion Special Schools. There are currently no schools confirmed to open during FY 2027, and as such, the Department does not have any identified need for the underlying $500,000 for planning grants included in the base appropriation. Therefore, the

Department is instructed to disregard the language included in line 1866 and withhold $500,000 in existing funds.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 58, line 1886.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Education $500,000 in additional state general funds in the Curriculum Development program for college preparatory exams. The Department is instructed to utilize funds to fully meet demand for currently covered college preparatory exams and should not expand coverage for any additional exams that could create additional appropriation needs in subsequent budgets to fully fund.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 60, line 1947.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Education $1,000,000 in additional state general funds in the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program to expand character education programming. The FY 2026 appropriations act included $2,000,000 that was intended as one-time funding for this purpose. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Department is instructed to disregard the language included in line 1947 and withhold $3,000,000 in associated appropriations for that purpose.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 61, line 1978.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Education $38,169,401 in additional state general funds in the Pupil Transportation program for pupil transportation formula grants to reflect updated bus counts and operations. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Department is instructed to update only the bus count portion of formula grants and disregard the language in line 1978 regarding increased funding for operations and withhold the associated appropriation of $30,656,866.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 63, line 2043.

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department of Education in the School Nurse program to hold harmless $867,401 in calculated formula adjustments for school nurses. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Department is instructed to adhere to the formula earnings for school nurses for local education agencies and withhold $867,401 in associated appropriations.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 64, line 2078.

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department of Education in the State Schools program to hold harmless $2,374,897 in calculated teaching and experience adjustments for State School personnel. The Department should ensure that funds appropriated for instructional staff are used for such purposes and should take any necessary actions to properly align personnel with formula earnings. The Office of Planning and Budget is instructed to work with the Department to determine appropriate use and allotment of the $2,374,897 in state general funds.

Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 79, line 2568.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Human Services $300,000 in additional state general funds in the Out-of-Home Care program for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth. The FY 2026 appropriations act also included $300,000 that was intended as one-time funding for this purpose. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Department is instructed to disregard the language included in line 2568 and withhold $600,000 in associated appropriations.

Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 79, line 2569.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Human Services $250,000 in additional state general funds in the Out-of-Home Care program for non-profit organizations that seek to place foster youth closer to their biological families. The FY 2026 appropriations act also included $250,000 that was intended as one-time funding for this purpose. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Department is instructed to disregard the language included in line 2569 and withhold $500,000 in associated appropriations.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 86, line 2806.

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in the Forensic Scientific Services program to hire new medical examiners on the appropriate pay scale level based on years of experience without base funding to support the hire. Agencies may not obligate future appropriations by spending beyond the authorized limit set forth in the appropriations act. As this creates an unfunded mandate and future liability for the General Assembly to provide funding for, the Bureau is instructed to disregard the language included in line 2806.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 86, line 2807.

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in the Forensic Scientific Services program to utilize existing funds to provide a salary increase to the fellows program and hire an additional fellow. The Bureau does not have sufficient underlying funding to comply with the additional personal services spending. As agencies may not obligate future appropriations by spending beyond the authorized limit set forth in the appropriations act, and as this creates an unfunded mandate and future liability for the General Assembly to provide funding for, the Bureau is instructed to disregard the language included in line 2807.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 87, line 2829.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation $2,100,000 in state general fund in the Regional Investigative Services program for gang case management system support by purchasing licenses on behalf of all counties. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Bureau is directed to disregard the language in line 2829 and withhold $1,850,000 of the appropriation for that purpose.

The Bureau is further instructed to utilize $1,250,000 to partner with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to provide grants to local governments to procure gang case management systems.

Section 34, pertaining to the Department of Natural Resources, page 95, line 3104.

The General Assembly seeks to maintain $150,000 in state general funds in the Department of Natural Resources' Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites program for the SAM Shortline Railroad. These funds were appropriated as one-time funds in the original FY 2026 budget. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Department is instructed to disregard the language included in line 3104 and withhold $150,000 in appropriations for that purpose.

Section 38, pertaining to the Department of Public Health, page 101, line 3300.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Public Health $360,095 in state general funds in the Epidemiology program for the Coverdell Stroke Registry to offset a loss in federal funding. The Department has already utilized existing resources to continue the Coverdell Stroke Registry without the need for additional appropriations. Therefore, the Department is instructed to maintain Coverdell Stroke Registry utilizing existing funds but withhold spending the increased appropriation included in line 3300.

Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 106, line 3464.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Public Safety in the Capitol Police Services program $59,490 in state general funds to implement the retirement benefit provisions pursuant to HB 438. Employees within the Capitol Police Services program are funded through existing service agreements with the Georgia Building Authority. Any additional cost associated with those personnel should be recouped via the existing agreement rather than through additional state general funded appropriations. Therefore, the Department is instructed to comply with the provisions required in HB 438 but withhold spending the additional appropriation included in line 3464.

Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 106, line 3483.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Department of Public Safety in the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement program $601,510 in state general funds to implement the retirement benefit provisions pursuant to HB 438. Employees within the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement program are funded through both state and federal funds. Any additional cost associated with those personnel should appropriately leverage available federal funds rather than utilize state general funds to supplant federal activities. Therefore, the Department is instructed to comply with the provisions required in HB 438 but withhold spending $51,128 of the additional appropriation included in line 3483.

Section 41, pertaining to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, page 118, line 3880.

The General Assembly seeks to maintain $125,000 in existing appropriations to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents for the Teaching program for the Georgia Capitol history publication. These funds were appropriated as one-time funds in the original FY 2026 budget. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Board is instructed to disregard the language included in line 3880 and withhold the underlying $125,000 appropriation.

Section 43, pertaining to the Secretary of State, page 126, line 4154.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Secretary of State $209,083 in state general funds for the Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board for one safety and compliance specialist and human resources and financial services fees. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Office is instructed to disregard the language in line 4154 regarding the hiring of one safety and compliance specialist and withhold the $84,083 in associated appropriations.

Section 43, pertaining to the Secretary of State, page 126, line 4173.

The General Assembly seeks to maintain funds for the Secretary of State for the State Elections Board program. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, the Office is instructed to withhold $300,000 in order to support existing Board operations while aligning budget with projected expenditures.

Section 44, pertaining to the Georgia Student Finance Commission, page 130, line 4282.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Georgia Student Finance Commission $4,000,000 in state general funds in the Service Cancelable Loans program for the Behavioral Health Professions Service Cancelable Loan Program. There is funding allocated to continue this service cancelable loan program available through the redirect of $2,000,000 from the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program as directed by the line item without the need for additional appropriations. Therefore, the Commission is directed to implement the redirection of existing funds to provide ongoing support for the Behavioral Health Professions Service Cancelable Loan Program but withhold spending the increased appropriation included in line 4282.

Section 46, pertaining to the Technical College System of Georgia, page 134, line 4405.

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate to the Technical College System of Georgia $150,000 in state general funds in the Technical Education program for support services. This appropriation would provide additional funds to Southeastern Technical College for its childcare center. This is outside the purpose of the Technical Education program. Therefore, the System is instructed to disregard the language included in line 4405 and withhold the associated appropriation.

Section 47, pertaining to the Department of Transportation, page 135, line 4451.

The General Assembly seeks to direct the Georgia Department of Transportation to withhold Airport Aid funding from airports using Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) for levying landing fees or other charged services on small aircraft. The Federal Aviation Administration does not allow this restriction to be imposed on federal funds which makes up a significant portion of available funds in the Airport Aid program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 4451 and continue awarding federal and matching state funds based on the program's current evaluation methodology in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration criteria.

Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, state agencies are instructed to disregard the language and withhold spending the appropriation included in the following lines:

1. Section 13, pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, page 21, line 627.
2. Section 13, pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, page 21, line 646.
3. Section 13, pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, page 23, line 694.
4. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 26, line 791.
5. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 26, line 793.
6. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 29, line 889.
7. Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 33, line 1026.
8. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 34, line 1074.
9. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 34, line 1089.
10. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 35, line 1099.
11. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 35, line 1100.
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20. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 37, line 1175.
21. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 37, line 1176.
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30. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 38, line 1206.
31. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 38, line 1207.
32. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 38, line 1208.
33. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 38, line 1209.
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37. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 38, line 1214.
38. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 38, line 1215.

39. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 38, line 1231.
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42. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 40, line 1267.
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45. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 41, line 1285.
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47. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 41, line 1310.
48. Section 19, pertaining to the Department of Corrections, page 44, line 1413.
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50. Section 19, pertaining to the Department of Corrections, page 45, line 1447.
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52. Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Economic Development, page 55, line 1785.
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72. Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 80, line 2579.
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75. Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 82, line 2666.
76. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 86, line 2803.
77. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 86, line 2804.
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79. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 88, line 2859.
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89. Section 34, pertaining to the Department of Natural Resources, page 96, line 3133.
90. Section 38, pertaining to the Department of Public Health, page 99, line 3238.
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93. Section 38, pertaining to the Department of Public Health, page 100, line 3286.
94. Section 38, pertaining to the Department of Public Health, page 101, line 3301.
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96. Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 108, line 3547.
97. Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 109, line 3562.
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102. Section 41, pertaining to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, page 114, line 3766.
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109. Section 46, pertaining to the Technical College System of Georgia, page 134, line 4403.
110. Section 46, pertaining to the Technical College System of Georgia, page 134, line 4404.
111. Section 47, pertaining to the Department of Transportation, page 135, line 4450.
112. Section 47, pertaining to the Department of Transportation, page 139, line 4561.
113. Section 48, pertaining to the Department of Veterans Service, page 142, line 4682.

Items Vetoed by the Governor

Section 51, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 145, line 4756:

The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $11,960,000 in debt service for the purpose of providing school safety equipment grants to the Department of Education through the issuance of $50,000,000 in 5-year general obligation bonds. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, I veto this authorization (page

145, line 4756) in the provisions relative to Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $11,960,000.

Section 51, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 148, line 4786:

The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $46,300 in debt service for the purpose of construction of the O'Kelly Memorial Library for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia through the issuance of $500,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. This project was not requested by the Board of Regents and was not identified as a priority in the system's capital plan. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page 148, line 4786) in the provisions relative to Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $46,300.

Section 51, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 148, line 4787:

The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $277,800 in debt service for the purpose of construction of the Dallas Public Library for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia through the issuance of $3,000,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. This project was not requested by the Board of Regents and was not identified as a priority in the system's capital plan. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page 148, line 4787) in the provisions relative to Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $277,800.

Section 51, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 148, line 4788:

The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $53,245 in debt service for the purpose of fund construction of the Willis L. Miller Library for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia through the issuance of $575,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. This project was not requested by the Board of Regents and was not identified as a priority in the system's capital plan. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page 148, line 4788) in the provisions relative to Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $53,245.

Section 51, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 148, line 4789:

The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $463,000 in debt service for the purpose of providing design and construction of major repairs and renovations for the Georgia Public Library Service to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia through the issuance of $5,000,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. This project was not requested by the Board of Regents and was not identified as a priority in the system's capital plan. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page 148, line 4789) in the provisions relative to Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $463,000.

Section 51, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 148, line 4790:

The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $478,400 in debt service for the purpose of providing technology improvements and upgrades for the Georgia Public Library Service to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia through the issuance of $2,00,000 in 5-year general obligation bonds. This project was not requested by the Board of Regents and was not identified as a priority in the system's capital plan. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page 148, line 4790) in the provisions relative to Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $478,400.

Section 51, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 149, line 4793:

The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $119,917 in debt service for the purpose of providing major repairs and renovations at Georgia Military College for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia through the issuance of $1,295,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, I veto this authorization (page 149, line 4793) in the provisions relative to Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $119,917.

Section 51, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 150, line 4808:

The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $317,100 in debt service for the purpose of providing additional funds for the design, construction, and equipment for the Jack Hill Conference Center at Savannah Technical College for the Technical College System of Georgia through the issuance of $3,000,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. The state has already obligated sufficient funding to meet plans approved by the Technical College System board and these funds would provide for a scope expansion beyond those approved plans. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page 150, line 4808) in the provisions relative to Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $119,917.

Section 51, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 150, line 4809:

The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $253,680 in debt service for the purpose of providing funds for the design, construction, and equipment for the commercial driver's license training center at Athens Technical College for the Technical College System of Georgia through the issuance of $2,400,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, I veto this authorization (page 150, line 4809) in the provisions relative to Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $253,680.

Section 51, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 150, line 4810:

The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $550,880 in debt service for the purpose of funding design for the Aviation Maintenance Technician Facility at Columbus Technical College for the Technical College System of Georgia through the issuance of $2,200,000 in 5-year general obligation bonds. This project was not requested by the Technical College System and was not identified as a priority in the system’s capital plan. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page 150, line 4810) in the provisions relative to Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $550,880.

Section 51, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 150, line 4811:

The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $291,732 in debt service for the purpose of funding design, construction, and equipment for the Commercial Truck Driving Building renovation and expansion at Georgia Northwestern Technical College for the Technical College System of Georgia through the issuance of $2,760,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in the 2026 legislative session is projected to have a greater financial impact in Fiscal Year 2027 than anticipated in the original revenue estimate accompanying HB 974. Therefore, in order to maintain a structurally balanced budget aligned with projected available revenues, I veto this authorization (page 150, line 4811) in the provisions relative to Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $291,732.

STATEWIDE

$612,010,975 to provide a $2,000 one-time supplement to full-time, benefit-eligible state and Regents employees, formula earned K-12 teachers, school administrators, custodians, nutrition workers, school nurses, and bus drivers.

$1,157,562,512 in additional cash fund capital projects at state agencies to defray the need for further state general obligation bond issuances.

$43,662,170,020 total budget including $4,531,761,227 in undesignated, unreserved surplus funds.

EDUCATED GEORGIA

K-12 Public Schools

$43,876,076 for a midterm adjustment in the Quality Basic Education Program.

$27,091,920 for growth in the State Commission Charter Schools supplement.

$2,500,000 for out-of-school care.

$750,000 to fund a pilot grant for mental health services reimbursement for up to 75,000 students.

University System of Georgia

$33,483,011 to invest in additional maintenance, repairs, and renovation backlog at facilities statewide.

$11,430,000 to support accreditation and start-up costs for the University of Georgia School of Medicine.

$5,600,000 for design of the University of Georgia's Nursing program building.

$88,200,000 for design and construction of the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering building at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Georgia Student Finance Commission

$325,000,000 to establish an endowment for and pilot the needs-based DREAMS Scholarship program.

$18,446,537 in additional funds for Dual Enrollment to meet the projected need.

$12,206,330 in additional lottery funds for the HOPE scholarships and grants to meet projected need.

Technical College System of Georgia

$48,000,000 to invest in additional maintenance, repairs, and renovation backlog at facilities statewide.

$6,000,000 to implement a Career Navigator website.

HEALTHY GEORGIA

Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

$20,740,730 for a new 40-bed forensic restoration facility at East Central Regional Hospital in Augusta.

$243,750 for the jail-based competency restoration program at Cobb County Jail.

$409,000,000 for the design and construction of new Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta.

Community Health

$87,076,030 for Medicaid and PeachCare, including $26,344,701 for Medicare Part B premiums, and $3,213,974 for the Medicare Part D Clawback.

($21,418,915) in savings in employer contributions for state agencies for the State Health Benefit Plan.

$5,349 for a salary enhancement for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for parity with Department of Human Services Medicaid caseworkers.

$32,789 for the Georgia Board of Dentistry for a new vehicle and protective equipment to support an additional criminal investigator.

$3,200,000 to establish a grant program to support the creation of two new rural medical clinics and two new rural dental clinics.

$250,000 to support a colorectal cancer screening demonstration project.

$300,000 to support community programs for those afflicted with brain injury-related disabilities.

$3,000,000 for supplemental quality incentive payments at skilled nursing facilities.

$734,438 for rural surgery and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University.

$19,931,568 for residency program expansions, enhancements, and start-up costs at three hospitals in South Georgia.

$900,000 to support the establishment of a Mercer School of Medicine clinic in Hancock County.

Human Services

$81,094,424 for utilization growth and increased costs of care in the Out-of-Home Care program.

$924,800 to provide preventative and wrap-around services for children and youth in the Out-of-Home Care program.

$3,000,000 to fund an integrated child welfare reporting system.

$2,633,924 to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.

$6,207,774 for Gateway system modifications to reduce the SNAP payment error rate and ensure federal compliance.

Vocational Rehabilitation

$225,000 to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology to individuals with disabilities.

Veteran Service

$800,000 for the upfront design costs of a new cemetery in Augusta with complete federal reimbursement for design and construction.

$1,000,000 to support additional staffing and quality improvements at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Milledgeville.

$2,614,598 for a technology platform for community service referral for an additional year.

$250,000 for rehabilitation services for Georgia military veterans and service members with traumatic brain injuries.

$5,000,000 for the elimination of homelessness among Georgia veterans.

$500,000 to support a mental health clinic for military families.

SAFE GEORGIA

Department of Community Supervision

$4,500,000 to replace 75 vehicles.

Department of Corrections

$9,737,406 for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios based on improved retention.

$13,387,475 for managed access and drone detection systems to prevent contraband in facilities.

$964,650 for start-up costs for six new canine handlers.

$137,802 for start-up costs for three security threat group regional coordinators.

$2,450,500 for public safety supplies and equipment.

$764,220 for offender call monitoring.

$1,150,000 for data intelligence maintenance and integration costs.

$725,992 for central repair funds for capital projects.

$1,000,000 for a ladder truck for Hays State Prison.

$561,941 for operations of five modular correctional units.

$2,577,292 for food service contract increases.

$1,055,658 for per diem rate increases at Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution to fully utilize the 446 additional beds added in HB 68 (2025 Session).

$93,179 for additional programming at Metro Reentry Facility.

$32,757,984 for increases to health contracts to increase staffing ratios, a per diem increase, and to reflect the opening of additional beds.

$10,357,370 for jail subsidy payments to local jails for housing Department of Corrections inmates.

$1,500,000 for rural local county jail reimbursement where more than 20% of jail capacity utilization is occupied by detainees unable to make bail on contraband or drone-related charges.

$1,542,179 for operations at Lee Arrendale State Prison.

$84,596,895 for design and construction of replacement locking controls, statewide.

$84,661,607 for design and construction of fire alarm replacements, perimeter security and lighting, thermal cameras, and CCTVs, statewide.

$9,275,000 to replace and outfit 200 vehicles, statewide.

$2,980,000 to replace six buses and three vans, statewide.

$2,944,923 for food and farm equipment, statewide.

$921,000 for design for Walker State Prison kitchen.

$285,000 to purchase a warden house at Emmanuel Women's Facility.

$125,000,000 for one new modular correctional unit and two transition centers to expand bed capacity.

Department of Defense

$28,000,000 for the design and construction of a new Monroe Readiness Center.

$4,000,000 for renovations and site improvements at the Ellenwood Readiness Centers.

Georgia Bureau of Investigation

$50,000,000 for additional design and construction of the Region 10 Investigative Office and Crime Scene Garage.

$4,285,000 for GBI integration into the statewide Public Safety Radio Network.

$2,520,000 to purchase replacement vehicles.

$618,170 for DNA-investigation software replacement.

$294,420 to annualize offsetting the loss of federal funds for three human trafficking positions.

$4,525,000 for domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers' operational and facility needs at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

$301,463 for grant system connectivity with state financial system at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

$185,241 to provide specialized services at child advocacy centers and satellite offices that meet minimum standards at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

$100,000 for gang prevention activities at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Department of Public Safety

$15,000,000 for the construction of a new K-9 unit training facility at the DPS Headquarters.

$13,025,000 for vehicles and outfitting.

$1,350,000 for the design and construction of a new state patrol facility for Swainsboro Post 19, Emanuel County.

$1,350,000 for the design and construction of a new state patrol facility for Waycross Post 22, Ware County.

$180,000 for ballistic helmet radio patches.

$4,587,000 for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center for repairs to the wastewater treatment plant.

$750,000 to repair the Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) maneuver training areas.

$750,000 for hearing protection equipment grants for law enforcement officers.

$582,527 for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center for the new Metro Academy in Austell effective November 3, 2025.

$124,000 for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to connect to the statewide Public Safety Radio Network to achieve statewide interoperability.

Department of Juvenile Justice

$2,544,806 for personal services due to decreased turnover.

$2,833,800 for facility repairs and sustainment.

$600,000 to replace Muscogee YDC CCTV system.

State Board of Pardons and Paroles

$111,828 to review the status of non-ambulatory, medically fragile, bed-ridden, and terminally ill inmates.

RESPONSIBLE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

Department of Administrative Services

$5,000,000 to establish the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund program.

State Accounting Office

$10,379,589 to continue Teamworks ERP support for the Georgia Department of Transportation due to the extension of the GA@Work implementation timeline.

Department of Banking and Finance

$125,843 for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.

Georgia Technology Authority

$5,000,000 to continue the statewide enhancement and standardization of cybersecurity services.

Department of Driver Services

$1,346,342 for personal services due to decreased turnover.

$1,337,959 to meet an increase in card production volume.

$428,499 for the maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES) for cloud migration.

$185,437 for GTA security services and additional staffing infrastructure.

$1,430,000 for equipment and counter replacements in Customer Service Centers.

$1,000,000 for facility hardening initiatives in Customer Service Centers.

$150,426 for armed guard services at new and higher traffic Customer Service Center locations.

Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

$100,000,000 to improve the funded ratio to support a future goal of restoring cost-of-living adjustments.

Department of Revenue

$1,170,000,000 in prior year undesignated state surplus for 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.

$850,000,000 in for the Homeowner Tax Relief Grant program.

$6,500,000 for a software upgrade to the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).

$12,500,000 for a software upgrade to the Integrated Tax System (ITS).

Public Defender Council

$3,742,701 to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue representation in large multi-defendant cases.

Secretary of State

$15,000,000 for grants to support counties in the administration of elections.

$6,800,000 for validation of election results using both text-based ballot scanning technology and hand recounts.

Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

$694,873 to meet federal matching requirements for emergency preparedness.

$3,000,000 to provide funds for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

$2,000,000 to facilitate GIS mapping and Next Generation 911 preparedness.

GROWING GEORGIA

Department of Agriculture

$689,000 to support the implementation of new software systems for the Consumer Protection Program.

$370,000 for the continuation of the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program.

$250,000 for the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza response efforts.

Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority

$2,787,926 to continue HVAC unit replacement and facility improvements at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter.

Georgia Poultry Lab Network

$293,651 for a new lab information and management software.

Department of Community Affairs

$45,000,000 for the State Housing Trust Fund to establish a homelessness grant program.

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

$35,000,000 for a natural gas pipeline program for Non-Universal Service Fund eligible providers to improve access and economic development in rural communities.

$60,000,000 for infrastructure for economic development projects in Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties.

OneGeorgia Authority

$15,000,000 for rural site development to assist local governments with site preparation for economic development opportunities.

Department of Economic Development

$3,000,000 for marketing of Georgia tourism opportunities and updating agency marketing materials.

$500,500 to support America250 initiatives and community art grants.

State Forestry Commission

$10,000,000 to replace open cab with environmental cab tractors to improve ranger safety.

$8,900,000 for the Georgia Forestry Innovation Initiative in partnership with Georgia Tech to support the timber industry's expansion into emerging markets through research, product testing, and private partnerships.

$2,636,180 for design and construction of a new mass timber county unit in Morgan County.

$1,070,738 to offset increased fire suppression costs resulting from increased maintenance costs and workload.

$100,000 to support leadership programming for agriculture, forestry, and veterinary medicine professionals.

Department of Natural Resources

$10,400,000 for the purchase of a replacement helicopter for search and rescue and law enforcement missions across the state.

$3,000,000 for fish hatchery improvements to upgrade facilities and increase output of fish production.

$22,000,000 for land acquisition to expand Wildlife Management Areas.

$1,250,000 for matching funds for a Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant for erosion control at Crooked River State Park.

$5,000,000 for a road paving project on Sapelo Island.

$1,250,000 for life safety repairs at the RiverCenter.

$2,000,000 to capitalize the Vince Dooley Battlefield Fund.

$1,000,000 for dune emergency stabilization on Tyber Island North Beach.

North Georgia Mountain Authority

$1,750,000 for major improvements and renovations at Unicoi State Park and Lodge.

Savannah Georgia Convention Center Authority

$5,000,000 for repairs and completion of the riverwalk at the Savannah Convention Center.

Georgia World Congress Center Authority

$5,000,000 for infrastructure and security costs related to the 2028 Super Bowl.

$12,000,000 for the replacement of electrical equipment at the Georgia World Congress Center.

MOBILE GEORGIA

Department of Transportation

$72,815,411 for Department of Transportation to reflect projected FY 2026 motor fuel revenue projected collections.

$185,000,000 for interchange conversions on SR 316.

$100,000,000 for rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges.

$250,000,000 for local maintenance and improvement grants through the Department of Transportation's Local Road Assistance Program.

$11,000,000 for grants to support Georgia's local airports.

$8,390,000 for repairs, replacements, and upgrades to state-owned shortline rail,

State Road and Tollway Authority

$1,684,866,462 for the extension and bi-directional expansion of I-75 express lanes in Clayton and Henry County.

EDUCATED GEORGIA

Department of Early Care and Learning

$12,001,234 for year two of a four-year phase in to reduce Pre-K classroom size from 22 to 20 students.

$708,500 to annualize 25 Rising Pre-K classes in the Summer Transition program.

$1,229,400 to provide five days of sick leave for Pre-K lead and assistant teachers.

K-12 Public Schools

$11,671,391 for enrollment growth and training and experience to recognize a 1.95 percent decrease in enrollment, bringing the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students funded in FY 2027 to 1.71 million students and over 141,000 teachers and administrators.

$70,416,120 to fund Literacy Coaches for schools serving students in grades K-3.

$69,804,000 to fund the state share of employer increases on certified educators who participate in SHBP.

$40,265,641 for growth in the State Commission Charter Schools supplement.

$5,526,296 to fund enrollment growth in the special needs scholarship.

$7,512,535 for the Pupil Transportation Grant to reflect updated bus count.

$750,000 to expand the High Demand Equipment Grant, supporting K-12 vocational classrooms in high needs areas statewide.

$500,000 in additional local charter incentive grant funding to encourage growth of locally authorized charter schools.

$213,270,000 for construction and renovation projects for K-12 schools.

$23,301,736 to replace 257 school buses and air filtration system for existing buses.

$1,698,264 for school bus air filtration systems to promote interior air-quality mitigation.

Governor’s Office of Student Achievement

$3,978,450 to support ongoing staff and operational costs for a new Career Navigator system.

$1,583,000 to continue work of the Georgia Literacy Council to improved literacy statewide.

$826,000 to support literacy initiatives across the state.

University System of Georgia

$218,610,242 for resident instruction to reflect a 4.9 percent increase in credit hour enrollment and a 0.56 percent increase in square footage at University System institutions.

$9,548,154 to support expansion of graduate medical education at the University of Georgia School of Medicine.

$1,375,000 to establish the Institute of Civic Thought and Leadership at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

$2,000,000 for state matching funds for two new Eminent Scholar endowments.

$5,500,000 for an applied reading center that will design professional development programming for teachers and literacy coaches.

$160,000 for increased support of the peanut and cotton breeding programs at the University of Georgia.

$152,910,000 for capital projects at various institutions.

Student Finance

$21,267,725 in additional funds for Dual Enrollment to meet the projected need.

$44,687,354 in additional lottery funds for the HOPE scholarships and grants to meet the projected need.

$2,500,000 to establish the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship.

$1,000,000 to expand the College Completion Grant program.

Technical College System of Georgia

$34,147,482 increase for technical education to reflect a 10.6 percent increase in credit hour enrollment and a 0.02 percent decrease in square footage at system institutions.

$500,000 in additional High Demand Apprentice Program slots across the state.

$78,360,000 for capital projects at various TCSG institutions.

$3,000,000 for one new college and career academy.

HEALTHY GEORGIA

Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

$9,324,320 for the Georgia Housing Voucher Program for 404 additional housing vouchers to achieve substantial compliance with and termination of the behavioral health requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.

$5,290,549 to support Georgia's mental health crisis system through mobile crisis response teams and the '988' hotline.

$4,010,933 in Opioid Settlement Trust Funds to provide a continuum of programs, services, and supports for adults who abuse opioids.

$3,213,955 to annualize 150 slots for the NOW/COMP Waiver Program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

$2,759,100 to annualize funding for community-based facilities that provide services to child, adolescent, and forensic populations.

$2,318,504 for 100 new slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

$250,000 for the jail-based competency restoration program at Cobb County Jail.

$125,000 for citizen outreach and advocacy.

Community Health

$292,032,841 for Medicaid and PeachCare, including $33,780,887 for Medicare Part B premiums, $11,237,928 for the Medicare Part D Clawback, and $5,143,638 for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2024 cost reports.

$186,669 for eight Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers to address increased workload and for one position to continue oversight of long-term care.

$31,576,276 for the State Health Benefit Plan to address other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liability.

$1,261,920 for the State Health Benefit Plan to implement a national average drug acquisition cost reimbursement model plus a dispensing fee pursuant to HB 196 (2025 Session).

$232,031 for the Georgia Board of Dentistry for two criminal investigators, one vehicle, and protective equipment.

$2,417,940 for the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce to support medical student capitation for 380 certified Georgia residents.

$2,096,412 for the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce for 105 new residency slots.

$1,166,776 for the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce for rural surgery and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Gateway Behavioral Health.

$12,567 for the seventh year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine's medical school campus in Columbus.

$151,050 for the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency for one special agent.

Human Services

$46,354,405 to reflect a reduction in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative reimbursement from 50% to 25%.

$50,000,000 for utilization growth and increased costs of care in the Out-of-Home Care program.

$6,884,013 to reduce the SNAP payment error rate.

$5,326,957 for the increase in staff costs due to the change in CMS policy on the enhanced federal matching rate.

$3,637,354 to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.

$456,374 for judicial circuit contracts to restore FY 2021 budget reductions.

Public Health

$3,715,800 to expand the maternal home visiting program to an additional 33 counties to increase access to maternal fetal medicine in rural communities.

$1,155,000 in bond funds for improvements and renovations to district offices and public health laboratories.

Vocational Rehabilitation

$2,400,000 in bond funds to replace the Roosevelt Hall HVAC system at Roosevelt Warm Springs.

Veterans Service

$2,500,000 for Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Milledgeville for quality improvements and additional staffing capacity.

$1,500,000 for a technology platform for community service referrals.

$455,159 for Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes to match increased federal funds and maintain the existing bed count.

$102,000 for a director for the new veterans cemetery in Augusta.

$60,986 for one position at the new Savannah Tech VECTR Center.

$2,055,00 in bond funds for improvements and renovations to the Milledgeville Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery and Georgia War Veterans Home.

SAFE GEORGIA

Department of Community Supervision

$238,900 for rental costs at the West Georgia Circuit, the Ogeechee Circuit, and the Mountain Circuit.

Department of Corrections

$50,000,000 in bond funds for major repairs and renovations, statewide.

$42,520,000 in bond funds for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing repairs at Pulaski State Prison.

$55,793,188 for increases to health contracts for increased staffing ratios, per diem increases, and to reflect the opening of additional beds.

$28,527,189 for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios.

$6,964,268 for additional technology costs and to annualize personnel for the Over Watch and Logistics (OWL) Unit to enhance safety, security, and technology.

$3,214,920 to add 200 additional private prison beds.

$2,124,956 for food services and operations at five modular correctional units.

$1,750,000 for data intelligence annual maintenance.

$1,542,179 for operations at Lee Arrendale State Prison.

$1,055,658 for per diem rate increases added in HB 68 (2025 Session) to fully utilize the 446 additional beds at Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution.

$764,220 for offender call monitoring due to an increase in contract usage.

$695,018 for six canine handler positions.

$528,167 for food contracts, statewide.

$409,040 for five managed access analyst positions.

$377,168 for three security threat group regional coordinators.

$368,416 for an increase to the residential substance abuse treatment contract to address addiction disorders.

$257,800 for ongoing support of the inmate assignment decision support system.

Department of Defense

$16,000,000 in bond funds for renovations and site improvements at six Readiness Centers and other department facilities.

$613,812 for increased operating costs, statewide.

Georgia Bureau of Investigation

$5,000,000 in bond funds for the construction of new security improvements at GBI Headquarters.

$5,000,000 in bond funds for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Central Medical Examiner Building.

$2,730,000 in bond funds for major repairs and renovations.

$2,000,000 in bond funds to replace crime lab equipment.

$1,100,000 in bond funds for minor repairs and renovations.

$3,000,000 to support an integrated child welfare reporting system.

$838,206 for three new special agent positions.

$287,300 to annualize three human trafficking positions.

$266,556 for technology disaster recovery compliance.

$171,841 to annualize four criminal intelligence analysts for the Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center.

$144,168 for security contracts at the Coastal Crime Lab and Headquarters.

$74,920 for ongoing support of upgraded DNA software.

$93,602 for a veterans treatment court in Rockdale County at the Council of Accountability Court Judges.

Department of Juvenile Justice

$14,625,000 in bond funds for facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.

$5,970,000 in bond funds for major repairs and renovations, statewide.

$2,055,000 in bond funds for secure facility Wi-Fi expansion.

$2,544,806 to annualize increase for personal services due to decreased turnover.

Department of Public Safety

$2,335,000 in bond funds to replace 400 tasers, statewide.

$1,500,000 in bond funds for the design and construction of a new state patrol facility for LaFayette Post 41, Walker County.

$1,405,000 in bond funds for major maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide.

$600,000 in bond funds for aviation equipment improvements, statewide.

$230,000 in bond funds for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Swainsboro and Sylvania Posts.

$58,878 for security upgrades, rental costs, and content management services at the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

$3,490,000 in bond funds for the construction of a new urban driving track at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

$920,000 in bond funds for core network upgrades and HVAC repairs at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

$420,000 in bond funds for replacing four fire investigation training structures at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

$260,000 in bond funds for dormitory repairs at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

$831,134 for the new Metro Academy in Austell at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

$97,500 for the ongoing costs of integration into the statewide radio system at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

$77,542 for regional academy rental costs at the Tifton, Columbus, and Rome Academies at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

RESPONSIBLE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

$5,324,531 in state funds to establish the State Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO) defined contribution retirement plan.

Department of Banking and Finance

$475,800 for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.

Department of Labor

$6,730,000 in bond funds for the demolition, design, and reconstruction of the Central Complex parking lot and warehouse building.

$940,000 in bond funds for statewide major repairs and renovations.

$821,279 for additional staff to reduce collection delinquency and replenish the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

$917,153 for financial auditors to prevent unemployment insurance fraud.

$665,381 for customer service staff to reduce call abandonment and wait times.

$640,000 for enhancements to the Department's call center to reduce wait times.

State Ethics Commission

$237,900 to the State Ethics Commission for two new positions to manage increases in caseload and filing responsibilities.

Department of Driver Services

$2,087,481 for personal services due to decreased turnover.

$185,437 for GTA security services and additional staffing infrastructure.

$159,865 for increased rental costs at various Customer Service Centers, statewide.

$150,426 for armed guard services at new and higher-traffic Customer Service Center locations.

$150,000 for compliance with federal CDL mandates on national registry notifications.

Department of Revenue

$1,000,000 for Forestland Protection Grants to meet increased projected expenditures.

$315,000 for two criminal investigator positions and operating costs to address fraud and abuse of temporary operating permits and dealer tags.

$225,128 for maintenance and support of the Integrated Tax System (ITS).

$213,815 for maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).

$102,546 for increased postage costs associated with motor vehicle registration and licensing.

Public Defender Council

$7,000,820 to align assistant public defender salaries to assistant district attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys Council.

$3,000,000 to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue representation in large multi-defendant cases.

$1,519,394 to set circuit public defender salaries at $175,000 in line with district attorneys at the Prosecuting Attorneys Council.

$311,240 for three new assistant public defender positions for additional judicial circuit judges.

Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

$5,000,000 of additional funds to the Nonprofit Security Grant program to provide for the protection of communities.

$919,973 to meet operational needs.

GROWING GEORGIA

Department of Agriculture

$30,455,000 in bond funds for a new regulatory laboratory.

$2,280,000 in bond funds to replace high mileage vehicles.

$2,104,888 for recruitment and retention of Consumer Protection positions.

$985,000 in bond funds for repairs and equipment necessary to recommission the Tifton Laboratory.

$450,000 to address emerging threats impacting the agricultural industry.

State Forestry Commission

$2,136,739 for fire protection personnel to promote retention.

$1,750,000 in bond funds to replace vehicles and trailers.

$1,680,000 in bond funds for major repairs and renovations.

$1,075,000 in bond funds for the design and construction of a new truck shed and crew room in Coffee County.

$1,070,738 to offset increased fire suppression costs resulting from increased maintenance costs and workload.

$428,000 for the operation of a new helicopter purchased in FY 2025.

Department of Natural Resources

$16,910,000 in bond funds for major renovations and improvements at State Parks and Department facilities.

$4,940,000 in bond funds for vehicle and Environmental Protection Division equipment replacement.

$270,147 for the Solid Waste Trust Fund scrap tire fees.

$3,117,516 for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund generated through solid waste tipping fees, hazardous waste fees, and hazardous substance reporting fees.

$1,015,650 for the Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund generated through the sale of Lifetime Sportsman Licenses to provide funding for conservation and management of wildlife and fisheries resources.

$10,741,933 for the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program for parks and trails improvements, and land acquisitions critical to wildlife conservation.

$200,000 for increases in input costs for fish spawning at hatcheries.

MOBILE GEORGIA

Department of Transportation

$141,080,637 for the Department of Transportation to reflect projected motor fuel revenue collections.

$15,520,002 for the Transportation Trust Fund generated through Hotel/Motel Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees.

$3,874,376 for the Georgia Transit Trust Fund generated through Hired Transport Fees.

Estimated State Revenues
Appropriations and Reserves

State Funds Sources and Appropriations	Original FY 2026	Amended FY 2026	FY 2027
Funds Available from Beginning Fund Balance			
Mid-Year Adjustment for Education (K-12)		$372,197,321	
Unreserved, Undesignated Surplus		4,531,761,227	
Total Funds Available from Beginning Fund Balance		**$4,903,958,548**	
State Treasury Receipts			
State General Fund Receipts	$35,948,439,390	$36,770,132,749	$36,595,630,763
Lottery for Education Revenues	1,499,153,364	1,503,306,000	1,518,339,060
Lottery for Education Reserves	163,333,591	333,996,672	220,476,098
Tobacco Settlement Funds and Interest	148,615,900	148,630,971	148,578,162
Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund	2,010,871	2,010,871	1,945,286
Safe Harbor for Children Trust Fund	134,209	134,209	136,314
Total State Treasury Receipts	**$37,761,687,325**	**$38,758,211,472**	**$38,485,105,683**
Total State Funds	**$37,761,687,325**	**$43,662,170,020**	**$38,485,105,683**

Georgia Revenues

Reported and Estimated

	FY 2023 Reported	FY 2024 Reported	FY 2025 Reported	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Estimated
State General Fund Receipts					
Net Taxes					
Department of Revenue					
Income Tax - Individual	$16,969,071,606	$16,018,874,571	$16,234,723,833	$16,078,990,317	$16,119,501,562
Income Tax - Corporate	3,807,573,351	3,614,952,904	3,256,108,147	3,145,946,135	3,079,175,003
Sales and Use Tax - General	8,918,944,437	9,004,591,344	9,344,625,840	9,554,412,047	9,766,420,876
Motor Fuel	837,218,224	1,759,944,320	2,230,782,975	2,341,225,672	2,437,819,446
Tobacco Taxes	235,580,018	223,106,723	212,410,411	210,711,128	209,025,439
Alcoholic Beverages Tax	227,079,482	223,548,760	217,376,868	220,637,521	223,947,084
Estate Tax					
Property Tax	164,501	230,360	176,008		
Motor Vehicle License Tax	407,303,337	408,566,270	415,720,985	411,459,069	412,643,453
Title Ad Valorem Tax	831,320,119	862,654,069	882,042,125	887,740,011	914,717,307
Net Taxes - Department of Revenue	32,234,255,075	32,116,469,321	32,793,967,190	32,851,121,900	33,163,250,170
Other Departments					
Insurance Premium Tax	680,839,774	769,487,323	736,527,228	764,515,263	793,566,843
Total Net Taxes	$32,915,094,849	$32,885,956,644	$33,530,494,418	$33,615,637,163	$33,956,817,013
Interest, Fees, and Sales					
Department of Revenue					
Hotel - Motel Excise Tax	$200,199,407	$203,425,701	$210,824,277	$216,516,532	$222,362,478
Highway Impact Fees	13,427,066	12,803,841	12,455,647	12,623,798	12,794,219
Alternative Fueled Vehicle Fee	14,988,051	22,041,599	30,511,220	39,039,105	40,991,061
Other DOR Interest, Fees, and Sales	228,614,524	238,271,141	253,791,143	268,179,435	276,147,758
For-Hire Ground Transport Excise Tax	32,412,973	38,005,356	41,879,732	42,696,387	43,528,967
Fireworks Excise Tax	2,739,494	2,674,971	2,640,635	2,733,058	2,828,715
Other DOR Interest, Fees, and Sales	535,037,202	541,537,211	533,668,913	510,000,000	425,000,000
Interest, Fees, and Sales - Department of Revenue	$798,804,193	$820,488,678	$831,980,424	$823,608,880	$747,505,440
Other Departments					
Office of the State Treasurer					
Interest on Motor Fuel Deposits	$119,151,713	$198,141,125	$205,303,448	$206,905,738	$174,375,054
Interest on All Other Deposits	868,959,151	1,373,477,460	1,184,675,610	802,523,438	374,619,313
Banking and Finance	27,102,034	25,998,554	30,863,292	26,469,000	24,053,000
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	1,166,491	1,550,250	1,220,177	1,200,000	1,200,000
Corrections	11,394,481	11,604,633	12,284,063	11,761,059	11,761,059
Driver Services	49,265,797	60,573,665	78,985,448	62,941,637	62,941,637
Human Services	1,826,066	740,306	3,090,456	1,500,000	1,500,000
Labor	115,492,222	34,291,779	46,279,512	45,626,018	44,538,184
Natural Resources	44,089,256	42,645,340	42,863,281	43,740,756	43,740,756
Public Health	15,536,621	14,892,509	16,203,345	15,939,009	15,939,009
Public Service Commission	536,507	1,422,358	1,585,460	1,450,000	1,450,000
Secretary of State	144,770,220	137,247,339	144,456,178	138,000,000	138,000,000
Workers' Compensation, State Board of	17,888,118	16,829,618	19,967,697	21,971,916	20,745,658
All Other Departments	165,385,110	170,538,716	236,343,347	181,195,160	167,694,478
Super Speeder Fines	23,716,278	24,919,391	26,015,391	23,000,000	21,000,000
Nursing Home Provider Fees	144,713,035	128,552,063	133,698,617	131,092,562	128,537,304
Hospital Provider Payments	387,434,224	401,061,474	564,387,104	511,173,678	539,210,578
Ambulance Provider Fees	8,040,734	5,844,367	17,218,186	11,458,192	11,458,192
Opioid Settlement Trust Funds					25,305,545
Scrap Tire Fees	7,866,886	9,838,299	10,108,446	10,000,000	10,000,000
Hazardous Waste Fees	14,679,767	11,771,491	14,889,006	13,988,543	13,988,543
Lifetime Sportsmen License Fees	1,776,800	1,993,465	3,009,115	1,750,000	1,750,000
Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption Fees	2,133,856	2,225,567	2,597,582	2,250,000	2,250,000
State Children's Trust Fund	1,316,070	1,222,837	1,187,488	1,250,000	1,250,000

Georgia Revenues
Reported and Estimated

	FY 2023 Reported	FY 2024 Reported	FY 2025 Reported	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Estimated
Indigent Defense Fees	34,531,790	36,777,367	38,316,801	41,000,000	34,000,000
Peace Officers' and Prosecutors' Training Funds	21,866,544	21,126,962	21,708,176	22,700,000	20,000,000
Interest Fees and Sales - Other Departments	$2,230,639,771	$2,735,286,933	$2,857,257,227	$2,330,886,706	$1,891,308,310
Total Interest Fees and Sales	$3,029,443,964	$3,555,775,611	$3,689,237,651	$3,154,495,586	$2,638,813,750
State General Funds Receipts	**$35,944,538,813**	**$36,441,732,255**	**$37,219,732,069**	**$36,770,132,749**	**$36,595,630,763**
Lottery for Education					
Lottery for Education Revenues	1,588,498,061	1,609,441,511	1,579,649,856	1,503,306,000	1,518,339,060
Lottery for Education Reserves				333,996,672	220,476,098
Tobacco Settlement Funds	170,703,834	156,955,977	148,612,185	148,630,971	148,578,162
Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund	1,611,604	1,913,773	1,848,188	2,010,871	1,945,286
Safe Harbor for Children Trust Fund	110,586	200,199	254,319	134,209	136,314
Federal Revenue	20,370	19,985	20,332		
Guaranteed Revenue Debt Common Reserve Fund Interest	1,453,303	2,460,238	1,183,267		
Total State Treasury Receipts	**$37,706,936,571**	**$38,212,723,939**	**$38,951,300,216**	**$38,758,211,472**	**$38,485,105,683**
Agency Surplus Returned					
Other Agency Surplus Collected	501,490,431	350,644,437	573,869,082		
Funds Available from Beginning Fund Balance					
Mid-Year Adjustment for Education (K-12)	349,348,553	359,445,388	364,417,323	372,197,321	
Unreserved, Undesignated Surplus		2,000,000,000	2,726,282,175	4,531,761,227	
Total State Funds	**$38,557,775,555**	**$40,922,813,764**	**$42,615,868,796**	**$43,662,170,020**	**$38,485,105,683**

Revenue History

Fiscal Year	Taxes and Fees	Percent Change	Lottery Funds	Tobacco Settlement Funds	Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund	Other Revenues	Reserves	Total Revenues	Percent Increase
1987	$5,421.3	8.0%						$5,421.3	8.0%
1988	5,890.9	8.7%						5,890.9	8.7%
1989	6,467.7	9.8%						6,467.7	9.8%
1990	7,196.4	11.3%						7,196.4	11.3%
1991	7,258.2	0.9%				$37.0		7,295.2	1.4%
1992	7,356.2	1.4%				96.4		7,452.6	2.2%
1993	8,249.9	12.1%				96.5		8,346.4	12.0%
1994	8,906.5	8.0%	$362.4			140.4		9,409.3	12.7%
1995	9,625.7	8.1%	514.9			163.0		10,303.6	9.5%
1996	10,446.2	8.5%	558.5			148.8		11,153.5	8.2%
1997	11,131.4	6.6%	593.6			180.8		11,905.8	6.7%
1998	11,233.6	0.9%	515.0			148.8		11,897.4	-0.1%
1999	12,696.1	13.0%	662.6			181.2		13,539.9	13.8%
2000	13,781.9	8.6%	710.5	$205.6		261.9		14,959.9	10.5%
2001	14,689.0	6.6%	719.5	165.8		194.2		15,768.5	5.4%
2002	14,005.5	-4.7%	737.0	184.1		199.8		15,126.4	-4.1%
2003	13,624.8	-2.7%	757.5	182.9		172.4		14,737.6	-2.6%
2004	14,584.6	7.0%	787.4	155.9	$1.6	164.3		15,693.8	6.5%
2005	15,814.0	8.4%	813.5	159.4	1.7	1.4		16,790.0	7.0%
2006	17,338.8	9.6%	848.0	149.3	4.6	2.5		18,343.2	9.3%
2007	18,840.4	8.7%	892.0	156.8	3.0	3.7		19,895.9	8.5%
2008	18,727.8	-0.6%	892.0	164.5	2.0	3.6		19,789.9	-0.5%
2009	16,766.7	-10.5%	894.0	177.4	2.0	1.7		17,841.7	-9.8%
2010	15,215.8	-9.2%	886.4	146.7	2.1	0.3		16,251.2	-8.9%
2011	16,558.6	8.8%	847.0	138.5	2.0	0.3		17,546.4	8.0%
2012	17,270.0	4.3%	903.2	141.1	2.3	0.1		18,316.8	4.4%
2013	18,295.9	5.9%	929.1	212.8	2.4	99.5		19,539.7	6.7%
2014	19,167.8	4.8%	947.0	139.9	2.0	0.1		20,256.8	3.7%
2015	20,434.7	6.6%	982.5	138.4	1.8	0.1		21,557.5	6.4%
2016	22,237.4	8.8%	1,100.8	137.2	1.5	0.2		23,477.1	8.9%
2017	23,268.4	4.6%	1,108.1	141.3	1.3	0.3		24,519.4	4.4%
2018	24,319.9	4.5%	1,157.8	169.8	1.4	0.7		25,649.5	4.6%
2019	25,571.1	5.1%	1,233.3	165.9	1.4	1.3		26,973.0	5.2%
2020	25,478.9	-0.4%	1,260.3	158.3	1.4	1.1		26,900.0	-0.3%
2021	28,591.8	12.2%	1,546.9	176.1	1.4	0.4		30,316.6	12.7%
2022	34,934.9	22.2%	1,478.8	181.0	1.4	0.4		36,596.4	20.7%
2023	35,944.5	2.9%	1,588.5	170.7	1.6	1.6		37,706.9	3.0%
2024	36,441.7	1.4%	1,609.4	157.0	1.9	2.7		38,212.7	1.3%
2025	37,219.7	2.1%	1,579.6	148.6	2.0	1.5		38,951.5	1.9%
2026 Est.	36,770.1	-1.2%	1,837.3	148.6	2.0	0.1	4,904.0	43,662.2	12.1%
2027 Est.	36,595.6	-0.5%	1,738.8	148.6	1.9	0.1		38,485.1	-11.9%

Note:

Amounts shown in millions. Revenues for fiscal years 1986 - 2024 are reported numbers. Revenues for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 are estimated. Other revenues include interest on Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Trust Fund, Guaranteed Revenue Debt, payments from state entities, Indigent Care Trust Fund Revenues from 1991 through 2003, funds from the Job and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, and National Mortgage Settlement funds received in FY 2013.

Summary of Appropriations

Departments/Agencies	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026	FY 2027
Legislative Branch			
Georgia Senate	$18,015,468	$18,595,198	$20,900,914
Georgia House of Representatives	26,664,595	27,219,100	29,346,056
General Assembly	23,364,111	23,911,304	23,678,433
Department of Audits and Accounts	47,905,532	48,089,972	49,982,226
Judicial Branch			
Court of Appeals	$27,677,694	$27,762,296	$28,591,932
Judicial Council	26,262,541	26,582,559	28,918,289
Juvenile Courts	9,810,645	10,173,437	10,264,012
Prosecuting Attorneys	131,005,428	131,721,482	142,917,582
Superior Courts	103,428,047	101,925,456	114,876,122
Supreme Court	19,622,337	19,666,263	20,153,455
Executive Branch			
State Accounting Office	$8,434,126	$19,223,126	$8,427,503
Department of Administrative Services	21,323,123	31,629,607	20,628,368
Department of Agriculture	70,606,640	77,900,864	73,086,911
Department of Banking and Finance	15,414,266	15,878,550	15,560,356
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	1,712,144,114	1,723,631,799	1,700,939,966
Department of Community Affairs	57,498,299	202,331,654	58,124,064
Department of Community Health	5,553,191,485	5,665,754,067	5,843,880,911
Department of Corrections	1,695,298,277	1,785,702,547	1,728,754,328
Department of Community Supervision	232,862,212	234,834,055	226,685,890
Department of Defense	12,466,401	12,958,246	11,951,619
Department of Driver Services	86,415,442	91,321,307	86,154,079
Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning	640,395,675	659,169,076	671,498,117
Department of Economic Development	38,416,004	47,062,749	37,959,043
Department of Education	13,701,947,205	14,165,908,230	14,182,486,173
Employees' Retirement System of Georgia	80,436,844	177,610,154	64,997,668
State Forestry Commission	54,010,299	63,969,861	55,378,473
Office of the Governor	63,573,254	71,394,032	69,623,246
Department of Human Services	1,059,937,900	1,170,598,249	1,165,794,109
Commissioner of Insurance	172,606,128	119,748,684	118,808,742
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	260,647,384	266,710,311	284,577,122
Department of Juvenile Justice	395,229,317	400,465,583	386,555,596
Department of Labor	8,930,190	11,852,567	11,696,679
Department of Law	49,495,901	49,599,167	47,624,603
Department of Natural Resources	181,105,001	210,112,679	194,432,864
State Board of Pardons and Paroles	21,407,799	21,614,240	20,774,173
Georgia Public Defender Council	82,937,857	87,644,063	91,900,476
Department of Public Health	435,017,588	441,689,465	428,597,892
Department of Public Safety	256,072,312	256,790,525	254,159,397
Public Service Commission	13,180,213	13,304,351	13,113,560
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia	3,600,383,387	3,723,647,519	3,856,339,958
Department of Revenue	243,463,186	1,113,616,110	223,591,808
Secretary of State	35,895,388	58,066,870	35,328,484
Georgia Student Finance Commission	1,394,811,214	1,659,945,962	1,429,124,299

Summary of Appropriations

Departments/Agencies	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026	FY 2027
Teachers Retirement System	62,000	26,000	26,000
Technical College System of Georgia	538,302,828	553,662,345	564,137,184
Department of Transportation	2,696,305,327	5,016,491,101	2,860,861,548
Department of Veterans Service	33,144,535	43,579,025	40,336,821
State Board of Workers' Compensation	21,730,780	21,811,478	21,026,691
Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission	715,736,336	1,873,298,848	
Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund	1,067,094,690	1,065,967,887	1,110,531,941
TOTAL STATE FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS	**37,761,687,325**	**43,662,170,020**	**38,485,105,683**
Less:			
Lottery Funds	1,662,486,955	1,837,302,672	1,738,815,158
Tobacco Settlement Funds	148,615,900	148,630,971	148,578,162
Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Funds	2,010,871	2,010,871	1,945,286
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Trust Fund	134,209	134,209	136,314
Hospital Provider Payments	464,183,027	511,173,678	539,210,578
Nursing Home Provider Fees	158,995,531	131,092,562	128,537,304
Ambulance Provider Fees	8,812,014	11,458,192	11,458,192
Motor Fuel Funds	2,476,442,802	2,548,131,410	2,612,194,500
State Children's Trust Funds	1,222,837	1,222,837	1,187,489
Opioid Settlement Trust Funds			25,305,545
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	2,225,567	2,225,567	2,597,582
Trauma Care Trust Funds	16,389,873	16,389,873	16,618,843
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	1,993,465	1,993,465	3,009,115
Solid Waste Trust Funds	9,838,299	9,838,299	10,108,446
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	11,771,491	11,771,491	14,889,007
Fireworks Trust Funds	2,674,971	2,674,971	2,640,636
Transit Trust Funds	38,005,357	38,005,357	41,879,733
Transportation Trust Funds	238,271,141	238,271,141	253,791,143
TOTAL STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS	**$32,517,613,015**	**$38,149,842,454**	**$32,932,202,650**

Summary of Appropriations: by Policy Area

Departments/State Agencies State Funds (Other State General Funds) and Attached Agencies	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026	FY 2027
Educated Georgia			
Department of Early Care and Learning	$77,355,059	$78,758,056	$77,508,972
Lottery Funds	563,040,616	580,411,020	593,989,145
Department of Education	13,701,947,205	14,165,908,230	14,182,486,173
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia	3,576,087,486	3,699,185,095	3,832,212,179
Georgia Commission on the Holocaust	627,460	630,197	609,184
Georgia Military College	10,396,448	10,396,448	10,509,516
Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission	13,271,993	13,435,779	13,009,079
Georgia Student Finance Commission	294,309,805	401,990,988	283,292,567
Lottery Funds	1,099,446,339	1,256,891,652	1,144,826,013
Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission	1,055,070	1,063,322	1,005,719
Teachers Retirement System	62,000	26,000	26,000
Technical College System of Georgia	538,302,828	553,662,345	564,137,184
Total	**$19,875,902,309**	**$20,762,359,132**	**$20,703,611,731**
Healthy Georgia			
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	$1,697,534,982	$1,708,986,680	$1,682,602,055
Tobacco Settlement Funds	10,255,138	10,255,138	10,255,138
Opioid Settlement Trust Funds			4,010,933
Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities	826,598	842,128	619,316
Sexual Offender Review Board	3,527,396	3,547,853	3,452,524
Department of Community Health	4,661,868,427	4,737,508,497	4,890,980,628
Tobacco Settlement Funds	124,062,351	124,062,351	124,062,351
Hospital Provider Payment	464,183,027	511,173,678	539,210,578
Nursing Home Provider Fees	158,995,531	131,092,562	128,537,304
Ambulance Provider Fees	8,812,014	11,458,192	11,458,192
Georgia Composite Medical Board	5,278,810	5,293,792	5,537,974
Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency	3,304,145	3,316,705	3,356,056
Georgia Board for Physician Workforce	126,687,180	141,848,290	140,737,828
Department of Human Services	1,010,462,383	1,119,971,317	1,124,993,982
State Children's Trust Fund	1,222,837	1,222,837	1,187,489
Council on Aging	466,562	411,019	396,420
Family Connection	10,359,889	10,364,195	10,359,889
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency	29,070,180	30,272,832	28,620,015
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Trust Fund Commission (SGF)	8,221,840	8,221,840	100,000
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Trust Fund Commission (SHCF)	134,209	134,209	136,314
Department of Public Health	390,201,143	396,856,410	382,826,539
Tobacco Settlement Funds	13,864,628	13,879,699	13,826,890
Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund	2,010,871	2,010,871	1,945,286
Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission	12,551,073	12,552,612	13,380,334
Georgia Trauma Care Trust Funds	16,389,873	16,389,873	16,618,843
Department of Veterans Service	33,144,535	43,579,025	40,336,821
Total	**$8,793,435,622**	**$9,045,252,605**	**$9,179,549,699**
Safe Georgia			
Department of Community Supervision	$232,123,038	$234,081,401	$225,956,952
Georgia Commission on Family Violence	739,174	752,654	728,938

Summary of Appropriations: by Policy Area

Departments/State Agencies State Funds (Other State General Funds) and Attached Agencies	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026	FY 2027
Department of Corrections	1,695,298,277	1,785,702,547	1,720,112,489
Opioid Settlement Trust Funds			8,641,839
Department of Defense	12,466,401	12,958,246	11,951,619
Georgia Bureau of Investigations	167,133,572	167,948,551	172,228,207
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	93,513,812	98,761,760	99,696,142
Opioid Settlement Trust Funds			12,652,773
Department of Juvenile Justice	395,229,317	400,465,583	386,555,596
State Board of Pardon and Paroles	21,407,799	21,614,240	20,774,173
Department of Public Safety	212,809,782	211,755,988	208,058,250
Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council	1,854,276	1,868,661	1,970,780
Office of Highway Safety	4,344,539	4,388,043	6,334,059
Peace Officer Standards and Training Council	6,322,125	6,395,423	6,502,687
Public Safety Training Center	30,741,590	32,382,410	31,293,621
Total	**$2,873,983,702**	**$2,979,075,507**	**$2,913,458,125**
Responsible and Efficient Government			
Georgia Senate	$18,015,468	$18,595,198	$20,900,914
Georgia House of Representatives	26,664,595	27,219,100	29,346,056
General Assembly	23,364,111	23,911,304	23,678,433
Department of Audits and Accounts	47,905,532	48,089,972	49,982,226
Court of Appeals	27,677,694	27,762,296	28,591,932
Judicial Council	24,265,381	24,303,287	26,080,243
Georgia State-wide Business Court	1,997,160	2,005,712	2,030,497
Georgia Tax Court		273,560	807,549
Juvenile Courts	9,810,645	10,173,437	10,264,012
Prosecuting Attorneys	131,005,428	131,721,482	142,917,582
Superior Courts	103,428,047	101,925,456	114,876,122
Supreme Court	19,622,337	19,666,263	20,153,455
State Accounting Office	4,225,601	14,672,612	4,081,747
Georgia State Board of Accountancy	902,213	1,230,058	877,980
State Ethics Commission	3,306,312	3,320,456	3,467,776
Department of Administrative Services	2,995,260	8,208,407	2,995,291
Administrative Hearings, Office of State	3,327,863	3,421,200	2,633,077
Georgia Technology Authority	15,000,000	20,000,000	15,000,000
Department of Banking and Finance	15,414,266	15,878,550	15,560,356
Department of Driver Services	86,415,442	91,321,307	86,154,079
Employees' Retirement System of Georgia	80,436,844	177,610,154	64,997,668
Office of Governor	31,008,317	33,977,764	29,107,873
Office of the Child Advocate	1,475,882	1,481,818	1,427,732
Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency	5,004,456	11,460,656	11,669,394
Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity	1,400,557	1,422,094	1,358,927
Office of the State Inspector General	1,829,910	1,837,336	1,770,508
Georgia Professional Standards Commission	8,952,136	8,980,696	9,198,548
Governor's Office of Student Achievement	13,901,996	12,233,668	15,090,264
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance	172,606,128	119,748,684	118,808,742
Department of Labor	8,930,190	11,852,567	11,696,679
Department of Law	49,495,901	49,599,167	47,624,603
Georgia Public Defender Council	82,937,857	87,644,063	91,900,476
Public Service Commission	13,180,213	13,304,351	13,113,560

Summary of Appropriations: by Policy Area

Departments/State Agencies State Funds (Other State General Funds) and Attached Agencies	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026	FY 2027
Department of Revenue	240,354,432	1,110,507,356	220,517,389
Tobacco Settlement Funds	433,783	433,783	433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	2,674,971	2,674,971	2,640,636
Secretary of State	28,204,735	50,349,868	27,579,833
Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission	1,806,873	1,814,653	1,780,584
Professional Engineering and Land Surveyors Board	1,361,143	1,366,606	1,526,924
Georgia Real Estate Commission	3,133,354	3,146,122	3,066,084
State Elections Board	1,389,283	1,389,621	1,375,059
State Board of Workers' Compensation	21,730,780	21,811,478	21,026,691
Total	**$1,337,593,096**	**$2,318,347,133**	**$1,298,111,284**
Growing Georgia			
Department of Agriculture	$62,913,268	$69,870,018	$65,788,350
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	2,225,567	2,225,567	2,597,582
Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority	2,042,458	2,342,458	899,778
State Soil and Water Conservation Commission	3,425,347	3,462,821	3,801,201
Department of Community Affairs	35,284,464	81,265,027	34,410,229
OneGeorgia Authority	20,460,340	24,313,132	20,460,340
Georgia Environmental Finance Authority	1,753,495	96,753,495	3,253,495
Department of Economic Development	38,416,004	47,062,749	37,959,043
State Forestry Commission	54,010,299	63,969,861	55,378,473
Department of Natural Resources	157,501,746	186,509,424	166,426,296
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	1,993,465	1,993,465	3,009,115
Solid Waste Trust Funds	9,838,299	9,838,299	10,108,446
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	11,771,491	11,771,491	14,889,007
Total	**$401,636,243**	**$601,377,807**	**$418,981,355**
Mobile Georgia			
Department of Transportation	$45,150,783	$607,654,684	$49,231,989
Motor Fuel Funds	2,374,878,046	2,447,693,457	2,515,958,683
Transportation Trust Funds	238,271,141	238,271,141	253,791,143
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	38,005,357	38,005,357	41,879,733
State Road and Tollway Authority (State General Funds)		1,684,866,462	
Total	**$2,696,305,327**	**$5,016,491,101**	**$2,860,861,548**
Capital and Debt Management			
Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission	$715,736,336	$1,873,298,848	
Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund	$965,529,934	$965,529,934	$1,014,296,124
Motor Fuel Funds	101,564,756	100,437,953	96,235,817
Total	**$1,782,831,026**	**$2,939,266,735**	**$1,110,531,941**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS APPROPRIATION	**$37,761,687,325**	**$43,662,170,020**	**$38,485,105,683**
Less:			
Lottery Funds	1,662,486,955	1,837,302,672	1,738,815,158
Tobacco Settlement Funds	148,615,900	148,630,971	148,578,162
Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Funds	2,010,871	2,010,871	1,945,286
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Trust Fund	134,209	134,209	136,314
Hospital Provider Payments	464,183,027	511,173,678	539,210,578
Nursing Home Provider Fees	158,995,531	131,092,562	128,537,304
Ambulance Provider Fees	8,812,014	11,458,192	11,458,192

Summary of Appropriations: by Policy Area

Motor Fuel Funds	2,476,442,802	2,548,131,410	2,612,194,500
State Children's Trust Funds	1,222,837	1,222,837	1,187,489
Opioid Settlement Trust Funds			25,305,545
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	2,225,567	2,225,567	2,597,582
Trauma Care Trust Funds	16,389,873	16,389,873	16,618,843
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	1,993,465	1,993,465	3,009,115
Solid Waste Trust Funds	9,838,299	9,838,299	10,108,446
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	11,771,491	11,771,491	14,889,007
Fireworks Trust Funds	2,674,971	2,674,971	2,640,636
Transit Trust Funds	38,005,357	38,005,357	41,879,733
Transportation Trust Funds	238,271,141	238,271,141	253,791,143
TOTAL STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS	**$32,517,613,015**	**$38,149,842,454**	**$32,932,202,650**

Expenditures and Appropriations: State Funds

Departments/Agencies	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Legislative Branch				
Georgia Senate	$14,086,532	$14,926,518	$18,595,198	$20,900,914
Georgia House of Representatives	23,092,574	23,779,138	27,219,100	29,346,056
General Assembly	16,296,244	19,315,920	23,911,304	23,678,433
Department of Audits and Accounts	44,235,602	44,738,825	48,089,972	49,982,226
Judicial Branch				
Court of Appeals	$27,536,537	$26,556,125	$27,762,296	$28,591,932
Judicial Council	20,850,078	22,922,536	26,582,559	28,918,289
Juvenile Courts	9,213,162	9,292,195	10,173,437	10,264,012
Prosecuting Attorneys	114,305,807	118,698,339	131,721,482	142,917,582
Superior Courts	89,053,325	91,889,791	101,925,456	114,876,122
Supreme Court	18,383,504	18,888,573	19,666,263	20,153,455
Executive Branch				
State Accounting Office	$8,148,458	$8,190,052	$19,223,126	$8,427,503
Department of Administrative Services	213,139,262	303,637,308	31,629,607	20,628,368
Department of Agriculture	63,776,637	251,975,206	77,900,864	73,086,911
Department of Banking and Finance	14,411,066	15,139,679	15,878,550	15,560,356
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	1,561,656,378	1,630,441,952	1,723,631,799	1,700,939,966
Department of Community Affairs	535,642,540	908,342,419	202,331,654	58,124,064
Department of Community Health	4,268,167,414	4,969,549,152	5,665,754,067	5,843,880,911
Department of Community Supervision	208,479,289	227,423,502	234,834,055	226,685,890
Department of Corrections	1,422,978,935	1,823,730,648	1,785,702,547	1,728,754,328
Department of Defense	12,668,485	12,384,395	12,958,246	11,951,619
Department of Driver Services	89,806,614	87,104,239	91,321,307	86,154,079
Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning	521,581,951	607,994,489	659,169,076	671,498,117
Department of Economic Development	67,728,305	37,364,222	47,062,749	37,959,043
Department of Education	12,205,735,870	13,416,321,927	14,165,908,230	14,182,486,173
Employees' Retirement System of Georgia	561,910,561	566,314,844	177,610,154	64,997,668
State Forestry Commission	57,716,726	52,319,955	63,969,861	55,378,473
Office of the Governor	56,224,757	120,108,658	71,394,032	69,623,246
Department of Human Services	1,002,169,315	1,081,995,399	1,170,598,249	1,165,794,109
Commissioner of Insurance	310,941,794	165,312,696	119,748,684	118,808,742
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	206,587,428	249,163,979	266,710,311	284,577,122
Department of Juvenile Justice	358,306,021	384,398,117	400,465,583	386,555,596
Department of Labor	11,479,031	8,578,260	11,852,567	11,696,679
Department of Law	41,299,113	46,291,092	49,599,167	47,624,603
Department of Natural Resources	185,441,635	193,825,347	210,112,679	194,432,864
State Board of Pardons and Paroles	20,050,228	21,168,152	21,614,240	20,774,173
Georgia Public Defender Council	80,050,615	82,633,622	87,644,063	91,900,476
Department of Public Health	395,356,839	418,898,476	441,689,465	428,597,892
Department of Public Safety	242,640,039	258,589,203	256,790,525	254,159,397
Public Service Commission	12,753,982	12,885,725	13,304,351	13,113,560
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia	3,301,119,982	3,405,232,417	3,723,647,519	3,856,339,958
Department of Revenue	211,745,324	209,443,324	1,113,616,110	223,591,808
Secretary of State	35,088,371	34,421,660	58,066,870	35,328,484

Expenditures and Appropriations: State Funds

Departments/Agencies	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Georgia Student Finance Commission	1,080,610,207	1,157,525,539	1,659,945,962	1,429,124,299
Teachers Retirement System	59,856	52,371	26,000	26,000
Technical College System of Georgia	534,010,457	488,832,012	553,662,345	564,137,184
Department of Transportation	2,393,250,342	2,846,581,952	5,016,491,101	2,860,861,548
Department of Veterans Service	27,528,609	31,354,226	43,579,025	40,336,821
State Board of Workers' Compensation	19,568,852	21,168,359	21,811,478	21,026,691
Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission	1,527,012,775	1,317,069,548	1,873,298,848	
Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund	1,166,808,342	1,166,778,563	1,065,967,887	1,110,531,941
TOTAL STATE FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS	**$35,410,705,771**	**$39,031,550,647**	**$43,662,170,020**	**$38,485,105,683**
Less:				
Lottery Funds	$1,412,474,604	$1,542,775,389	$1,837,302,672	$1,738,815,158
Tobacco Settlement Funds	148,296,803	148,092,424	148,630,971	148,578,162
Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund	597,395	1,155,335	2,010,871	1,945,286
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Trust Fund	200,199	254,319	134,209	136,314
Hospital Provider Fee	401,061,473	564,387,104	511,173,678	539,210,578
Nursing Home Provider Fees	128,552,063	133,698,617	131,092,562	128,537,304
Ambulance Provider Fees	5,844,367	17,218,186	11,458,192	11,458,192
Motor Fuel Funds	1,999,724,965	2,234,596,107	2,548,131,410	2,612,194,500
State Children's Trust Fund	693,339	1,225,462	1,222,837	1,187,489
Opioid Settlement Trust Funds				25,305,545
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	2,127,728	2,133,856	2,225,567	2,597,582
Trauma Care Trust Funds	14,280,506	16,007,048	16,389,873	16,618,843
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds			1,993,465	3,009,115
Solid Waste Trust Funds	7,566,698	6,745,770	9,838,299	10,108,446
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	4,577,828	6,012,125	11,771,491	14,889,007
Fireworks Trust Funds	3,145,263	2,739,494	2,674,971	2,640,636
Transit Trust Funds	23,550,681	30,568,554	38,005,357	41,879,733
Transportation Trust Funds	200,743,713	223,127,765	238,271,141	253,791,143
TOTAL STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS	**$31,057,268,147**	**$34,100,813,093**	**$38,149,842,454**	**$32,932,202,650**

Expenditures and Appropriations: Total Funds

Departments/Agencies	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Legislative Branch				
Georgia Senate	$14,210,979	$15,074,925	$18,595,198	$20,900,914
Georgia House of Representatives	23,542,314	24,274,873	27,219,100	29,346,056
General Assembly	16,742,774	19,412,298	23,911,304	23,678,433
Department of Audits and Accounts	44,295,602	45,185,176	48,149,972	50,042,226
Judicial Branch				
Court of Appeals	$27,834,705	$27,001,868	$27,912,296	$28,741,932
Judicial Council	57,926,387	105,738,429	31,049,246	33,384,976
Juvenile Courts	9,213,162	9,292,195	10,240,923	10,331,498
Prosecuting Attorneys	142,143,191	142,478,188	133,961,285	145,558,109
Superior Courts	90,089,324	92,951,667	102,008,206	114,958,872
Supreme Court	20,945,043	21,718,956	21,526,086	22,013,278
Executive Branch				
State Accounting Office	$42,436,977	$65,195,529	$45,809,291	$38,602,323
Department of Administrative Services	489,384,788	688,433,805	319,453,198	308,451,959
Department of Agriculture	95,044,880	288,557,349	89,477,710	84,663,757
Department of Banking and Finance	14,436,773	15,155,136	15,878,550	15,560,356
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	1,894,648,160	1,987,649,969	2,405,557,089	2,382,865,256
Department of Community Affairs	797,324,429	1,214,058,994	452,368,931	308,161,341
Department of Community Health	22,370,273,700	24,844,227,112	24,955,037,535	25,681,033,621
Department of Corrections	1,526,654,105	1,913,888,054	1,802,472,218	1,745,523,999
Department of Community Supervision	217,649,587	240,752,939	236,598,770	228,450,605
Department of Defense	118,924,251	128,961,111	112,323,251	111,316,624
Department of Driver Services	97,407,607	94,749,092	94,165,428	88,998,200
Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning	1,686,672,554	1,381,758,394	1,266,878,961	1,279,208,002
Department of Economic Development	75,632,376	45,267,394	47,988,939	38,885,233
Department of Education	16,345,406,712	15,932,298,130	16,671,646,729	16,688,224,672
Employees' Retirement System of Georgia	593,049,258	600,097,905	215,028,896	102,416,410
State Forestry Commission	88,178,337	116,382,067	80,433,397	71,844,413
Office of the Governor	909,860,762	3,615,457,523	103,666,800	101,896,014
Department of Human Services	2,408,680,337	2,546,765,047	2,639,106,456	2,575,795,477
Commissioner of Insurance	851,028,055	943,389,333	1,383,415,400	1,382,175,881
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	365,698,022	393,188,256	357,012,674	374,879,485
Department of Juvenile Justice	380,193,271	403,325,326	408,085,136	394,175,149
Department of Labor	152,304,482	124,912,256	99,089,247	98,933,359
Department of Law	134,835,168	142,622,602	133,405,539	131,430,975
Department of Natural Resources	500,569,689	511,583,054	382,847,650	367,167,835
State Board of Pardons and Paroles	20,240,570	21,634,701	21,614,240	20,774,173
State Properties Commission	2,273,729	2,448,754	2,600,000	2,600,000
Georgia Public Defender Council	136,662,322	142,852,184	132,484,063	136,740,476
Department of Public Health	1,146,462,848	1,202,572,630	946,229,867	933,138,294
Department of Public Safety	355,630,984	376,062,418	317,358,339	314,727,211
Public Service Commission	14,237,285	14,400,317	14,535,451	14,344,660
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia	10,013,647,780	10,581,323,126	10,942,782,169	11,075,474,608
Department of Revenue	1,068,737,109	219,681,471	1,116,921,840	226,897,538
Secretary of State	56,508,472	54,307,533	76,820,597	54,082,211

Expenditures and Appropriations: Total Funds

Departments/Agencies	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Georgia Student Finance Commission	1,101,666,285	1,168,485,308	1,665,143,861	1,434,289,674
Teachers Retirement System	49,621,022	51,287,774	62,118,673	62,118,673
Technical College System of Georgia	1,105,733,907	1,102,025,618	1,334,758,350	1,345,233,189
Department of Transportation	5,682,304,128	6,421,881,551	6,804,228,196	4,648,598,643
Department of Veterans Service	62,498,101	73,618,004	71,254,762	68,012,558
State Board of Workers' Compensation	20,297,362	21,949,088	22,185,310	21,400,523
Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission	1,527,012,775	1,317,069,548	1,873,298,848	
Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund	1,219,980,251	1,200,907,637	1,077,975,271	1,122,539,325
TOTAL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS	**$76,186,752,688**	**$82,714,312,614**	**$81,244,631,248**	**$76,560,588,996**

Summary of Statewide Budget Changes
Amended FY 2026

Departments/Agencies	Pay Supplement	State Health Benefit Plan
Legislative Branch		
Georgia Senate	$142,098	($112,368)
Georgia House of Representatives	187,311	(182,806)
General Assembly	157,169	(109,976)
Department of Audits and Accounts	529,638	(345,198)
Judicial Branch		
Court of Appeals	$180,852	($198,750)
Judicial Council	208,841	(71,118)
Juvenile Courts	17,224	(9,996)
Prosecuting Attorneys	1,713,788	(997,734)
Superior Courts	600,687	(791,488)
Supreme Court	152,863	(134,336)
Executive Branch		
State Accounting Office	$144,251	($57,840)
Department of Administrative Services	271,278	(26,388)
Department of Agriculture	1,235,822	(385,146)
Department of Banking and Finance	185,158	(105,156)
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	18,963,624	(7,576,770)
Department of Community Affairs	1,044,205	(63,642)
Department of Community Health	1,627,668	(479,388)
Department of Corrections	13,544,523	(5,946,282)
Department of Community Supervision	3,843,105	(1,764,820)
Department of Defense	757,856	(57,692)
Department of Driver Services	1,720,247	(552,910)
Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning	1,560,925	(11,524)
Department of Economic Development	325,103	(178,858)
Department of Education	1,898,946	(627,110)
State Forestry Commission	1,078,653	(374,636)
Office of the Governor	721,255	(358,226)
Department of Human Services	20,535,314	(3,854,508)
Commissioner of Insurance	452,130	(132,422)
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	2,340,311	(1,187,042)
Department of Juvenile Justice	5,455,702	(2,164,242)
Department of Labor	1,530,783	(53,310)
Department of Law	706,184	(427,194)
Department of Natural Resources	3,746,220	(754,792)
State Board of Pardons and Paroles	372,469	(166,028)
Georgia Public Defender Council	1,595,373	(631,868)
Department of Public Health	10,840,355	(2,324,268)
Department of Public Safety	3,806,504	(1,690,634)
Public Service Commission	167,934	(104,224)
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia	104,883,395	(76,766)
Department of Revenue	2,015,208	(862,284)
Secretary of State	577,004	(205,522)
Georgia Student Finance Commission	256,207	(8,972)
Technical College System of Georgia	13,027,803	(3,518,286)
Department of Transportation	8,127,575	(3,018,028)

Summary of Statewide Budget Changes
Amended FY 2026

Departments/Agencies	Pay Supplement	State Health Benefit Plan
Department of Veterans Service	732,020	(102,128)
State Board of Workers' Compensation	228,218	(147,520)
TOTAL STATE FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS	**$234,209,799**	**($42,950,196)**

Summary of Statewide Budget Changes
FY 2027

Departments/Agencies	State Health Benefit Plan	Risk Pool Adjustments	TeamWorks Adjustment	TRS Adjustment
Legislative Branch				
Georgia Senate	($674,203)			
Georgia House of Representatives	(1,096,830)			
General Assembly	(659,857)	($49,540)	$37,358	$132
Department of Audits and Accounts	(2,071,198)	(3,451)	3,080	
Judicial Branch				
Court of Appeals	($1,192,501)	($4,015)	$3,073	
Judicial Council	(516,504)	(484)	6,192	
Juvenile Courts	(59,981)	(679)		
Prosecuting Attorneys	(5,986,409)	99,778	25,348	
Superior Courts	(4,748,926)	(4,109)	17,029	
Supreme Court	(806,011)	(12,978)	4,395	
State Accounting Office	($347,051)	($5,361)	$1,951	
Department of Administrative Services	(158,326)	(196)		
Department of Agriculture	(2,310,879)	53,711	22,237	5,640
Department of Banking and Finance	(630,935)	2,540	2,535	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	(45,460,616)	(1,938,021)	218,646	21,733
Department of Community Affairs	(381,855)	432	2,481	
Department of Community Health	(2,876,336)	(252,528)	66,155	130
Department of Corrections	(35,677,677)	(836,646)	199,398	925
Department of Community Supervision	(10,588,920)	20,601	25,890	
Department of Defense	(346,158)	7,792	110,809	
Department of Driver Services	(3,317,453)	(95,704)	38,119	
Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning	(493,322)	(3,384)	3,239	420,525
Department of Economic Development	(1,097,754)	(22,512)	12,705	
Department of Education	(3,762,637)	(167,153)	116,989	36,947,817
State Forestry Commission	(2,247,819)	179,217	18,612	
Office of the Governor	(2,149,363)	58,083	38,343	942
Department of Human Services	(23,127,051)	(550,179)	100,167	191
Commissioner of Insurance	(1,044,289)	(225,354)	12,617	
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	(7,122,256)	329,360	79,237	179
Department of Juvenile Justice	(12,985,454)	(3,012,280)	140,994	43,923
Department of Labor	(319,859)		5,898	
Department of Law	(2,600,261)	(118,241)	44,589	
Department of Natural Resources	(4,528,757)	263,583	64,350	
State Board of Pardons and Paroles	(996,174)	4,990	7,856	
Georgia Public Defender Council	(3,791,198)	(100,486)	12,576	
Department of Public Health	(14,486,413)	(180,380)	70,612	4,264
Department of Public Safety	(10,143,801)	109,547	59,300	
Public Service Commission	(625,350)	(15,543)	2,102	
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia	(460,597)	1,009,293	9,188	4,454,040
Department of Revenue	(5,173,709)	(309,148)	26,736	
Secretary of State	(1,233,120)	(68,493)	15,840	316
Georgia Student Finance Commission	(506,702)	19,392	1,200	5,341
Technical College System of Georgia	(21,109,722)	896,336	1,494	127,122
Department of Transportation	(18,108,164)	414,295	581,263	

Summary of Statewide Budget Changes
FY 2027

Departments/Agencies	State Health Benefit Plan	Risk Pool Adjustments	TeamWorks Adjustment	TRS Adjustment
Department of Veterans Service	(612,769)	16,088	5,237	25,780
State Board of Workers' Compensation	(885,110)	(88,930)	7,005	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS	**($259,520,277)**	**($4,580,757)**	**($2,222,845)**	**$42,059,000**

Law Enforcement Defined Contribution Plan Adjustment
FY 2027

Departments/Agencies	Employees' Retirement System
Department of Agriculture	2,801
Department of Community Health	24,403
Department of Corrections	2,528,999
Department of Community Supervision	877,196
Department of Driver Services	4,326
Office of the Governor	5,778
Commissioner of Insurance	32,940
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	239,630
Department of Juvenile Justice	598,002
Department of Natural Resources	104,809
State Board of Pardons and Paroles	22,080
Department of Public Safety	839,005
Department of Revenue	37,022
Department of Transportation	4,286
State Board of Workers' Compensation	3,254
TOTAL STATE FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS	**5,324,531**

Surplus Funds by Department

Departments/Agencies	FY 2024	FY 2025
Legislative Branch		
Georgia Senate	$2,436,028	$2,455,597
Georgia House of Representatives	1,213,553	2,018,993
Georgia General Assembly	2,767,408	3,254,216
Audits and Accounts, Department of	957,716	1,886,784
Judicial Branch		
Court of Appeals	29,058	8,048
Judicial Council	257,501	862,143
Juvenile Courts	498,361	516,553
Prosecuting Attorneys	1,890,618	3,902,606
Superior Courts	13,316	20,270
Supreme Court	1	94,084
Executive Branch		
Accounting Office, State	941,476	85,351
Administrative Services, Department of	109,445	102,410
Agriculture, Department of	537,889	853,589
Banking and Finance, Department of	11,768	35,570
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of	23,102,648	17,550,684
Community Affairs, Department of	251,272	578,713
Community Health, Department of	351,283,915	152,251,669
Community Supervision, Department of	532,717	60,075
Corrections, Department of	49,268	92,615
Defense, Department of	207,786	310,218
Driver Services, Department of	263,910	123,127
Early Care and Learning, Bright from the Start: Department of	5,912,421	14,774,939
Economic Development, Department of	866,189	1,545,431
Education, Department of	7,412,817	8,678,580
Forestry Commission, State	39,128	10,781
Governor, Office of the	4,129,205	2,639,452
Human Services, Department of	7,335,046	8,297,466
Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of	51,338,205	47,324,241
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of	11,798,850	10,509,070
Juvenile Justice, Department of	12,244,982	8,279,042
Labor, Department of	360,456	210,900
Law, Department of	783,867	163,881
Natural Resources, Department of	571,124	464,775
Pardons and Paroles, State Board of	66,676	77,732
Properties Commission, State	0	0
Public Defender Council, Georgia	13,110	32,978
Public Health, Department of	11,827,813	11,154,766
Public Safety, Department of	594,061	440,655
Public Service Commission	444	419
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of	9,716,187	10,475,877
Revenue, Department of	11,125,597	15,688,203
Secretary of State	(1,688,068)	1,508,666
Student Finance Commission, Georgia	95,258,454	23,609,649
Teachers Retirement System	2,060	8,536
Technical College System of Georgia	509,385	561,137
Transportation, Department of	1,293,959	1,681,553
Veterans Service, Department of	370,219	1,173,862
Workers' Compensation, State Board of	1,709,965	612,598
Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund	578,500	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS SURPLUS	**$621,526,303**	**$356,988,503**

Surplus Funds by Department

Departments/Agencies	FY 2024	FY 2025
Surplus to Revenue Shortfall Reserve, June 30	$470,608,175	$286,058,799
Surplus to Lottery for Education Reserve, June 30	101,111,153	34,968,397
Surplus to Tobacco Settlement Reserve, June 30	437,613	764,105

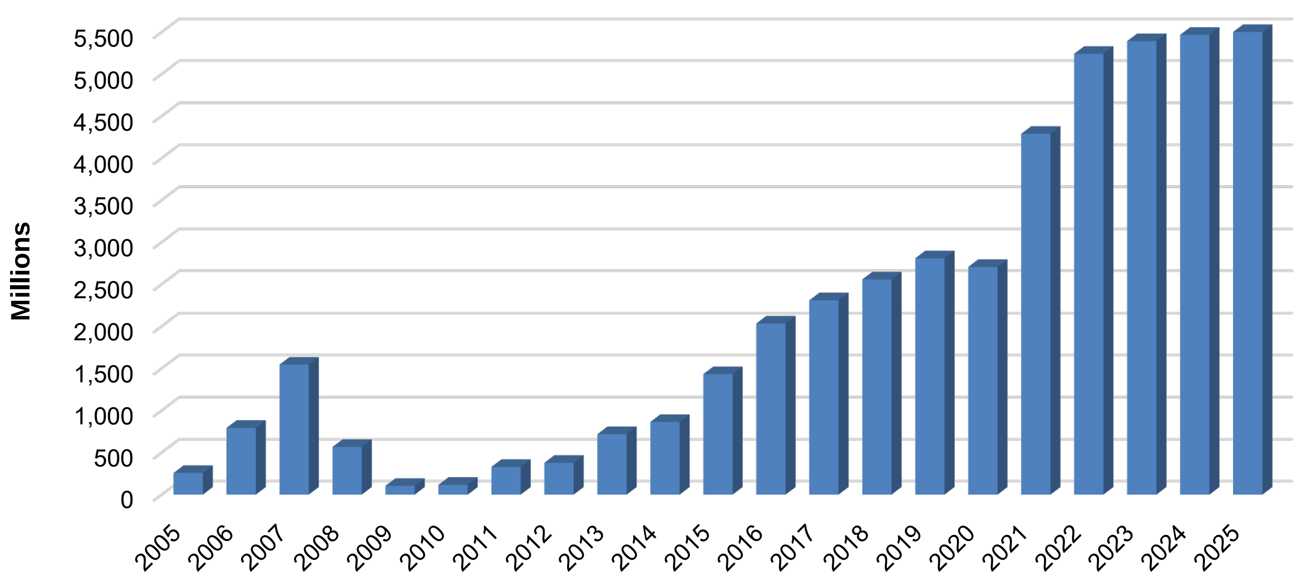
Note: The surplus for Fiscal Year 2024 includes a lapse of unallotted funds totaling $49,369,362 in state general funds. For Fiscal Year 2025, the amount of unallotted funds was $35,197,202 in state general funds. The agency surplus that was returned to the State Treasury for deposit into the Revenue Shortfall Reserve was $519,977,537 in Fiscal Year 2024. For Fiscal Year 2025, the amount returned to the state treasury was $321,256,001. Surplus lottery funds and tobacco settlement funds are deposited into separate reserves.

Revenue Shortfall Reserve

The 1976 session of the General Assembly created the Revenue Shortfall Reserve in lieu of the Working Reserve. This reserve acts as a savings account or "rainy day" fund for the state should revenue collections decline unexpectedly or uncontrollably. Current law provides that the reserve cannot exceed 15% of the previous fiscal year's net revenue. For each fiscal year, the General Assembly may appropriate an amount up to 1% of the net revenue collections of the preceding fiscal year for funding increased K-12 needs. In addition, the Governor has the authority to release funds from the reserve in excess of 4% of the net revenue of the preceding fiscal year. The chart for FY 2010 includes agency surplus collected after June 30, 2010 and does not include funds used for mid-year K-12 adjustment.

Fiscal Year	Revenue Shortfall Reserve	
2005	256,664,658	*Partially filled (Statute changed to two tier method)*
2006	792,490,296	*Exceeds 4% of Net Revenue Collections*
2007	1,544,595,188	*Exceeds 4% of Net Revenue Collections*
2008	565,907,436	*Exceeds 4% of Net Revenue Collections*
2009	103,693,796	*Partially filled*
2010	116,021,961	*Partially filled*
2011	328,387,715	*Partially filled*
2012	377,971,440	*Partially filled*
2013	717,324,098	*Partially filled*
2014	862,835,447	*Exceeds 4% of Net Revenue Collections*
2015	1,431,248,148	*Exceeds 4% of Net Revenue Collections*
2016	2,032,918,107	*Exceeds 4% of Net Revenue Collections*
2017	2,308,605,781	*Exceeds 4% of Net Revenue Collections*
2018	2,556,604,005	*Exceeds 4% of Net Revenue Collections*
2019	2,807,583,610	*Exceeds 4% of Net Revenue Collections*
2020	2,704,664,669	*Exceeds 4% of Net Revenue Collections*
2021	4,288,774,541	*Filled*
2022	5,240,228,297	*Filled*
2023	5,391,680,822	*Filled*
2024	5,466,259,838	*Filled*
2025	5,582,959,810	*Filled*

Revenue Shortfall Reserve Amounts by Fiscal Year



Dedicated State Revenues

FY 2027

State Trust Funds	Dedicated Fee Sources	FY 2025 Revenues
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption Fees	$2,597,582
Hazardous Waste Trust Fund	Solid Waste Tipping Fees	13,665,827
	Hazardous Waste Superfund	692,466
	Title III Hazardous Waste Substance Fee	530,716
Fireworks Trust Fund	Fireworks Excise Tax	2,640,635
Solid Waste Trust Fund	Scrap Tire Fees	13,665,827
State Children's Trust Fund	State Children's Trust Fund	1,187,488
Transit Trust Fund	For-Hire Ground Transport Excise Tax	41,879,732
Transportation Trust Fund	Hotel - Motel Excise Tax	210,824,277
	Highway Impact Fees	12,455,647
	Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fee	30,511,220
Trauma Care Trust Fund	Excessive Speeding Fines	16,618,843
Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund	Lifetime Sportsmen License Fees	3,009,115
	Total Fee and Fine Collections	**$350,279,374**

Agency/Program	Trust Fund Uses	FY 2027 Budget
Department of Agriculture		
Marketing and Promotion	Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,597,582
Department of Human Services		
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention	State Children's Trust Funds	1,187,488
Department of Natural Resources		
Hazardous Waste Trust Fund	Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	14,889,008
Solid Waste Trust Fund	Solid Waste Trust Funds	13,665,827
Wildlife Resources	Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	3,009,115
Department of Public Health		
Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission	Trauma Care Trust Funds	16,618,843
Department of Revenue		
Local Government Services	Fireworks Trust Funds	2,640,635
Department of Transportation		
Capital Construction Projects	Transportation Trust Funds	154,775,314
Capital Maintenance Projects	Transportation Trust Funds	44,157,476
Planning	Transportation Trust Funds	14,836,773
Rail	Transportation Trust Funds	332,871
Transit	Transportation Trust Funds	2,000,000
Transit	Transit Trust Funds	41,879,733
Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority	Transportation Trust Funds	28,478,378
Payments to Atlanta- Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority	Transportation Trust Funds	9,210,331
	Total Use of Trust Funds	**$350,279,374**

Constitutional 1% Limitation on Dedication of State Revenues	
FY 2027 Appropriation of Dedicated State Revenues	$350,279,374
FY 2025 General Fund Revenue Collections	$37,219,732,069
Percent of State Revenues Dedicated	**0.94%**

Lottery Funds

Use of Lottery Funds	FY 2026 Current Budget	Amended FY 2026	FY 2027
Early Care and Learning, Bright from the Start: Department of			
Pre-Kindergarten Program	$563,040,616	$580,411,020	$593,989,145
Subtotal	$563,040,616	$580,411,020	$593,989,145
Student Finance Commission, Georgia			
Commission Administration (GSFC)	$11,098,270	$11,337,253	$10,790,590
College Completion Grants	10,000,000	10,000,000	11,000,000
DREAMS Needs-Based Scholarship		145,000,000	
HOPE High School Equivalency Exam	500,000	500,000	500,000
HOPE Grant	93,789,605	93,789,605	93,789,605
HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools	88,239,188	89,166,251	91,417,628
HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools	895,819,276	907,098,543	937,328,190
Subtotal	$1,099,446,339	$1,256,891,652	$1,144,826,013
TOTAL LOTTERY FUNDS	**$1,662,486,955**	**$1,837,302,672**	**$1,738,815,158**

Lottery Reserves

Georgia's lottery laws require maintenance of a single Shortfall Reserve. The Shortfall Reserve must equal at least 50% of the average amount of net proceeds deposited into such account for the preceding three fiscal years. As of June 30, 2025, the required Shortfall Reserve balance was $796,264,905.

Tobacco Settlement Funds

Use of Tobacco Settlement Funds		FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026	FY 2027
Direct Healthcare				
Low Income Medicaid	DCH	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Community Care Services Program	DCH	6,191,806	6,191,806	6,191,806
Adult Developmental Disabilities Waiver Services	DBHDD	10,255,138	10,255,138	10,255,138
Subtotal:		$134,317,489	$134,317,489	$134,317,489
Cancer Treatment and Prevention				
Smoking Prevention and Cessation	DPH	$2,391,687	$2,391,687	$2,391,687
Cancer Screening	DPH	2,931,942	2,931,942	2,931,942
Cancer Treatment for Low-Income Uninsured	DPH	6,715,857	6,715,857	6,716,158
Cancer Registry	DPH	120,101	120,101	120,101
Clinical Trials Outreach and Education	DPH	500,000	500,000	500,000
Regional Cancer Coalitions	DPH	1,204,740	1,204,740	1,204,740
Enforcement/Compliance for Underage Smoking	DOR	433,783	433,783	433,783
Subtotal:		$14,298,110	$14,298,110	$14,298,411
TOTAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS		**$148,615,599**	**$148,615,599**	**$148,615,900**

SUMMARY BY AGENCY			
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
Department of Community Health (DCH)	124,062,351	124,062,351	124,062,351
Department of Public Health (DPH)	13,864,327	13,864,327	13,864,628
Department of Revenue (DOR)	433,783	433,783	433,783
Total	**$148,615,599**	**$148,615,599**	**$148,615,900**

Transportation Funds
Amended FY 2026

Transportation Funds Available	Original FY 2026	Changes	Amended FY 2026
Motor Fuel Funds (AFY 2026 Estimated)			
Motor Fuel	$2,308,243,731	32,981,941	$2,341,225,672
Interest on Motor Fuel Deposits	168,199,071	38,706,667	206,905,738
Subtotal: Motor Fuel Funds	**$2,476,442,802**	**$71,688,608**	**$2,548,131,410**
Trust Funds (FY 2024 Collections)			
Hotel/Motel Fees	$203,425,701	$0	$203,425,701
Highway Impact Fees	12,803,841	0	12,803,841
Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees	22,041,599	0	22,041,599
Rideshare Fees	38,005,357	0	38,005,357
Subtotal: Trust Funds	**$276,276,498**	**$0**	**$276,276,498**
State General Funds			
State General Funds	$45,150,783	2,247,370,363	$2,292,521,146
Subtotal: State General Funds	**$45,150,783**	**$2,247,370,363**	**$2,292,521,146**
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS AVAILABLE	**$2,797,870,083**	**$2,319,058,971**	**$5,116,929,054**

Use of Motor Fuel Funds	Original FY 2026	Changes	Amended FY 2026
Department of Transportation			
Capital Construction Projects	$988,192,130	$39,988,903	$1,028,181,033
Capital Maintenance Projects	260,588,167	0	260,588,167
Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting	3,180,059	(16,298)	3,163,761
Departmental Administration (DOT)	93,103,898	(770,170)	92,333,728
Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants	247,644,281	7,168,861	254,813,142
Local Road Assistance Administration	4,346,461	0	4,346,461
Planning	2,907,406	(22,142)	2,885,264
Program Delivery Administration	142,904,450	(1,805,440)	141,099,010
Routine Maintenance	562,829,445	21,892,461	584,721,906
Traffic Management and Control	69,181,749	6,379,236	75,560,985
Subtotal	$2,374,878,046	$72,815,411	$2,447,693,457
General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund			
GO Bonds Issued	$101,564,756	($1,126,803)	$100,437,953
Subtotal	$101,564,756	($1,126,803)	$100,437,953
Total - Motor Fuel Funds	**$2,476,442,802**	**$71,688,608**	**$2,548,131,410**

Use of Transportation Trust Funds	Original FY 2026	Changes	Amended FY 2026
Department of Transportation			
Capital Construction	$140,735,735	$0	$140,735,735
Capital Maintenance	44,157,476	0	44,157,476
Transit	14,313,521	(332,871)	13,980,650
Rail	0	332,871	332,871
Planning	2,000,000	0	2,000,000

Transportation Funds
Amended FY 2026

Use of Transportation Trust Funds	Original FY 2026	Changes	Amended FY 2026
Payments to Atlanta-Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority	9,210,331	0	9,210,331
Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority	27,854,078	0	27,854,078
Subtotal	$238,271,141	$0	$238,271,141
Total - Transportation Trust Funds	**$238,271,141**	**$0**	**$238,271,141**

Use of Transit Trust Funds	Original FY 2026	Changes	Amended FY 2026
Department of Transportation			
Transit	$38,005,357	$0	$38,005,357
Subtotal	38,005,357	$0	38,005,357
Total - Transit Trust Funds	**$38,005,357**	**$0**	**$38,005,357**

Use of State General Funds	Original FY 2026	Changes	Amended FY 2026
Department of Transportation			
Capital Construction	$0	$285,000,000	$285,000,000
Airport Aid	30,000,000	11,003,379	41,003,379
Departmental Administration	0	809,528	809,528
Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting	0	51,672	51,672
Transit	0	49,519	49,519
Rail	8,252,142	8,398,469	16,650,611
Planning	0	64,590	64,590
Program Delivery Administration	0	2,432,890	2,432,890
Ports and Waterways	1,398,641	314	1,398,955
Local Road Assistance Administration	5,500,000	250,000,000	255,500,000
Traffic Management and Control	0	695,419	695,419
Routine Maintenance	0	3,998,121	3,998,121
Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority	0	1,684,866,462	1,684,866,462
Subtotal	$45,150,783	2,247,370,363	$2,292,521,146
Total - State General Funds	**$45,150,783**	**$2,247,370,363**	**$2,292,521,146**

TOTAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS	**$2,797,870,083**	**$2,319,058,971**	**$5,116,929,054**

Transportation Funds
FY 2027

Transportation Revenues	Original FY 2026	Changes	FY 2027
Motor Fuel Funds (FY 2027 Estimated)			
Motor Fuel	$2,308,243,731	$129,575,715	$2,437,819,446
Interest on Motor Fuel Deposits	168,199,071	6,175,983	174,375,054
Subtotal: Motor Fuel Funds	**$2,476,442,802**	**$135,751,698**	**$2,612,194,500**
Trust Funds (FY 2025 Collections)			
Hotel/Motel Fees	$203,425,701	$7,398,576	$210,824,277
Highway Impact Fees	12,803,841	(348,194)	12,455,647
Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees	22,041,599	8,469,621	30,511,220
Rideshare Fees	38,005,357	3,874,376	41,879,733
Subtotal: Trust Funds	**$276,276,498**	**$19,394,378**	**$295,670,876**
State General Funds			
State General Funds	$45,150,783	$4,081,206	$49,231,989
Subtotal: State General Funds	**$45,150,783**	**$4,081,206**	**$49,231,989**
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS AVAILABLE	**$2,797,870,083**	**$159,227,282**	**$2,957,097,365**

Use of Motor Fuel Funds	Original FY 2026	Changes	FY 2027
Department of Transportation			
Capital Construction Projects	$988,192,130	$92,526,050	$1,080,718,180
Capital Maintenance Projects	260,588,167	0	260,588,167
Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting	3,180,059	(81,025)	3,099,034
Departmental Administration (DOT)	93,103,898	(306,831)	92,797,067
Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants	247,644,281	13,575,170	261,219,451
Local Road Assistance Administration	4,346,461	0	4,346,461
Planning	2,907,406	(107,078)	2,800,328
Program Delivery Administration	142,904,450	(5,788,900)	137,115,550
Routine Maintenance	562,829,445	36,392,827	599,222,272
Traffic Management and Control	69,181,749	4,870,424	74,052,173
Subtotal	$2,374,878,046	$141,080,637	$2,515,958,683
General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund			
GO Bonds Issued	$101,564,756	($5,328,939)	$96,235,817
Subtotal	$101,564,756	($5,328,939)	$96,235,817
Total - Motor Fuel Funds	**$2,476,442,802**	**$135,751,698**	**$2,612,194,500**

Use of Transportation Trust Funds	Original FY 2026	Changes	FY 2027
Department of Transportation			
Capital Construction	$140,735,735	$14,039,579	$154,775,314
Capital Maintenance	44,157,476	$0	44,157,476
Transit	14,313,521	$523,252	14,836,773
Planning	2,000,000	$0	2,000,000

Transportation Funds
FY 2027

Use of Transportation Trust Funds	Original FY 2026	Changes	FY 2027
Rail	0	$332,871	332,871
Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority	9,210,331	$0	9,210,331
Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority	27,854,078	$624,300	28,478,378
Subtotal	$238,271,141	$15,520,002	$253,791,143
Total - Transportation Trust Funds	**$238,271,141**	**$15,520,002**	**$253,791,143**

Use of Transit Trust Funds	Original FY 2026	Changes	FY 2027
Department of Transportation			
Transit	$38,005,357	$3,874,376	$41,879,733
Subtotal	$38,005,357	$3,874,376	$41,879,733
Total - Transit Trust Funds	**$38,005,357**	**$3,874,376**	**$41,879,733**

Use of State General Funds	Original FY 2026	Changes	FY 2027
Department of Transportation			
Airport Aid	30,000,000	9,989,836	39,989,836
Local Road Assistance Administration	5,500,000	(5,500,000)	0
Ports and Waterways	1,398,641	(18,198)	1,380,443
Rail	8,252,142	(390,432)	7,861,710
Subtotal	$45,150,783	$4,081,206	$49,231,989
Total - State General Funds	**$45,150,783**	**$4,081,206**	**$49,231,989**

TOTAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS	**$2,797,870,083**	**$159,227,282**	**$2,957,097,365**

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Georgia Senate
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Lieutenant Governor's Office

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,918
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(14,638)
	Total Change	**($1,720)**

Secretary of the Senate's Office

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(9,688)
	Total Change	**$5,383**

Senate

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$114,109
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(88,042)
3.	Increase funds for projected expenditures in contracts, and for legislative operations.	550,000
	Total Change	**$576,067**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Lieutenant Governor's Office

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($61,291)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	24,518
	Total Change	**($36,773)**

Secretary of the Senate's Office

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($70,047)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	18,717
	Total Change	**($51,330)**

Senate

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($542,865)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	216,414
3.	Increase funds for legislative operations.	3,300,000
	Total Change	**$2,973,549**

Georgia Senate

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$18,015,468	$579,730	$18,595,198	$18,015,468	$2,885,446	$20,900,914
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$18,015,468**	**$579,730**	**$18,595,198**	**$18,015,468**	**$2,885,446**	**$20,900,914**
Total Funds	**$18,015,468**	**$579,730**	**$18,595,198**	**$18,015,468**	**$2,885,446**	**$20,900,914**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Lieutenant Governor's Office						
State General Funds	2,346,940	(1,720)	2,345,220	2,346,940	(36,773)	2,310,167
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,346,940**	**($1,720)**	**$2,345,220**	**$2,346,940**	**($36,773)**	**$2,310,167**
Secretary of the Senate's Office						
State General Funds	1,553,243	5,383	1,558,626	1,553,243	(51,330)	1,501,913
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,553,243**	**$5,383**	**$1,558,626**	**$1,553,243**	**($51,330)**	**$1,501,913**
Senate						
State General Funds	14,115,285	576,067	14,691,352	14,115,285	2,973,549	17,088,834
TOTAL FUNDS	**$14,115,285**	**$576,067**	**$14,691,352**	**$14,115,285**	**$2,973,549**	**$17,088,834**

Georgia Senate

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Lieutenant Governor's Office	$1,890,734	$1,855,455	$2,346,940	$2,345,220	$2,310,167
Secretary of the Senate's Office	1,477,176	1,421,012	1,553,243	1,558,626	1,501,913
Senate	10,843,069	11,798,458	14,115,285	14,691,352	17,088,834
SUBTOTAL	**$14,210,979**	**$15,074,925**	**$18,015,468**	**$18,595,198**	**$20,900,914**
Total Funds	**$14,210,979**	**$15,074,925**	**$18,015,468**	**$18,595,198**	**$20,900,914**
Less:					
Prior Year State Funds	124,447	148,407			
SUBTOTAL	**$124,447**	**$148,407**			
State General Funds	14,086,532	14,926,518	18,015,468	18,595,198	20,900,914
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$14,086,532**	**$14,926,518**	**$18,015,468**	**$18,595,198**	**$20,900,914**

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

House of Representatives

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$187,311
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(182,806)
3.	Increase funds for legislative operations.	550,000
	Total Change	**$554,505**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

House of Representatives

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,096,830)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	478,291
4.	Increase funds for legislative operations.	3,300,000
	Total Change	**$2,681,461**

Georgia House of Representatives

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$26,664,595	$554,505	$27,219,100	$26,664,595	$2,681,461	$29,346,056
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$26,664,595**	**$554,505**	**$27,219,100**	**$26,664,595**	**$2,681,461**	**$29,346,056**
Total Funds	**$26,664,595**	**$554,505**	**$27,219,100**	**$26,664,595**	**$2,681,461**	**$29,346,056**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
House of Representatives						
State General Funds	26,664,595	554,505	27,219,100	26,664,595	2,681,461	29,346,056
TOTAL FUNDS	**$26,664,595**	**$554,505**	**$27,219,100**	**$26,664,595**	**$2,681,461**	**$29,346,056**

Georgia House of Representatives

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
House of Representatives	$23,542,314	$24,274,873	$26,664,595	$27,219,100	$29,346,056
SUBTOTAL	**$23,542,314**	**$24,274,873**	**$26,664,595**	**$27,219,100**	**$29,346,056**
Total Funds	**$23,542,314**	**$24,274,873**	**$26,664,595**	**$27,219,100**	**$29,346,056**
Less:					
Prior Year State Funds	449,739	495,735			
SUBTOTAL	**$449,739**	**$495,735**			
State General Funds	23,092,574	23,779,138	26,664,595	27,219,100	29,346,056
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$23,092,574**	**$23,779,138**	**$26,664,595**	**$27,219,100**	**$29,346,056**

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Ancillary Activities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$55,978
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(48,724)
3.	Increase funds for security services.	500,000
	Total Change	**$507,254**

Legislative Fiscal Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$10,765
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(51,508)
	Total Change	**($40,743)**

Office of Legislative Counsel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$90,426
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(9,744)
	Total Change	**$80,682**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Ancillary Activities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$132
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(49,540)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	1,531
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(292,342)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	108,547
6.	Increase funds for legislative operations.	250,000
	Total Change	**$18,328**

Legislative Fiscal Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	$37,358
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(58,468)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	17,677
	Total Change	**($3,433)**

Office of Legislative Counsel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($309,047)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	108,474
3.	Increase funds for Georgia Laws digitization project.	500,000
	Total Change	**$299,427**

General Assembly

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$23,364,111	$547,193	$23,911,304	$23,364,111	$314,322	$23,678,433
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$23,364,111**	**$547,193**	**$23,911,304**	**$23,364,111**	**$314,322**	**$23,678,433**
Total Funds	**$23,364,111**	**$547,193**	**$23,911,304**	**$23,364,111**	**$314,322**	**$23,678,433**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Ancillary Activities						
State General Funds	15,476,476	507,254	15,983,730	15,476,476	18,328	15,494,804
TOTAL FUNDS	**$15,476,476**	**$507,254**	**$15,983,730**	**$15,476,476**	**$18,328**	**$15,494,804**
Legislative Fiscal Office						
State General Funds	1,400,401	(40,743)	1,359,658	1,400,401	(3,433)	1,396,968
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,400,401**	**($40,743)**	**$1,359,658**	**$1,400,401**	**($3,433)**	**$1,396,968**
Office of Legislative Counsel						
State General Funds	6,487,234	80,682	6,567,916	6,487,234	299,427	6,786,661
TOTAL FUNDS	**$6,487,234**	**$80,682**	**$6,567,916**	**$6,487,234**	**$299,427**	**$6,786,661**

General Assembly
Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Ancillary Activities	$10,654,482	$12,102,227	$15,476,476	$15,983,730	$15,494,804
Legislative Fiscal Office	1,324,899	1,194,135	1,400,401	1,359,658	1,396,968
Office of Legislative Counsel	4,763,393	6,115,936	6,487,234	6,567,916	6,786,661
SUBTOTAL	**$16,742,774**	**$19,412,298**	**$23,364,111**	**$23,911,304**	**$23,678,433**
Total Funds	**$16,742,774**	**$19,412,298**	**$23,364,111**	**$23,911,304**	**$23,678,433**
Less:					
Other Funds	418,101	61,425			
Prior Year State Funds	28,429	34,953			
SUBTOTAL	**$446,530**	**$96,378**			
State General Funds	16,296,244	19,315,920	23,364,111	23,911,304	23,678,433
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$16,296,244**	**$19,315,920**	**$23,364,111**	**$23,911,304**	**$23,678,433**

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Audit and Assurance Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$456,436
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(302,222)
3.	Utilize existing funds ($236,282) for continued investment in subscription-based data analytics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies to innovate and improve the productivity in support of audit work and results.	Yes
4.	Utilize existing funds to fill vacancies and assume responsibility for public school system audits over a three-year period.	Yes
	Total Change	**$154,214**

Departmental Administration (DOAA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$34,448
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(19,400)
	Total Change	**$15,048**

Legislative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$38,754
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(23,576)
	Total Change	**$15,178**

Department of Audits and Accounts

Program Budgets

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Audit and Assurance Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,021)
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	2,697
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,813,334)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	557,304
5.	Increase funds for an increase to base salary and merit-based adjustments in support of market alignment for critical employee recruitment and retention initiatives.	688,173
6.	Increase funds for continued investment in subscription-based data analytics and AI technologies to innovate and improve the productivity in support of audit work and results.	464,162
7.	Increase funds to invest in agency cloud-based auditing software to strengthen audit capabilities and enhance efficiency, quality, and consistency in audit execution.	248,021
8.	Increase funds for three existing software subscriptions.	354,578
9.	Provide funds to assume responsibility for additional public school system audits over a three-year period.	1,579,552
	Total Change	**$2,078,132**

Departmental Administration (DOAA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($194)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	147
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	173
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(116,401)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	42,061
6.	Increase funds for an increase to base salary and merit-based adjustments in support of market alignment for critical employee recruitment and retention initiatives.	64,527
7.	Increase funds for three existing software subscriptions.	22,761
	Total Change	**$13,074**

Legislative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($236)
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	210
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(141,463)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	43,524
5.	Increase funds for an increase to base salary and merit-based adjustments in support of market alignment for critical employee recruitment and retention initiatives.	55,792
6.	Increase funds for three existing software subscriptions.	27,661
	Total Change	**($14,512)**

Department of Audits and Accounts

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$47,905,532	$184,440	$48,089,972	$47,905,532	$2,076,694	$49,982,226
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$47,905,532**	**$184,440**	**$48,089,972**	**$47,905,532**	**$2,076,694**	**$49,982,226**
Other Funds	$60,000	$0	$60,000	$60,000	$0	$60,000
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$60,000**	**$0**	**$60,000**	**$60,000**	**$0**	**$60,000**
Total Funds	**$47,965,532**	**$184,440**	**$48,149,972**	**$47,965,532**	**$2,076,694**	**$50,042,226**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Audit and Assurance Services						
State General Funds	39,356,229	154,214	39,510,443	39,356,229	2,078,132	41,434,361
Other Funds	60,000	0	60,000	60,000	0	60,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$39,416,229**	**$154,214**	**$39,570,443**	**$39,416,229**	**$2,078,132**	**$41,494,361**
Departmental Administration (DOAA)						
State General Funds	3,255,621	15,048	3,270,669	3,255,621	13,074	3,268,695
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,255,621**	**$15,048**	**$3,270,669**	**$3,255,621**	**$13,074**	**$3,268,695**
Legislative Services						
State General Funds	2,243,000	0	2,243,000	2,243,000	0	2,243,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,243,000**	**$0**	**$2,243,000**	**$2,243,000**	**$0**	**$2,243,000**
Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest						
State General Funds	3,050,682	15,178	3,065,860	3,050,682	(14,512)	3,036,170
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,050,682**	**$15,178**	**$3,065,860**	**$3,050,682**	**($14,512)**	**$3,036,170**

Department of Audits and Accounts

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Audit and Assurance Services	$36,950,635	$38,032,875	$39,416,229	$39,570,443	$41,494,361
Departmental Administration (DOAA)	3,095,315	3,132,710	3,255,621	3,270,669	3,268,695
Legislative Services	1,371,088	1,126,422	2,243,000	2,243,000	2,243,000
Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest	2,878,565	2,893,170	3,050,682	3,065,860	3,036,170
SUBTOTAL	**$44,295,603**	**$45,185,177**	**$47,965,532**	**$48,149,972**	**$50,042,226**
Total Funds	**$44,295,603**	**$45,185,177**	**$47,965,532**	**$48,149,972**	**$50,042,226**
Less:					
Other Funds	60,000	55,020	60,000	60,000	60,000
Prior Year State Funds		391,331			
SUBTOTAL	**$60,000**	**$446,351**	**$60,000**	**$60,000**	**$60,000**
State General Funds	44,235,602	44,738,825	47,905,532	48,089,972	49,982,226
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$44,235,602**	**$44,738,825**	**$47,905,532**	**$48,089,972**	**$49,982,226**

Court of Appeals
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Court of Appeals

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$180,852
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(198,750)
3.	Increase funds for commute funds required for a new judge appointed January 1, 2025.	40,000
4.	Increase funds for FY2026 contract costs associated with shared director of Judicial Protection Services.	62,500
5.	Utilize existing funds for ongoing licensing and maintenance costs associated with moving the Court's technology platform to a cloud-based solution.	Yes
	Total Change	**$84,602**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Court of Appeals

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,015)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(3,944)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	3,073
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,192,501)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	380,366
6.	Increase funds to annualize judges' FY 2026 salary increase.	723,144
7.	Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention increases for attorneys and professional staff with largest disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff.	338,459
8.	Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention increases for Court staff due to critical turnover.	109,272
9.	Increase funds to annualize commute funds for a new judge appointed January 1, 2025.	25,000
10.	Increase funds for two positions and associated operating expenses for a new Judicial Protection Services office to be shared with the Supreme Court.	291,631
11.	Increase funds for the one-time purchase of an SUV made in the State of Georgia to be utilized by the Judicial Protection Services office.	46,753
12.	Increase funds to annualize ongoing licensing and maintenance costs associated with moving the Court's technology platform to a cloud-based solution.	197,000
13.	Recognize the Court's employer contribution fringe rate has grown to 103.6% as a percentage of salary prior to one statewide measure on State Health Benefit Plan reduction, and the entity is urged to consider policies and steps to reduce the actuarial liabilities.	Yes
	Total Change	**$914,238**

Court of Appeals

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$27,677,694	$84,602	$27,762,296	$27,677,694	$914,238	$28,591,932
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$27,677,694**	**$84,602**	**$27,762,296**	**$27,677,694**	**$914,238**	**$28,591,932**
Other Funds	$150,000	$0	$150,000	$150,000	$0	$150,000
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$150,000**	**$0**	**$150,000**	**$150,000**	**$0**	**$150,000**
Total Funds	**$27,827,694**	**$84,602**	**$27,912,296**	**$27,827,694**	**$914,238**	**$28,741,932**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Court of Appeals						
State General Funds	27,677,694	84,602	27,762,296	27,677,694	914,238	28,591,932
Other Funds	150,000	0	150,000	150,000	0	150,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$27,827,694**	**$84,602**	**$27,912,296**	**$27,827,694**	**$914,238**	**$28,741,932**

Court of Appeals
Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Court of Appeals	$26,000,826	$27,001,868	$27,827,694	$27,912,296	$28,741,932
Georgia State-wide Business Court	1,833,879				
SUBTOTAL	**$27,834,705**	**$27,001,868**	**$27,827,694**	**$27,912,296**	**$28,741,932**
Total Funds	**$27,834,705**	**$27,001,868**	**$27,827,694**	**$27,912,296**	**$28,741,932**
Less:					
Other Funds	298,168	445,742	150,000	150,000	150,000
SUBTOTAL	**$298,168**	**$445,742**	**$150,000**	**$150,000**	**$150,000**
State General Funds	27,536,537	26,556,125	27,677,694	27,762,296	28,591,932
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$27,536,537**	**$26,556,125**	**$27,677,694**	**$27,762,296**	**$28,591,932**

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(5,866)
3.	Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.	(66,302)
	Total Change	**($54,944)**

Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$6,459
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(2,934)
	Total Change	**$3,525**

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,466)
	Total Change	**$2,840**

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224
	Total Change	**$17,224**

Judicial Council

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$137,792

2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(51,320)
3.	Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of a new position.	(27,150)
	Total Change	**$59,322**

Judicial Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(5,132)
	Total Change	**$9,939**

Resource Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia State-wide Business Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$10,765
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(4,400)
3.	Increase funds to align salaries per O.C.G.A. 15-5A-11.	2,187
	Total Change	**$8,552**

Georgia Tax Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for personnel for the Georgia Tax Court Judge effective April 1, 2026 per HB392 (2025 Legislative Session).	$91,560
2.	Increase funds for operations.	22,000
3.	Increase funds for contracts.	60,000
4.	Increase funds for start-up costs.	100,000
	Total Change	**$273,560**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($46,118)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	18,915
	Total Change	**($27,203)**

Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($24,506)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	10,789
	Total Change	**($13,717)**

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to support the Schedule Alternative Dispute Resolution case management system.	$39,000
2.	Increase funds for one program coordinator.	125,711
	Total Change	**$164,711**

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for one accounting paraprofessional position.	$63,228
	Total Change	**$63,228**

Judicial Council

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($484)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(536)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	6,192
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(349,454)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	122,489
6.	Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention initiatives effective January 1, 2026.	100,000
7.	Increase funds for continuity for the Georgia Case Management System project.	391,100

8.	Increase funds to contract with the Council of Superior Court Judges, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council, and the Georgia Public Defender Council for the express purpose of speedy adjudication of individuals held in county jails charged with crimes specifically related to state prison contraband.	1,000,000
9.	Study and report an alternative caseload formula in collaboration with the Administrative Office of the Courts, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office and prepare to move to a new formula for determining additional judgeships that does not automatically lead to the creation of new judgeships each year, beginning in FY 2028.	Yes
	Total Change	**$1,269,307**

Judicial Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($40,041)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	21,871
3.	Increase funds for personnel for a second full-time investigator position.	134,092
4.	Increase funds for security partnerships.	50,000
5.	Utilize existing funds ($50,000) and increase funds to support growing operations costs, including litigation before the Judicial Qualification Commission's Hearing Panel. (Total $75,000)	25,000
6.	Increase funds for personnel for a fourth full-time attorney position.	167,614
	Total Change	**$358,536**

Resource Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia State-wide Business Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($56,385)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	28,318
3.	Increase funds to annualize judge salary effective January 1, 2026.	22,271
4.	Increase funds to align salaries per O.C.G.A. 15-5A-11.	8,747
5.	Increase funds to annualize FY 2026 recruitment and retention initiatives effective January 1, 2026.	30,386
	Total Change	**$33,337**

Georgia Tax Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a tax court with state-wide jurisdiction over challenges and appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$6,079
2.	Increase funds for judge salary to mirror the Statewide Business Court judge salary effective January 1, 2026.	346,517

3.	Increase funds for personal services for a staff attorney position.	217,899
4.	Increase funds for one court administrator.	95,054
5.	Increase funds for operating expenses.	45,000
6.	Increase funds for software maintenance and equipment.	15,000
7.	Increase funds for contracts.	82,000
	Total Change	**$807,549**

Judicial Council

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$26,262,541	$320,018	$26,582,559	$26,262,541	$2,655,748	$28,918,289
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$26,262,541**	**$320,018**	**$26,582,559**	**$26,262,541**	**$2,655,748**	**$28,918,289**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367	$0	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$0	$1,627,367
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$1,627,367**	**$0**	**$1,627,367**	**$1,627,367**	**$0**	**$1,627,367**
Other Funds	$2,839,320	$0	$2,839,320	$2,839,320	$0	$2,839,320
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$2,839,320**	**$0**	**$2,839,320**	**$2,839,320**	**$0**	**$2,839,320**
Total Funds	**$30,729,228**	**$320,018**	**$31,049,246**	**$30,729,228**	**$2,655,748**	**$33,384,976**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Council of Accountability Court Judges						
State General Funds	1,325,892	(54,944)	1,270,948	1,325,892	(27,203)	1,298,689
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,325,892**	**($54,944)**	**$1,270,948**	**$1,325,892**	**($27,203)**	**$1,298,689**
Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission						
State General Funds	1,125,000	3,525	1,128,525	1,125,000	(13,717)	1,111,283
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,125,000**	**$3,525**	**$1,128,525**	**$1,125,000**	**($13,717)**	**$1,111,283**
Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution						
State General Funds	0	2,840	2,840	0	164,711	164,711
Other Funds	487,212	0	487,212	487,212	0	487,212
TOTAL FUNDS	**$487,212**	**$2,840**	**$490,052**	**$487,212**	**$164,711**	**$651,923**
Institute of Continuing Judicial Education						
State General Funds	844,596	17,224	861,820	844,596	63,228	907,824
Other Funds	953,203	0	953,203	953,203	0	953,203
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,797,799**	**$17,224**	**$1,815,023**	**$1,797,799**	**$63,228**	**$1,861,027**
Judicial Council						
State General Funds	18,476,799	59,322	18,536,121	18,476,799	1,269,307	19,746,106
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,627,367	0	1,627,367	1,627,367	0	1,627,367
Other Funds	1,388,905	0	1,388,905	1,388,905	0	1,388,905
TOTAL FUNDS	**$21,493,071**	**$59,322**	**$21,552,393**	**$21,493,071**	**$1,269,307**	**$22,762,378**
Judicial Qualifications Commission						
State General Funds	1,593,094	9,939	1,603,033	1,593,094	358,536	1,951,630
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,593,094**	**$9,939**	**$1,603,033**	**$1,593,094**	**$358,536**	**$1,951,630**
Resource Center						
State General Funds	900,000	0	900,000	900,000	0	900,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$900,000**	**$0**	**$900,000**	**$900,000**	**$0**	**$900,000**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Georgia State-wide Business Court						
State General Funds	1,997,160	8,552	2,005,712	1,997,160	33,337	2,030,497
Other Funds	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,007,160**	**$8,552**	**$2,015,712**	**$2,007,160**	**$33,337**	**$2,040,497**
Georgia Tax Court						

Judicial Council
Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
State General Funds	0	273,560	273,560	0	807,549	807,549
TOTAL FUNDS	**$0**	**$273,560**	**$273,560**	**$0**	**$807,549**	**$807,549**

Judicial Council

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Council of Accountability Court Judges	$913,426	$913,568	$1,325,892	$1,270,948	$1,298,689
Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission			1,125,000	1,128,525	1,111,283
Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution	715,499	764,843	487,212	490,052	651,923
Institute of Continuing Judicial Education	2,865,879	3,261,821	1,797,799	1,815,023	1,861,027
Judicial Council	51,334,467	96,602,175	21,493,071	21,552,393	22,762,378
Judicial Qualifications Commission	1,297,115	1,384,425	1,593,094	1,603,033	1,951,630
Resource Center	800,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000
Georgia State-wide Business Court		1,911,597			
SUBTOTAL	**$57,926,386**	**$105,738,429**	**$28,722,068**	**$28,759,974**	**$30,536,930**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Georgia State-wide Business Court			$2,007,160	$2,015,712	$2,040,497
Georgia Tax Court				273,560	807,549
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)			**$2,007,160**	**$2,289,272**	**$2,848,046**
Total Funds	**$57,926,386**	**$105,738,429**	**$30,729,228**	**$31,049,246**	**$33,384,976**
Less:					
Federal Funds	1,390,618	1,224,372	1,627,367	1,627,367	1,627,367
Federal COVID Funds	28,985,531	76,243,199			
Other Funds	6,700,160	5,348,321	2,839,320	2,839,320	2,839,320
SUBTOTAL	**$37,076,309**	**$82,815,892**	**$4,466,687**	**$4,466,687**	**$4,466,687**
State General Funds	20,850,078	22,922,536	26,262,541	26,582,559	28,918,289
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$20,850,078**	**$22,922,536**	**$26,262,541**	**$26,582,559**	**$28,918,289**

Juvenile Courts
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Council of Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(9,996)
	Total Change	**$7,228**

Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect an increase in the Judicial Retirement System (JRS) employer contribution rate due to the passage of HB85 (2025 Legislative Session).	$355,564
	Total Change	**$355,564**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Council of Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($679)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	487
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(59,981)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	20,372
	Total Change	**($39,801)**

Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect an increase in the Judicial Retirement System employer contribution rate due to the passage of HB 85 (2025 Session).	$493,168
	Total Change	**$493,168**

Juvenile Courts

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$9,810,645	$362,792	$10,173,437	$9,810,645	$453,367	$10,264,012
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$9,810,645**	**$362,792**	**$10,173,437**	**$9,810,645**	**$453,367**	**$10,264,012**
Other Funds	$67,486	$0	$67,486	$67,486	$0	$67,486
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$67,486**	**$0**	**$67,486**	**$67,486**	**$0**	**$67,486**
Total Funds	**$9,878,131**	**$362,792**	**$10,240,923**	**$9,878,131**	**$453,367**	**$10,331,498**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Council of Juvenile Court Judges						
State General Funds	2,026,916	7,228	2,034,144	2,026,916	(39,801)	1,987,115
Other Funds	67,486	0	67,486	67,486	0	67,486
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,094,402**	**$7,228**	**$2,101,630**	**$2,094,402**	**($39,801)**	**$2,054,601**
Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges						
State General Funds	7,783,729	355,564	8,139,293	7,783,729	493,168	8,276,897
TOTAL FUNDS	**$7,783,729**	**$355,564**	**$8,139,293**	**$7,783,729**	**$493,168**	**$8,276,897**

Juvenile Courts
Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Council of Juvenile Court Judges	$1,603,857	$1,688,125	$2,094,402	$2,101,630	$2,054,601
Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges	7,609,305	7,604,070	7,783,729	8,139,293	8,276,897
SUBTOTAL	**$9,213,162**	**$9,292,195**	**$9,878,131**	**$10,240,923**	**$10,331,498**
Total Funds	**$9,213,162**	**$9,292,195**	**$9,878,131**	**$10,240,923**	**$10,331,498**
Less:					
Other Funds			67,486	67,486	67,486
SUBTOTAL			**$67,486**	**$67,486**	**$67,486**
State General Funds	9,213,162	9,292,195	9,810,645	10,173,437	10,264,012
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$9,213,162**	**$9,292,195**	**$9,810,645**	**$10,173,437**	**$10,264,012**

Prosecuting Attorneys
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Council of Superior Court Clerks

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Conflict Case

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(8,838)
	Total Change	**$6,233**

District Attorneys

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,606,138
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(929,558)
	Total Change	**$676,580**

Prosecuting Attorney's Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$92,579
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(59,338)
	Total Change	**$33,241**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Council of Superior Court Clerks

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Conflict Case

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$936
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(53,030)
3.	Increase funds to annualize FY2026 revised pay scale and one step increase for attorneys.	41,729
4.	Increase funds to annualize FY2026 salary increases for recruitment and retention of prosecution support.	5,597
5.	Increase funds for a revised pay scale for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.	115,477
6.	Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the Prosecuting Attorney's Council program to reflect realignment.	(1,460,991)
7.	Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the District Attorneys program to reflect realignment.	(150,000)
8.	Reduce funds for conflict case travel.	(200,000)
	Total Change	**($1,700,282)**

District Attorneys

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$92,555
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(5,577,347)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,864,090
4.	Increase funds to set district attorney salary to $175,000 effective January 1, 2027, contingent upon district attorney local supplement being compliant with HB 1020 (2026 Session).	1,570,584
5.	Increase funds to reflect an increase in the Judicial Retirement System employer contribution rate from 8.89% to 9.10%.	14,188
6.	Increase funds to annualize FY2026 revised pay scale and one step increase for assistant district attorneys.	5,074,284
7.	Increase funds to annualize FY2026 salary increases for recruitment and retention of prosecution support.	414,015
8.	Increase funds to annualize additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in Alapaha and Douglas Judicial Circuits.	179,746
9.	Provide funds for one investigator, one victim advocate, and two secretaries for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB424 (2024 Session).	467,594
10.	Provide funds for a revised pay scale for assistant district attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs effective January 1, 2027.	5,723,518
11.	Provide funds for three additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in the Gwinnett, Middle, and Northeastern Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2027.	302,565
12.	Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the District Attorneys program for conflict case travel.	150,000
13.	Increase intra-state government transfers to reflect a change in the Department of Human Services Child Support Services contract (Department of Human Services grant funds).	Yes
	Total Change	**$12,275,792**

Prosecuting Attorney's Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,287
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	32
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	25,348
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(356,032)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	128,267
6.	Increase funds to annualize FY2026 revised pay scale and one step increase for attorneys.	109,347
7.	Increase funds to annualize FY2026 salary increases for recruitment and retention of prosecution support.	77,113
8.	Provide funds for year two of a revised pay scale for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.	327,686
9.	Provide funds for one victim advocate.	115,094
10.	Transfer funds from the Conflict Case program to the Prosecuting Attorney's Council program for conflict case personnel and travel.	1,460,991
11.	Increase funds to reflect an increase in employer retirement contributions for elected solicitors-general and solicitor-general staff in Bibb and DeKalb counties.	132,511
12.	Reduce funds for one-time funding for Gang Tracker Case Management System.	(690,000)
13.	Utilize existing funds ($277,325) for the animal cruelty database pursuant to SB 587 (2026 Legislative Session).	Yes
	Total Change	**$1,336,644**

Prosecuting Attorneys

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$131,005,428	$716,054	$131,721,482	$131,005,428	$11,912,154	$142,917,582
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$131,005,428**	**$716,054**	**$131,721,482**	**$131,005,428**	**$11,912,154**	**$142,917,582**
Other Funds	$2,239,803	$0	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$400,724	$2,640,527
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$2,239,803**	**$0**	**$2,239,803**	**$2,239,803**	**$400,724**	**$2,640,527**
Total Funds	**$133,245,231**	**$716,054**	**$133,961,285**	**$133,245,231**	**$12,312,878**	**$145,558,109**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Council of Superior Court Clerks						
State General Funds	190,721	0	190,721	190,721	0	190,721
TOTAL FUNDS	**$190,721**	**$0**	**$190,721**	**$190,721**	**$0**	**$190,721**
Conflict Case						
State General Funds	1,700,282	6,233	1,706,515	1,700,282	(1,700,282)	0
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,700,282**	**$6,233**	**$1,706,515**	**$1,700,282**	**($1,700,282)**	**$0**
District Attorneys						
State General Funds	118,315,041	676,580	118,991,621	118,315,041	12,275,792	130,590,833
Other Funds	2,239,803	0	2,239,803	2,239,803	400,724	2,640,527
TOTAL FUNDS	**$120,554,844**	**$676,580**	**$121,231,424**	**$120,554,844**	**$12,676,516**	**$133,231,360**
Prosecuting Attorney's Council						
State General Funds	10,799,384	33,241	10,832,625	10,799,384	1,336,644	12,136,028
TOTAL FUNDS	**$10,799,384**	**$33,241**	**$10,832,625**	**$10,799,384**	**$1,336,644**	**$12,136,028**

Prosecuting Attorneys

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Council of Superior Court Clerks	$185,166	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
Conflict Case	1,241,439	1,223,684	1,700,282	1,706,515	
District Attorneys	128,664,681	127,098,327	120,554,844	121,231,424	133,231,360
Prosecuting Attorney's Council	12,051,905	13,136,023	10,799,384	10,832,625	12,136,028
Prosecuting Attorneys Qualification Commission		829,434			
SUBTOTAL	**$142,143,191**	**$142,478,189**	**$133,245,231**	**$133,961,285**	**$145,558,109**
Total Funds	**$142,143,191**	**$142,478,189**	**$133,245,231**	**$133,961,285**	**$145,558,109**
Less:					
Federal Funds	11,860,111	8,663,173			
Other Funds	15,977,273	15,116,676	2,239,803	2,239,803	2,640,527
SUBTOTAL	**$27,837,384**	**$23,779,849**	**$2,239,803**	**$2,239,803**	**$2,640,527**
State General Funds	114,305,807	118,698,339	131,005,428	131,721,482	142,917,582
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$114,305,807**	**$118,698,339**	**$131,005,428**	**$131,721,482**	**$142,917,582**

Superior Courts
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Council of Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$21,530
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(14,776)
	Total Change	**$6,754**

Judicial Administrative Districts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$43,060
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(26,782)
	Total Change	**$16,278**

Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$536,097
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(749,930)
3.	Increase funds for six months of the new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session) for the Alapaha Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created in HB55 (2025 Legislative Session).	42,482
4.	Increase funds for six months of the new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session) for the Augusta Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created in SB145 (2025 Legislative Session).	42,482
5.	Increase funds for six months of the new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session) for the Douglas Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026 created in SB88 (2025 Legislative Session).	42,482
6.	Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Houston Circuit new judgeship created in HB960 (2024 Legislative Session).	(15,125)
7.	Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Tifton Circuit new judgeship created in HB906 (2024 Legislative Session).	(15,125)
8.	Reduce funds to reflect Superior Court Judges who have not opted in to the new salary structure.	(1,408,986)
	Total Change	**($1,525,623)**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Council of Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$122
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(88,657)

3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	27,250
4.	Provide funds for personal services for one human resources generalist position.	125,711
5.	Increase funds for targeted retention initiatives for staff.	100,565
	Total Change	**$164,991**

Judicial Administrative Districts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($160,692)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	51,618
3.	Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives.	250,250
	Total Change	**$141,176**

Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,109)
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	17,029
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(4,499,577)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,485,736
5.	Increase funds for the employer contribution rate for Judicial Retirement System from 8.89% to 9.10%.	97,112
6.	Provide funds to annualize the cost of implementing the new judicial salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session).	9,643,451
7.	Provide funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Alapaha Circuit created in HB 55 (2025 Session).	225,847
8.	Provide funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Augusta Circuit created in SB 145 (2025 Session).	225,847
9.	Provide funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Douglas Circuit created in SB 88 (2025 Session).	225,847
10.	Provide funds for the new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session) for the Alapaha Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026, created in HB 55 (2025 Session).	84,964
11.	Provide funds for the new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session) for the Augusta Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026, created in SB 145 (2025 Session).	84,964
12.	Provide funds for the new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Session) for the Douglas Circuit new judgeship effective January 1, 2026, created in SB 88 (2025 Session).	84,964
13.	Provide additional funds for senior judge usage.	635,230
14.	Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Middle Circuit effective January 1, 2027.	269,260
15.	Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit effective January 1, 2027.	269,260
16.	Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Gwinnett Circuit effective January 1, 2027.	269,260
17.	Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up funds for the Houston Circuit new judgeship created in HB 960 (2024 Session).	(30,250)
18.	Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up funds for the Tifton Circuit new judgeship created in HB 906 (2024 Session).	(30,250)
19.	Increase funds for staffing needs.	87,323
	Total Change	**$11,141,908**

Superior Courts

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$103,428,047	($1,502,591)	$101,925,456	$103,428,047	$11,448,075	$114,876,122
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$103,428,047**	**($1,502,591)**	**$101,925,456**	**$103,428,047**	**$11,448,075**	**$114,876,122**
Other Funds	$82,750	$0	$82,750	$82,750	$0	$82,750
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$82,750**	**$0**	**$82,750**	**$82,750**	**$0**	**$82,750**
Total Funds	**$103,510,797**	**($1,502,591)**	**$102,008,206**	**$103,510,797**	**$11,448,075**	**$114,958,872**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Council of Superior Court Judges						
State General Funds	1,950,532	6,754	1,957,286	1,950,532	164,991	2,115,523
Other Funds	55,000	0	55,000	55,000	0	55,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,005,532**	**$6,754**	**$2,012,286**	**$2,005,532**	**$164,991**	**$2,170,523**
Judicial Administrative Districts						
State General Funds	3,487,043	16,278	3,503,321	3,487,043	141,176	3,628,219
Other Funds	12,750	0	12,750	12,750	0	12,750
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,499,793**	**$16,278**	**$3,516,071**	**$3,499,793**	**$141,176**	**$3,640,969**
Superior Court Judges						
State General Funds	97,990,472	(1,525,623)	96,464,849	97,990,472	11,141,908	109,132,380
Other Funds	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	0	15,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$98,005,472**	**($1,525,623)**	**$96,479,849**	**$98,005,472**	**$11,141,908**	**$109,147,380**

Superior Courts

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Council of Superior Court Judges	$1,891,466	$1,975,316	$2,005,532	$2,012,286	$2,170,523
Judicial Administrative Districts	3,429,392	3,498,287	3,499,793	3,516,071	3,640,969
Superior Court Judges	84,768,466	87,478,064	98,005,472	96,479,849	109,147,380
SUBTOTAL	**$90,089,324**	**$92,951,667**	**$103,510,797**	**$102,008,206**	**$114,958,872**
Total Funds	**$90,089,324**	**$92,951,667**	**$103,510,797**	**$102,008,206**	**$114,958,872**
Less:					
Federal COVID Funds	957,234	979,464			
Other Funds	78,766	82,412	82,750	82,750	82,750
SUBTOTAL	**$1,036,000**	**$1,061,876**	**$82,750**	**$82,750**	**$82,750**
State General Funds	89,053,325	91,889,791	103,428,047	101,925,456	114,876,122
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$89,053,325**	**$91,889,791**	**$103,428,047**	**$101,925,456**	**$114,876,122**

Supreme Court
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Supreme Court of Georgia

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$152,863
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(134,336)
3.	Increase funds for the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement with the Supreme Court of Georgia.	25,399
	Total Change	**$43,926**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Supreme Court of Georgia

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($12,978)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(6,818)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	4,395
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(806,011)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	270,013
6.	Increase funds for the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement with the Supreme Court.	25,399
7.	Increase funds to annualize justice salary increase effective January 1, 2026.	445,686
8.	Provide funds to annualize FY 2026 attorneys and professional staff salary enhancement appropriation effective January 1, 2026.	229,891
9.	Provide funds to annualize FY 2026 court staff salary enhancement appropriation effective January 1, 2026.	43,156
10.	Provide funds for two positions and associated operating expenses for a new Judicial Protection Services office to be shared with the Court of Appeals.	291,632
11.	Increase funds for the one-time purchase of an SUV made in the State of Georgia to be utilized by the Judicial Protection Services office.	46,753
12.	Recognize that the Court's employer contribution fringe rate has grown to 103.6% as a percentage of salary prior to one statewide measure on State Health Benefit Plan reduction, and the entity is urged to consider policies and steps to reduce the actuarial liabilities.	Yes
	Total Change	**$531,118**

Supreme Court

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$19,622,337	$43,926	$19,666,263	$19,622,337	$531,118	$20,153,455
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$19,622,337**	**$43,926**	**$19,666,263**	**$19,622,337**	**$531,118**	**$20,153,455**
Other Funds	$1,859,823	$0	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$0	$1,859,823
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$1,859,823**	**$0**	**$1,859,823**	**$1,859,823**	**$0**	**$1,859,823**
Total Funds	**$21,482,160**	**$43,926**	**$21,526,086**	**$21,482,160**	**$531,118**	**$22,013,278**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Supreme Court of Georgia						
State General Funds	19,622,337	43,926	19,666,263	19,622,337	531,118	20,153,455
Other Funds	1,859,823	0	1,859,823	1,859,823	0	1,859,823
TOTAL FUNDS	**$21,482,160**	**$43,926**	**$21,526,086**	**$21,482,160**	**$531,118**	**$22,013,278**

Supreme Court
Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Supreme Court of Georgia	$20,945,043	$21,718,956	$21,482,160	$21,526,086	$22,013,278
SUBTOTAL	**$20,945,043**	**$21,718,956**	**$21,482,160**	**$21,526,086**	**$22,013,278**
Total Funds	**$20,945,043**	**$21,718,956**	**$21,482,160**	**$21,526,086**	**$22,013,278**
Less:					
Other Funds	2,561,540	2,830,382	1,859,823	1,859,823	1,859,823
SUBTOTAL	**$2,561,540**	**$2,830,382**	**$1,859,823**	**$1,859,823**	**$1,859,823**
State General Funds	18,383,504	18,888,573	19,622,337	19,666,263	20,153,455
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$18,383,504**	**$18,888,573**	**$19,622,337**	**$19,666,263**	**$20,153,455**

State Accounting Office

Roles and Responsibilities

The State Accounting Office prescribes statewide accounting policies, procedures, and practices; prepares the state's annual audited financial statements, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), Budgetary Compliance Report (BCR), and other statewide financial information; manages the state's accounting, payroll, and human capital systems; develops processes and systems to improve accountability and enhance efficiency for disbursement of funds and management of accounts payable including the manner in which disbursements shall be made; and develops systems to improve collection of accounts receivable.

FINANCIAL SYSTEMS

The Financial Systems program provides customer service and operates, supports, monitors, and continually improves the state's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems, which are available for use by all state organizations in Georgia.

SHARED SERVICES

The Shared Services program executes financial transactions for client agencies while balancing efficiency and customer service to add value through lower cost and improved effectiveness. The Shared Services activities include establishing and linking account structures to support financial information needs, processing payroll and financial transactions for multiple client agencies, reporting of financial information to agency management, and meeting statewide financial information reporting requirements. In addition, the division supports the implementation and deployment of the Statewide Travel Consolidation initiative, which serves to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's travel services activities.

STATEWIDE ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The Statewide Accounting and Reporting program provides statewide leadership with respect to financial reporting, accounting policy, and business process improvement. The division prepares and distributes the ACFR, BCR, and other statewide regulatory reports. Additionally, the program maintains a framework for agency internal control assessments to more effectively manage risk and maintain accountability.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Georgia State Ethics Commission protects the integrity of the democratic process and ensures fair elections with the public disclosure of campaign financing and significant private interests of public officers and candidates for public office.

The Georgia State Board of Accountancy protects public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; investigating complaints; and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions, when warranted.

AUTHORITY

Titles 21, 43, and 50-5B of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

State Accounting Office
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Administration (SAO)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$10,765
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,716)
	Total Change	**$9,049**

Financial Systems

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

Recommended Change:

1.	Provide one-time funds to continue Teamworks ERP support for the Georgia Department of Transportation due to the extension of the agency's GA@WORK implementation timeline.	$10,379,589
	Total Change	**$10,379,589**

Shared Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$32,295
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(7,750)
	Total Change	**$24,545**

Statewide Accounting and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$55,978
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(22,150)
	Total Change	**$33,828**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

State Ethics Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists, and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$34,448
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(20,304)
	Total Change	**$14,144**

Georgia State Board of Accountancy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$10,765
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(5,920)
3.	Increase funds for licensure database migration and operational expenses.	323,000
	Total Change	**$327,845**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Administration (SAO)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($729)
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,951
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(10,301)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	4,078
	Total Change	**($5,001)**

Financial Systems

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in ERP Billings to reflect the projected cost of operating and maintaining the statewide financial and human capital management systems.	Yes
	Total Change	**$0**

Shared Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,289)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(46,501)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	8,621
	Total Change	**($41,169)**

Statewide Accounting and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($9,400)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(132,904)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	44,620
	Total Change	**($97,684)**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

State Ethics Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists, and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$8,057
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(121,826)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	37,333
4.	Increase funds for one attorney and one trainer position to manage new filing responsibilities pursuant to SB 199 (2025 Session).	237,900
	Total Change	**$161,464**

Georgia State Board of Accountancy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($35,519)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	11,286
3.	Utilize projected cost savings resulting from database migration to address increased operational costs.	Yes
	Total Change	**($24,233)**

State Accounting Office

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$8,434,126	$10,789,000	$19,223,126	$8,434,126	($6,623)	$8,427,503
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$8,434,126**	**$10,789,000**	**$19,223,126**	**$8,434,126**	**($6,623)**	**$8,427,503**
Other Funds	$26,586,165	$0	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$3,588,655	$30,174,820
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$26,586,165**	**$0**	**$26,586,165**	**$26,586,165**	**$3,588,655**	**$30,174,820**
Total Funds	**$35,020,291**	**$10,789,000**	**$45,809,291**	**$35,020,291**	**$3,582,032**	**$38,602,323**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Administration (SAO)						
State General Funds	371,853	9,049	380,902	371,853	(5,001)	366,852
Other Funds	913,372	0	913,372	913,372	0	913,372
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,285,225**	**$9,049**	**$1,294,274**	**$1,285,225**	**($5,001)**	**$1,280,224**
Financial Systems						
State General Funds	0	10,379,589	10,379,589	0	0	0
Other Funds	23,427,195	0	23,427,195	23,427,195	3,588,655	27,015,850
TOTAL FUNDS	**$23,427,195**	**$10,379,589**	**$33,806,784**	**$23,427,195**	**$3,588,655**	**$27,015,850**
Shared Services						
State General Funds	967,930	24,545	992,475	967,930	(41,169)	926,761
Other Funds	1,863,786	0	1,863,786	1,863,786	0	1,863,786
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,831,716**	**$24,545**	**$2,856,261**	**$2,831,716**	**($41,169)**	**$2,790,547**
Statewide Accounting and Reporting						
State General Funds	2,885,818	33,828	2,919,646	2,885,818	(97,684)	2,788,134
Other Funds	381,812	0	381,812	381,812	0	381,812
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,267,630**	**$33,828**	**$3,301,458**	**$3,267,630**	**($97,684)**	**$3,169,946**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
State Ethics Commission						
State General Funds	3,306,312	14,144	3,320,456	3,306,312	161,464	3,467,776
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,306,312**	**$14,144**	**$3,320,456**	**$3,306,312**	**$161,464**	**$3,467,776**
Georgia State Board of Accountancy						
State General Funds	902,213	327,845	1,230,058	902,213	(24,233)	877,980
TOTAL FUNDS	**$902,213**	**$327,845**	**$1,230,058**	**$902,213**	**($24,233)**	**$877,980**

State Accounting Office

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Administration (SAO)	$1,607,379	$2,294,921	$1,285,225	$1,294,274	$1,280,224
Financial Systems	29,809,241	50,672,373	23,427,195	33,806,784	27,015,850
Shared Services	3,636,094	4,554,607	2,831,716	2,856,261	2,790,547
Statewide Accounting and Reporting	3,478,225	2,968,245	3,267,630	3,301,458	3,169,946
SUBTOTAL	**$38,530,939**	**$60,490,146**	**$30,811,766**	**$41,258,777**	**$34,256,567**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
State Ethics Commission	$3,099,382	$4,705,384	$3,306,312	$3,320,456	$3,467,776
Georgia State Board of Accountancy	806,656		902,213	1,230,058	877,980
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$3,906,038**	**$4,705,384**	**$4,208,525**	**$4,550,514**	**$4,345,756**
Total Funds	**$42,436,977**	**$65,195,530**	**$35,020,291**	**$45,809,291**	**$38,602,323**
Less:					
Other Funds	34,288,519	57,005,477	26,586,165	26,586,165	30,174,820
SUBTOTAL	**$34,288,519**	**$57,005,477**	**$26,586,165**	**$26,586,165**	**$30,174,820**
State General Funds	8,148,458	8,190,052	8,434,126	19,223,126	8,427,503
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$8,148,458**	**$8,190,052**	**$8,434,126**	**$19,223,126**	**$8,427,503**

Department of Administrative Services

Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) provides business solutions for state and local governments. DOAS' product and service offerings encompass a broad spectrum that includes purchasing, risk management, enterprise human resources, fleet support services, and surplus property.

STATE PURCHASING

State Purchasing is responsible for procuring a wide range of commodities and services for state government. Purchasing negotiates statewide contracts for the benefit of state and local governments and offers technical assistance in conducting and assessing competitive bids. Purchasing provides cost reduction through aggregation of purchasing demand, competitive procurement, efficient purchasing systems, standards, specifications, and practices.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Management directs the State's internal workers' compensation, liability, property, unemployment insurance, and cyber security programs and manages the Georgia State Indemnification programs for public officers and educators. Risk Management oversees the claims administration process and assists state entities in identifying unique loss exposures and works to develop strategies to reduce the cost of risk associated with individual business operations.

HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

Human Resources Administration provides expertise in personnel policy and practices to help agencies attract, develop, and retain a high performing workforce. Core talent management consulting services currently include recruiting, selection, onboarding, compensation, performance management practices, policy compliance with the State Personnel Board rules and employment laws, and administration of the Flexible Benefits initiative.

FLEET MANAGEMENT

The Office of Fleet Management provides guidance on vehicle purchases, assignment, usage, maintenance, operation, and disposal in accordance with state policies.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Surplus Property is responsible for the identification, redistribution and/or disposal of state and federal surplus property to state and local governments, eligible non-profits, and to the public. Sales to the public are accomplished through internet sales service providers. Surplus Property also aids local governments with the disposition of property.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPEAL PANEL

The Certificate of Need Appeal Panel consists of independent hearing officers appointed by the Governor to review the Department of Community Health's initial decisions to grant or deny a Certificate of Need.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Office of the State Treasurer manages, invests and disburses state revenues and local deposits; creates prudent and effective cash management strategies; and ensures efficient and effective implementation of banking services for state entities, while preserving the state's capital and public trust

The Office of State Administrative Hearings conducts administrative hearings and issues decisions in cases that involve disputes between individuals and state entities in accordance with state laws and procedures.

The Georgia Tax Tribunal hears contested cases involving the Georgia Department of Revenue, including decisions regarding Georgia income tax, Georgia sales and use tax, withholding taxes and other taxes.

The Georgia Technology Authority is responsible for negotiating and managing state contracts to deliver information technology infrastructure and network services to executive branch agencies, as well as state and local entities through the Georgia Enterprise Technology Services program. In addition to IT infrastructure and network services, the authority coordinates with agencies under its purview to provide statewide policies governing technology use and management, as well as the state's cybersecurity and information security initiatives.

The Georgia Aviation Authority (GAA) provides aviation services to state employees traveling on official business. GAA administers logistical support of aviation transport for state business functions and develops standards for state-agency air travel.

AUTHORITY

Title 15-5, 15-18, 15-19, 17-2, 17-12, 20-2, 20-3, 31-6, 45-9, 50-5, 50-13, 50-15, 50-16, 50-19, 50-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Certificate of Need Appeal Panel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.

Recommended Change:

1.	Provide funds to establish the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund under the State Treasury pursuant to SB 244 (2025 Session).	$4,800,000
2.	Provide funds for the Office of State Administrative Hearings for hearings and adjudication of claims pursuant to SB 244 (2025 Session).	200,000
3.	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).	Yes
4.	Reflect new program purpose statement.	Yes
	Total Change	**$5,000,000**

Departmental Administration (DOAS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$114,109
	Total Change	**$114,109**

Fleet Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,918
	Total Change	**$12,918**

Human Resources Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$64,590
	Total Change	**$64,590**

Risk Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

State Purchasing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Surplus Property

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$21,530
	Total Change	**$21,530**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Office of State Administrative Hearings

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$53,825
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(26,388)
	Total Change	**$27,437**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Tax Tribunal

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306
2.	Increase funds for annual leave payouts due to the elimination of the Georgia Tax Tribunal pursuant to HB 1267 (2024 Session).	61,594
	Total Change	**$65,900**

Office of the State Treasurer

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0

Total Change	**$0**

Payments to Georgia Technology Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to continue the statewide enhancement and standardization of cybersecurity services for executive branch agencies.	$5,000,000
2.	Utilize existing funds ($8,635,340) relating to interest revenue accrued in the Technology Empowerment Fund for the ERP modernization timeline extension, additional components of the State Ethics Commission e-filing software project due to the passage of HB199 (2025 Legislative Session), and to implement call center technology enhancements at the Department of Labor.	Yes
	Total Change	**$5,000,000**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Certificate of Need Appeal Panel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and to support the Office of State Administrative Hearings' administrative responsibilities related to such claims for compensation pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 17.

Recommended Change:

1.	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).	Yes
2.	Reflect new program purpose statement.	Yes
	Total Change	**$0**

Departmental Administration (DOAS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Fleet Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Human Resources Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Risk Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$31
2.	Redirect funds to reflect a shift of 15% of workers compensation insurance billings to the property insurance risk pool to align billing revenues with excess insurance and claims expenses.	Yes
	Total Change	**$31**

State Purchasing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Surplus Property

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Office of State Administrative Hearings

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($196)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(158,326)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	46,425
	Total Change	**($112,097)**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Tax Tribunal

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.	
Recommended Change:	
1. Eliminate funds to reflect the elimination of the Georgia Tax Tribunal and creation of the Georgia Tax Court as a distinct judicial branch agency pursuant to HB 1267 (2024 Session).	($582,689)
Total Change	**($582,689)**

Office of the State Treasurer

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.	
Recommended Change:	
1. No change.	$0
Total Change	**$0**

Payments to Georgia Technology Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.	
Recommended Change:	
1. Recognize a decrease in billings for telecommunications and infrastructure to reflect renegotiated service contracts.	Yes
2. Utilize $1,500,000 in Technology Empowerment Fund (TEF) interest earnings to replace the Department of Education Capital Outlay Planning System (COPS).	Yes
Total Change	**$0**

Department of Administrative Services

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$21,323,123	$10,306,484	$31,629,607	$21,323,123	($694,755)	$20,628,368
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$21,323,123**	**$10,306,484**	**$31,629,607**	**$21,323,123**	**($694,755)**	**$20,628,368**
Other Funds	$287,823,591	$0	$287,823,591	$287,823,591	$0	$287,823,591
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$287,823,591**	**$0**	**$287,823,591**	**$287,823,591**	**$0**	**$287,823,591**
Total Funds	**$309,146,714**	**$10,306,484**	**$319,453,198**	**$309,146,714**	**($694,755)**	**$308,451,959**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Certificate of Need Appeal Panel						
State General Funds	39,506	0	39,506	39,506	0	39,506
TOTAL FUNDS	**$39,506**	**$0**	**$39,506**	**$39,506**	**$0**	**$39,506**
Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund						
State General Funds	0	5,000,000	5,000,000	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	**$0**	**$5,000,000**	**$5,000,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Departmental Administration (DOAS)						
State General Funds	810,000	114,109	924,109	810,000	0	810,000
Other Funds	8,805,905	0	8,805,905	8,805,905	0	8,805,905
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,615,905**	**$114,109**	**$9,730,014**	**$9,615,905**	**$0**	**$9,615,905**
Fleet Management						
State General Funds	0	12,918	12,918	0	0	0
Other Funds	1,707,160	0	1,707,160	1,707,160	0	1,707,160
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,707,160**	**$12,918**	**$1,720,078**	**$1,707,160**	**$0**	**$1,707,160**
Human Resources Administration						
State General Funds	0	64,590	64,590	0	0	0
Other Funds	14,372,588	0	14,372,588	14,372,588	0	14,372,588
TOTAL FUNDS	**$14,372,588**	**$64,590**	**$14,437,178**	**$14,372,588**	**$0**	**$14,372,588**
Risk Management						
State General Funds	2,145,754	0	2,145,754	2,145,754	31	2,145,785
Other Funds	221,374,783	0	221,374,783	221,374,783	0	221,374,783
TOTAL FUNDS	**$223,520,537**	**$0**	**$223,520,537**	**$223,520,537**	**$31**	**$223,520,568**
State Purchasing						
Other Funds	21,671,215	0	21,671,215	21,671,215	0	21,671,215
TOTAL FUNDS	**$21,671,215**	**$0**	**$21,671,215**	**$21,671,215**	**$0**	**$21,671,215**
Surplus Property						
State General Funds	0	21,530	21,530	0	0	0
Other Funds	2,266,548	0	2,266,548	2,266,548	0	2,266,548
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,266,548**	**$21,530**	**$2,288,078**	**$2,266,548**	**$0**	**$2,266,548**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Office of State Administrative Hearings						
State General Funds	2,745,174	27,437	2,772,611	2,745,174	(112,097)	2,633,077
Other Funds	4,042,248	0	4,042,248	4,042,248	0	4,042,248
TOTAL FUNDS	**$6,787,422**	**$27,437**	**$6,814,859**	**$6,787,422**	**($112,097)**	**$6,675,325**
Georgia Tax Tribunal						

Department of Administrative Services
Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
State General Funds	582,689	65,900	648,589	582,689	(582,689)	0
TOTAL FUNDS	**$582,689**	**$65,900**	**$648,589**	**$582,689**	**($582,689)**	**$0**
Payments to Georgia Technology Authority						
State General Funds	15,000,000	5,000,000	20,000,000	15,000,000	0	15,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$15,000,000**	**$5,000,000**	**$20,000,000**	**$15,000,000**	**$0**	**$15,000,000**
Office of the State Treasurer						
Other Funds	13,583,144	0	13,583,144	13,583,144	0	13,583,144
TOTAL FUNDS	**$13,583,144**	**$0**	**$13,583,144**	**$13,583,144**	**$0**	**$13,583,144**

Department of Administrative Services

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Certificate of Need Appeal Panel	$36,736	$61,991	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund		124,854		5,000,000	
Departmental Administration (DOAS)	8,811,590	10,203,513	9,615,905	9,730,014	9,615,905
Fleet Management	1,459,437	1,563,684	1,707,160	1,720,078	1,707,160
Human Resources Administration	13,202,678	14,720,866	14,372,588	14,437,178	14,372,588
Risk Management	267,105,910	512,452,043	223,520,537	223,520,537	223,520,568
State Purchasing	19,915,378	54,104,521	21,671,215	21,671,215	21,671,215
Surplus Property	1,816,740	2,054,597	2,266,548	2,288,078	2,266,548
SUBTOTAL	**$312,348,469**	**$595,286,069**	**$273,193,459**	**$278,406,606**	**$273,193,490**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Office of State Administrative Hearings	$6,916,584	$7,322,026	$6,787,422	$6,814,859	$6,675,325
Georgia Tax Tribunal			582,689	648,589	
Payments to Georgia Technology Authority	158,554,572	73,510,710	15,000,000	20,000,000	15,000,000
Office of the State Treasurer	11,565,163	12,315,001	13,583,144	13,583,144	13,583,144
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$177,036,319**	**$93,147,737**	**$35,953,255**	**$41,046,592**	**$35,258,469**
Total Funds	**$489,384,788**	**$688,433,806**	**$309,146,714**	**$319,453,198**	**$308,451,959**
Less:					
Federal COVID Funds	587,363	374,177			
Other Funds	275,658,163	184,485,984	287,823,591	287,823,591	287,823,591
Prior Year State Funds		199,936,336			
SUBTOTAL	**$276,245,526**	**$384,796,497**	**$287,823,591**	**$287,823,591**	**$287,823,591**
State General Funds	213,139,262	303,637,308	21,323,123	31,629,607	20,628,368
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$213,139,262**	**$303,637,308**	**$21,323,123**	**$31,629,607**	**$20,628,368**

Department of Agriculture

Roles and Responsibilities

The Georgia Department of Agriculture administers programs to maintain the state's viable farm industry and protect the consuming public. These programs affect all Georgians as well as countless others throughout the United States and the world where Georgia agribusiness products are consumed.

PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION

The Plant Industry division administers and enforces federal and state laws relating to fertilizers, feeds, grains, seeds, pesticides and pest control, industrial hemp, nursery and plant certification, honeybees, organic agriculture, and other environmental protection programs. The division inspects and tests sufficient quantities of each agricultural commodity to guarantee that commodities reaching the consumer meet minimum standards and are correctly labeled.

ANIMAL INDUSTRY DIVISION

The Animal Industry division monitors, detects, and controls animal diseases that can have a significant impact on the agricultural economy and can be contagious to both animals and people. It works to ensure the continued protection of animal and public health, food safety, animal welfare, and successful livestock production. The division is organized in the sections of Animal Health, Companion Animal and Equine Health, Livestock and Poultry Health, Meat Inspection, and Poultry Market News.

FUEL AND MEASURES DIVISION

The Fuel and Measures division primarily ensures equity in the marketplace by verifying the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices. It inspects measuring devices used for commerce by conducting on-site inspections and tests of commercial weighing devices. Its responsibilities also include operating the state fuel oil laboratory and the state weights laboratory, both of which ensure that Georgia's regulated consumer products meet required quality standards.

FOOD SAFETY DIVISION

The Food Safety division primarily prevents the sale and distribution of adulterated or misbranded foods to consumers. The division administers state laws, rules, and regulations for retail and wholesale grocery stores, retail seafood stores, places in the business of food processing, and plants which are currently required to obtain a license from the Commissioner under any other provision of law.

MARKETING DIVISION

The Marketing division promotes the state's agricultural commodities, ensures prompt and complete payment for products, and ensures safe storage of farmers' products. These efforts are supported by the Department's State Farmers Markets Network, Commodity Promotion Program Office, Business Development Office, Bonding and Warehouse Licensing, and the Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin publication. The Marketing division also provides a number of specific marketing programs to benefit Georgia farmers, including: the Georgia Grown program, the Vidalia® onion certification mark, and agritourism signage.

LABORATORIES

The Athens and Tifton Veterinary Diagnostic Labs ensure a safe food supply and the health of animals and people within Georgia by providing diagnostic support, investigative resources, and disease surveillance for naturally occurring and foreign animal diseases and bioterrorism. The labs address the concerns of veterinarians, regulatory agencies, animal owners, and wildlife groups.

The Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs carry out the USDA's National Poultry Improvement Plan and provide diagnostic and monitoring services for Georgia's poultry industry and private poultry owners in the state. The labs also certify that flocks are free from poultry diseases such as avian influenza. These activities ensure that Georgia has the healthiest flocks possible and can continue to produce and export more poultry products annually than any other state.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation serves as a statewide hub for rural Georgia, researching rural challenges and providing communities with best-practice guidance and support.

The Georgia Agriculture Exposition Authority promotes, develops, and serves agriculture and agriculture business interests in the state, produces and operates the Georgia National Fair, and encourages the agricultural accomplishments of Georgia's youth.

The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SSWCC) was formed to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia. The Commission's primary goal is to promote the wise use and protection of basic soil and water resources, and to achieve practical water quality goals through agricultural and urban best practices.

AUTHORITY

Title 2, 4, 12, and 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$155,016
	Total Change	**$155,016**

Consumer Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$822,446
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(267,908)
3.	Increase funds for new licensing and inspection software for the Food Safety division.	234,000
4.	Increase funds for personnel to reflect increased retention of Consumer Protection positions.	1,052,444
5.	Increase funds for prior year cost-of-living adjustments for which the agency did not receive increased federal reimbursement and to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	576,949
6.	Increase funds for inspection software upgrades for the Animal Health Division.	250,000
7.	Increase funds for inspection software upgrades for the Plant Protection Division.	100,000
8.	Increase funds for inspection software upgrades for the Structural Pest Division.	105,000
9.	Provide one-time funds for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza response efforts.	250,000
	Total Change	**$3,122,931**

Departmental Administration (DOA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$118,415
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(65,572)
3.	Provide funds for laptop replacement.	450,000
4.	Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	37,273
5.	Provide one-time funds for agricultural improvements.	2,400,000
	Total Change	**$2,940,116**

Marketing and Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$71,049
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(28,856)
3.	Increase funds for the continuation of the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program collaboration between the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Georgia Forestry Commission.	370,000
4.	Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	24,231
	Total Change	**$436,424**

Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for new lab information and management software.	$293,651
	Total Change	**$293,651**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

Recommended Change:

1.	Provide one-time funds for facility improvements.	$300,000
	Total Change	**$300,000**

Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$8,612
	Total Change	**$8,612**

State Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$60,284
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(22,810)
	Total Change	**$37,474**

Agriculture Protection, Response, and Enforcement

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$5,482
	Total Change	**$5,482**

Consumer Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$38,852
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	3,490
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	2,801
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	18,939
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,607,447)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	560,588
7.	Provide funds for the operation and maintenance of new inspection software.	293,000
8.	Reduce one-time funds for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and emergency response.	(450,000)
9.	Increase funds for prior year cost-of-living adjustments for which the agency did not receive increased federal reimbursement and to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	576,949
10.	Increase funds to address recruitment and retention of Consumer Protection positions.	2,104,888
11.	Increase funds to respond to threats impacting the agricultural industry.	450,000
12.	Increase funds for emerging pepper weevil threat. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	80,000
13.	Transfer funds from the Consumer Protection program to the Agriculture Protection, Response, and Enforcement program to ensure appropriate resources and funding to protect farmers and consumers and address emerging threats and natural disasters impacting agriculture.	(2,672,277)
14.	Transfer funds from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natura Resources to consolidate the Feral Hog Task Force.	(150,000)
	Total Change	**($750,217)**

Departmental Administration (DOA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$9,509
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	562
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(393,432)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	126,152
5.	Eliminate one-time funds for agricultural projects.	(250,000)

6.	Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	37,273
7.	Provide one-time funding for agricultural projects. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,600,000
	Total Change	**$1,130,064**

Marketing and Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$158
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	4,185
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	3,449
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	3,298
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(173,136)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	59,454
7.	Increase funds for the Agricultural Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of the Agricultural Tax Exemption fee.	372,015
8.	Reduce one-time funds for the pilot of the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program and recognize phase two funding in AFY 2026.	(200,000)
9.	Increase funds to reflect formula correction for prior year cost-of-living adjustment.	24,231
	Total Change	**$93,654**

Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the operation and maintenance of new lab information and management software.	$83,481
	Total Change	**$83,481**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

Recommended Change:

1.	Eliminate one-time funds for major facility improvements and renovations.	($1,142,680)
	Total Change	**($1,142,680)**

Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$12,356
	Total Change	**$12,356**

State Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,165
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(7,863)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(136,864)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	38,790
5.	Increase funds for two plan reviewer positions and increase funds ($20,000) to evaluate and implement process to accept digital submissions of plans.	166,386
6.	Provide funds for retention of existing plan reviewers.	114,240
7.	Provide funds to initiate a feral hog eradication incentive program. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	200,000
	Total Change	**$375,854**

Agriculture Protection, Response, and Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws of Georgia related to agriculture, food safety, commerce, the investigation of any matter relating to or affecting the welfare of farmers and consumers of this state, and to prevent, detect, and respond to acts of bioterrorism, other terroristic acts or threats, or natural disasters affecting or potentially affecting plants, animals, products, or agricultural facilities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Transfer funds from Consumer Protection program to Agriculture Protection, Response, and Enforcement program to ensure appropriate resources and funding to protect farmers and consumers and address emerging threats and natural disasters impacting agriculture.	$2,672,277
2.	Reflect a new program and purpose statement.	Yes
	Total Change	**$2,672,277**

Department of Agriculture

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$68,381,073	$7,294,224	$75,675,297	$68,381,073	$2,108,256	$70,489,329
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	2,225,567	0	2,225,567	2,225,567	372,015	2,597,582
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$70,606,640**	**$7,294,224**	**$77,900,864**	**$70,606,640**	**$2,480,271**	**$73,086,911**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$8,601,145	$0	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$0	$8,601,145
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$8,601,145**	**$0**	**$8,601,145**	**$8,601,145**	**$0**	**$8,601,145**
Other Funds	$2,975,701	$0	$2,975,701	$2,975,701	$0	$2,975,701
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$2,975,701**	**$0**	**$2,975,701**	**$2,975,701**	**$0**	**$2,975,701**
Total Funds	**$82,183,486**	**$7,294,224**	**$89,477,710**	**$82,183,486**	**$2,480,271**	**$84,663,757**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories						
State General Funds	4,175,403	155,016	4,330,419	4,175,403	5,482	4,180,885
TOTAL FUNDS	**$4,175,403**	**$155,016**	**$4,330,419**	**$4,175,403**	**$5,482**	**$4,180,885**
Consumer Protection						
State General Funds	38,803,395	3,122,931	41,926,326	38,803,395	(750,217)	38,053,178
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	7,751,145	0	7,751,145	7,751,145	0	7,751,145
Other Funds	1,920,000	0	1,920,000	1,920,000	0	1,920,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$48,474,540**	**$3,122,931**	**$51,597,471**	**$48,474,540**	**($750,217)**	**$47,724,323**
Departmental Administration (DOA)						
State General Funds	8,264,713	2,940,116	11,204,829	8,264,713	1,130,064	9,394,777
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	850,000	0	850,000	850,000	0	850,000
Other Funds	200,000	0	200,000	200,000	0	200,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,314,713**	**$2,940,116**	**$12,254,829**	**$9,314,713**	**$1,130,064**	**$10,444,777**
Marketing and Promotion						
State General Funds	6,227,715	436,424	6,664,139	6,227,715	(278,361)	5,949,354
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	2,225,567	0	2,225,567	2,225,567	372,015	2,597,582
Other Funds	855,701	0	855,701	855,701	0	855,701
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,308,983**	**$436,424**	**$9,745,407**	**$9,308,983**	**$93,654**	**$9,402,637**
Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs						
State General Funds	3,049,057	293,651	3,342,708	3,049,057	83,481	3,132,538
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,049,057**	**$293,651**	**$3,342,708**	**$3,049,057**	**$83,481**	**$3,132,538**
Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation						
State General Funds	2,392,985	8,612	2,401,597	2,392,985	12,356	2,405,341
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,392,985**	**$8,612**	**$2,401,597**	**$2,392,985**	**$12,356**	**$2,405,341**
Agriculture Protection, Response, and Enforcement						
State General Funds	0	0	0	0	2,672,277	2,672,277
TOTAL FUNDS	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$2,672,277**	**$2,672,277**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority

Department of Agriculture

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
State General Funds	2,042,458	300,000	2,342,458	2,042,458	(1,142,680)	899,778
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,042,458**	**$300,000**	**$2,342,458**	**$2,042,458**	**($1,142,680)**	**$899,778**
State Soil and Water Conservation Commission						
State General Funds	3,425,347	37,474	3,462,821	3,425,347	375,854	3,801,201
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,425,347**	**$37,474**	**$3,462,821**	**$3,425,347**	**$375,854**	**$3,801,201**

Department of Agriculture

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories	$4,048,552	$4,161,867	$4,175,403	$4,330,419	$4,180,885
Consumer Protection	50,485,981	56,770,115	48,474,540	51,597,471	47,724,323
Departmental Administration (DOA)	18,295,652	20,485,952	9,314,713	12,254,829	10,444,777
Marketing and Promotion	9,587,616	13,479,026	9,308,983	9,745,407	9,402,637
Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs	3,049,057	3,364,285	3,049,057	3,342,708	3,132,538
Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation			2,392,985	2,401,597	2,405,341
Agriculture Protection, Response, and Enforcement					2,672,277
SUBTOTAL	**$85,466,858**	**$98,261,245**	**$76,715,681**	**$83,672,431**	**$79,962,778**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority	$899,778	$899,778	$2,042,458	$2,342,458	$899,778
State Soil and Water Conservation Commission	8,678,244	4,396,326	3,425,347	3,462,821	3,801,201
Payments to the Georgia Development Authority		185,000,000			
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$9,578,022**	**$190,296,104**	**$5,467,805**	**$5,805,279**	**$4,700,979**
Total Funds	**$95,044,880**	**$288,557,349**	**$82,183,486**	**$89,477,710**	**$84,663,757**
Less:					
Federal Funds	20,351,869	23,113,188	8,601,145	8,601,145	8,601,145
Other Funds	10,916,374	13,468,955	2,975,701	2,975,701	2,975,701
SUBTOTAL	**$31,268,243**	**$36,582,143**	**$11,576,846**	**$11,576,846**	**$11,576,846**
State General Funds	61,648,909	249,841,350	68,381,073	75,675,297	70,489,329
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	2,127,728	2,133,856	2,225,567	2,225,567	2,597,582
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$63,776,637**	**$251,975,206**	**$70,606,640**	**$77,900,864**	**$73,086,911**

Department of Banking and Finance

Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Banking and Finance (DBF) enforces and administers all state laws, rules, and regulations governing the operation of state-chartered financial institutions in Georgia. The Department regulates and examines Georgia state-chartered banks, state-chartered credit unions, and state-chartered trust companies.

DBF also has responsibility for the supervision, regulation, and examination of merchant acquirer limited purpose banks (MALPB) chartered in Georgia, as well as international banking organizations, and bank holding companies conducting business in Georgia. DBF has regulatory and licensing authority over mortgage lenders, mortgage brokers, mortgage loan originators, installment lenders (loan companies making small dollar loans of $3,000 or less), and money service businesses, which consists of sellers of payment instruments, money transmitters, and check cashers.

The Department is authorized to issue and enforce orders requiring financial institutions to correct unacceptable conditions discovered through examinations. The Department approves proposals to incorporate as a state-chartered financial institution, requests to change existing articles of incorporation, and mergers and consolidations of financial institutions. The Department investigates possible violations of state interest and usury laws.

SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

The Department has the authority to adopt rules and regulations regarding the operation of financial institutions that allow state-chartered financial institutions to compete fairly with those chartered by the federal government, other states, or foreign governments; protect Georgia financial institutions threatened by economic conditions or technological developments; and prevent unfair, misleading, or deceptive business practices by financial services providers.

The Department is also responsible for regulating and monitoring the condition of state-chartered banks, credit unions, holding companies, merchant acquirer limited purpose banks, international bank agencies, mortgage brokers and lenders, check cashers, check sellers, and money transmitters.

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

Article 13 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated requires mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers, as well as loan originators, to be licensed or registered with the Department to transact business in Georgia. The Department is also responsible for licensing money service businesses (check sellers, check cashers, and money transmitters) and installment loan companies (loan companies making small dollar loans of $3,000 or less). The Department also conducts investigations of residential mortgage lending, installment lending, and money service businesses.

FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS

The Department is responsible for examining all financial institutions at least once each year. Mortgage lenders, mortgage brokers, money service businesses, and installment lenders must be examined every five years or less. Exceptions to these examination frequencies are allowed under specific conditions as provided by law and/or policy. If necessary, the Department may require extra reports and conduct additional examinations to obtain essential information. The Department is authorized to issue and enforce orders requiring financial institutions to correct unacceptable conditions discovered through examinations.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Other responsibilities of the Department include approval of all proposals to incorporate as a state-chartered financial institution, approval of requests to change existing articles of incorporation, and approval of mergers and consolidations of financial institutions to include possible violations of state interest and usury laws.

AUTHORITY

Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Department of Banking and Finance

Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DBF)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$30,142
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(22,210)
3.	Increase funds for a new data backup solution to protect against data loss.	169,439
4.	Increase funds for business automation software to enhance agency efficiency.	89,000
	Total Change	**$266,371**

Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$107,650
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(59,304)
3.	Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.	125,843
	Total Change	**$174,189**

Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$47,366
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(23,642)
	Total Change	**$23,724**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DBF)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$536
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(291)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	2,535
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(133,255)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	38,784
6.	Provide funds for business automation software to enhance agency efficiency.	37,800
7.	Provide funds for increased rent.	50,000

Total Change	**($3,891)**

Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,433
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(759)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(355,823)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	127,871
5.	Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.	475,800
	Total Change	**$248,522**

Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$571
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(558)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(141,857)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	43,303
	Total Change	**($98,541)**

Department of Banking and Finance

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$15,414,266	$464,284	$15,878,550	$15,414,266	$146,090	$15,560,356
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$15,414,266**	**$464,284**	**$15,878,550**	**$15,414,266**	**$146,090**	**$15,560,356**
Total Funds	**$15,414,266**	**$464,284**	**$15,878,550**	**$15,414,266**	**$146,090**	**$15,560,356**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DBF)						
State General Funds	2,942,778	266,371	3,209,149	2,942,778	(3,891)	2,938,887
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,942,778**	**$266,371**	**$3,209,149**	**$2,942,778**	**($3,891)**	**$2,938,887**
Financial Institution Supervision						
State General Funds	8,949,097	174,189	9,123,286	8,949,097	248,522	9,197,619
TOTAL FUNDS	**$8,949,097**	**$174,189**	**$9,123,286**	**$8,949,097**	**$248,522**	**$9,197,619**
Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision						
State General Funds	3,522,391	23,724	3,546,115	3,522,391	(98,541)	3,423,850
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,522,391**	**$23,724**	**$3,546,115**	**$3,522,391**	**($98,541)**	**$3,423,850**

Department of Banking and Finance

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DBF)	$2,954,388	$2,955,574	$2,942,778	$3,209,149	$2,938,887
Financial Institution Supervision	8,222,080	8,753,772	8,949,097	9,123,286	9,197,619
Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision	3,260,305	3,445,790	3,522,391	3,546,115	3,423,850
SUBTOTAL	**$14,436,773**	**$15,155,136**	**$15,414,266**	**$15,878,550**	**$15,560,356**
Total Funds	**$14,436,773**	**$15,155,136**	**$15,414,266**	**$15,878,550**	**$15,560,356**
Less:					
Other Funds	25,707	15,457			
SUBTOTAL	**$25,707**	**$15,457**			
State General Funds	14,411,066	15,139,679	15,414,266	15,878,550	15,560,356
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$14,411,066**	**$15,139,679**	**$15,414,266**	**$15,878,550**	**$15,560,356**

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) provides treatment and support services to people with mental illnesses and addictive diseases and support to people with developmental disabilities. DBHDD operates five state regional hospitals and provides community-based services through Community Service Boards and various other private providers.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Division of Behavioral Health provides mental health services, including community and inpatient services, to children, adolescents, and adults at five state hospitals and through community providers, including Community Service Boards.

The Division of Behavioral Health also provides services to children, adolescents, and adults with substance abuse disorders and addictive disease issues, focusing on promoting and delivering effective, recovery-oriented services. Services are delivered through community-based programs in residential settings. The division includes programs related to substance abuse treatment, prevention, and DUI intervention.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Developmental Disabilities division provides services to consumers with developmental disabilities, who have chronic conditions that developed before age 22 and that limit an individual’s ability to function mentally and/or physically. Georgia's state-supported services are aimed at helping families to continue to care for a relative in their homes when possible, serving people who do not live with their families in a home setting, and promoting independence and self-determination.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities is the state planning council created by a federal mandate through the Developmental Disabilities Act and is charged with creating systems change for people with developmental disabilities and their families to increase independence, inclusion, integration, and productivity for people with disabilities.

The Sexual Offender Risk Review Board helps protect Georgia’s citizens by determining the likelihood that a sexual offender will reoffend.

AUTHORITY

Titles 37; also referenced in 15-11, 16, 17-7-130, 17-7-131, 17-18-1, 26, 31, 40, 42, 43, 45, 48, 49, Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Adult Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$32,295
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(7,292)
3.	Replace funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.	(142,919)
	Total Change	**($117,916)**

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant developmental disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,289,647
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(2,771,638)
	Total Change	**($1,481,991)**

Adult Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,301,557
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(656,768)
3.	Increase funds to restore funds for jail-based competency restoration in Cobb County Jail.	243,750
	Total Change	**$1,888,539**

Adult Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,390,515
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(2,936,056)
	Total Change	**$9,454,459**

Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,110)
	Total Change	**$1,043**

Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$64,590
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(20,606)
	Total Change	**$43,984**

Child and Adolescent Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$58,131
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(46,648)
	Total Change	**$11,483**

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$51,672
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(19,778)
	Total Change	**$31,894**

Departmental Administration (DBHDD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$686,807
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(228,794)
	Total Change	**$458,013**

Direct Care Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,997,984
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(865,936)
	Total Change	**$1,132,048**

Substance Abuse Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$30,142
	Total Change	**$30,142**

Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,694)
	Total Change	**$15,530**

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$40,907
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(20,450)
	Total Change	**$20,457**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Adult Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($2,882)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(43,751)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	13,264
4.	Replace state general funds with other funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.	(142,919)
5.	Eliminate one-time funds for Hope House.	(50,000)
6.	Utilize $4,010,933 in Opioid Settlement Trust Funds to provide a continuum of programs, services, and supports for adults who abuse opioids.	
	Total Change	**($226,288)**

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant developmental disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$187

2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(529,800)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(40,168)
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	134,108
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(16,629,831)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	616,084
7.	Increase funds to annualize the cost of 150 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	3,213,955
8.	Increase funds and recognize additional waiver enrollment due to attrition for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) to support 900 new slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	11,592,520
9.	Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	(2,890,282)
10.	Increase funds for New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) administration. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	284,380
11.	Increase funds for family support services. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	150,000
	Total Change	**($4,098,847)**

Adult Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$180
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(9,867)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(3,940,604)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,100,230
5.	Increase funds to annualize the operations of a 30-bed Project New Hope forensic step-down unit at the West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus.	1,618,742
6.	Restore funds for jail-based competency restoration in Cobb County Jail.	250,000
	Total Change	**$18,681**

Adult Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($699,048)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	26,717
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	80,280
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(17,616,340)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,166,486
6.	Increase funds for mobile crisis response teams to support mental health crisis services.	2,357,480
7.	Increase funds to support mental health crisis intervention services through the '988' hotline.	2,933,069
8.	Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher Program for 404 additional housing vouchers to achieve substantial compliance with and termination of the behavioral health requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.	9,324,320
9.	Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	(326,481)
	Total Change	**($2,753,517)**

Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($312)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(6,656)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,982
	Total Change	**($4,986)**

Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($978)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(123,640)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	19,032
	Total Change	**($105,586)**

Child and Adolescent Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($751)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(279,889)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	62,194
	Total Change	**($218,446)**

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,566)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(118,666)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	49,739
4.	Increase funds to annualize the operational cost of the new Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah.	1,140,358
5.	Increase funds for the Ralston Center and utilize existing funds ($1,181,216) for positions and development of resources to include behavioral health training to 300 high-needs elementary and middle schools pursuant to HB 268 (2025 Session). (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	500,000
6.	Recognize available funds ($20,395,742) for mental health services in public schools.	Yes
	Total Change	**$1,569,865**

Departmental Administration (DBHDD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$186
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(201,207)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(12,140)
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	4,258
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,372,766)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	769,660
7.	Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	14,471
8.	Increase funds for citizen outreach and advocacy.	125,000
	Total Change	**($672,538)**

Direct Care Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$21,180
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(507,966)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(42,832)
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(5,195,617)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,491,405
6.	Transfer funds from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Veterans Service for one-time funding of debris cleanup, with funds to be restored in FY 2028.	(200,000)
	Total Change	**($4,433,830)**

Substance Abuse Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$3,498
	Total Change	**$3,498**

Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($10,162)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,880

3.	Reduce funds.	(200,000)
	Total Change	**($207,282)**

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($122,694)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	47,822
	Total Change	**($74,872)**

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Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$1,701,888,976	$11,487,685	$1,713,376,661	$1,701,888,976	($15,215,081)	$1,686,673,895
Tobacco Settlement Funds	10,255,138	0	10,255,138	10,255,138	0	10,255,138
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	0	0	0	0	4,010,933	4,010,933
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$1,712,144,114**	**$11,487,685**	**$1,723,631,799**	**$1,712,144,114**	**($11,204,148)**	**$1,700,939,966**
Community Mental Health Service Block Grant	$14,163,709	$0	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$0	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program	440,688,213	0	440,688,213	440,688,213	0	440,688,213
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant	47,482,075	0	47,482,075	47,482,075	0	47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant	40,481,142	0	40,481,142	40,481,142	0	40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	12,096,720	0	12,096,720	12,096,720	0	12,096,720
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	98,671,759	0	98,671,759	98,671,759	0	98,671,759
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$653,583,618**	**$0**	**$653,583,618**	**$653,583,618**	**$0**	**$653,583,618**
Other Funds	$28,198,753	$142,919	$28,341,672	$28,198,753	$142,919	$28,341,672
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$28,198,753**	**$142,919**	**$28,341,672**	**$28,198,753**	**$142,919**	**$28,341,672**
Total Funds	**$2,393,926,485**	**$11,630,604**	**$2,405,557,089**	**$2,393,926,485**	**($11,061,229)**	**$2,382,865,256**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Adult Addictive Diseases Services						
State General Funds	57,353,550	(117,916)	57,235,634	57,353,550	(4,237,221)	53,116,329
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	0	0	0	0	4,010,933	4,010,933
Medical Assistance Program	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant	29,607,511	0	29,607,511	29,607,511	0	29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant	2,500,000	0	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	12,096,720	0	12,096,720	12,096,720	0	12,096,720
Other Funds	666,984	142,919	809,903	666,984	142,919	809,903
TOTAL FUNDS	**$102,274,765**	**$25,003**	**$102,299,768**	**$102,274,765**	**($83,369)**	**$102,191,396**
Adult Developmental Disabilities Services						
State General Funds	545,543,517	(1,481,991)	544,061,526	545,543,517	(4,098,847)	541,444,670
Tobacco Settlement Funds	10,255,138	0	10,255,138	10,255,138	0	10,255,138
Medical Assistance Program	377,303,445	0	377,303,445	377,303,445	0	377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant	37,981,142	0	37,981,142	37,981,142	0	37,981,142
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	81,440,362	0	81,440,362	81,440,362	0	81,440,362
Other Funds	22,860,000	0	22,860,000	22,860,000	0	22,860,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,075,383,604**	**($1,481,991)**	**$1,073,901,613**	**$1,075,383,604**	**($4,098,847)**	**$1,071,284,757**
Adult Forensic Services						
State General Funds	154,822,624	1,888,539	156,711,163	154,822,624	18,681	154,841,305
Other Funds	191,500	0	191,500	191,500	0	191,500
TOTAL FUNDS	**$155,014,124**	**$1,888,539**	**$156,902,663**	**$155,014,124**	**$18,681**	**$155,032,805**
Adult Mental Health Services						

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Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
State General Funds	662,732,874	9,454,459	672,187,333	662,732,874	(2,753,517)	659,979,357
Community Mental Health Service Block Grant	6,726,178	0	6,726,178	6,726,178	0	6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program	49,850,659	0	49,850,659	49,850,659	0	49,850,659
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	3,062,355	0	3,062,355	3,062,355	0	3,062,355
Other Funds	390,095	0	390,095	390,095	0	390,095
TOTAL FUNDS	**$722,762,161**	**$9,454,459**	**$732,216,620**	**$722,762,161**	**($2,753,517)**	**$720,008,644**
Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services						
State General Funds	3,330,959	1,043	3,332,002	3,330,959	(4,986)	3,325,973
Medical Assistance Program	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant	7,878,149	0	7,878,149	7,878,149	0	7,878,149
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,259,108**	**$1,043**	**$11,260,151**	**$11,259,108**	**($4,986)**	**$11,254,122**
Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities						
State General Funds	17,390,174	43,984	17,434,158	17,390,174	(105,586)	17,284,588
Medical Assistance Program	3,285,496	0	3,285,496	3,285,496	0	3,285,496
TOTAL FUNDS	**$20,675,670**	**$43,984**	**$20,719,654**	**$20,675,670**	**($105,586)**	**$20,570,084**
Child and Adolescent Forensic Services						
State General Funds	7,308,144	11,483	7,319,627	7,308,144	(218,446)	7,089,698
TOTAL FUNDS	**$7,308,144**	**$11,483**	**$7,319,627**	**$7,308,144**	**($218,446)**	**$7,089,698**
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services						
State General Funds	58,027,803	31,894	58,059,697	58,027,803	1,569,865	59,597,668
Community Mental Health Service Block Grant	7,437,531	0	7,437,531	7,437,531	0	7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program	870,000	0	870,000	870,000	0	870,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	2,750,000	0	2,750,000	2,750,000	0	2,750,000
Other Funds	195,000	0	195,000	195,000	0	195,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$69,280,334**	**$31,894**	**$69,312,228**	**$69,280,334**	**$1,569,865**	**$70,850,199**
Departmental Administration (DBHDD)						
State General Funds	30,989,579	458,013	31,447,592	30,989,579	(672,538)	30,317,041
Medical Assistance Program	9,278,613	0	9,278,613	9,278,613	0	9,278,613
Other Funds	22,133	0	22,133	22,133	0	22,133
TOTAL FUNDS	**$40,290,325**	**$458,013**	**$40,748,338**	**$40,290,325**	**($672,538)**	**$39,617,787**
Direct Care Support Services						
State General Funds	157,576,528	1,132,048	158,708,576	157,576,528	(4,433,830)	153,142,698
Other Funds	3,873,041	0	3,873,041	3,873,041	0	3,873,041
TOTAL FUNDS	**$161,449,569**	**$1,132,048**	**$162,581,617**	**$161,449,569**	**($4,433,830)**	**$157,015,739**
Substance Abuse Prevention						
State General Funds	359,230	30,142	389,372	359,230	3,498	362,728
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant	9,996,415	0	9,996,415	9,996,415	0	9,996,415
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	9,400,000	0	9,400,000	9,400,000	0	9,400,000

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TOTAL FUNDS	**$19,755,645**	**$30,142**	**$19,785,787**	**$19,755,645**	**$3,498**	**$19,759,143**

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Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services						
State General Funds	2,100,000	0	2,100,000	2,100,000	0	2,100,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,100,000**	**$0**	**$2,100,000**	**$2,100,000**	**$0**	**$2,100,000**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities						
State General Funds	826,598	15,530	842,128	826,598	(207,282)	619,316
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	2,019,042	0	2,019,042	2,019,042	0	2,019,042
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,845,640**	**$15,530**	**$2,861,170**	**$2,845,640**	**($207,282)**	**$2,638,358**
Sexual Offender Risk Review Board						
State General Funds	3,527,396	20,457	3,547,853	3,527,396	(74,872)	3,452,524
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,527,396**	**$20,457**	**$3,547,853**	**$3,527,396**	**($74,872)**	**$3,452,524**

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Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Adult Addictive Diseases Services	$161,131,003	$150,867,476	$102,274,765	$102,299,768	$102,191,396
Adult Developmental Disabilities Services	516,013,072	646,098,762	1,075,383,604	1,073,901,613	1,071,284,757
Adult Forensic Services	140,960,810	147,797,385	155,014,124	156,902,663	155,032,805
Adult Mental Health Services	647,693,083	691,351,678	722,762,161	732,216,620	720,008,644
Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services	11,378,387	9,766,906	11,259,108	11,260,151	11,254,122
Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities	21,047,313	21,014,438	20,675,670	20,719,654	20,570,084
Child and Adolescent Forensic Services	7,113,788	7,248,268	7,308,144	7,319,627	7,089,698
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	97,042,286	81,630,726	69,280,334	69,312,228	70,850,199
Departmental Administration (DBHDD)	42,220,918	38,887,866	40,290,325	40,748,338	39,617,787
Direct Care Support Services	216,552,440	156,967,195	161,449,569	162,581,617	157,015,739
Substance Abuse Prevention	27,011,628	27,231,969	19,755,645	19,785,787	19,759,143
Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000
SUBTOTAL	**$1,890,264,728**	**$1,980,962,669**	**$2,387,553,449**	**$2,399,148,066**	**$2,376,774,374**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities	$3,197,272	$3,290,929	$2,845,640	$2,861,170	$2,638,358
Sexual Offender Risk Review Board	1,186,161	3,396,371	3,527,396	3,547,853	3,452,524
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$4,383,433**	**$6,687,300**	**$6,373,036**	**$6,409,023**	**$6,090,882**
Total Funds	**$1,894,648,161**	**$1,987,649,969**	**$2,393,926,485**	**$2,405,557,089**	**$2,382,865,256**
Less:					
Federal Funds	271,931,182	272,836,520	653,583,618	653,583,618	653,583,618
Federal COVID Funds	77,007	(440,119)			
Other Funds	60,983,593	84,811,616	28,198,753	28,341,672	28,341,672
SUBTOTAL	**$332,991,782**	**$357,208,017**	**$681,782,371**	**$681,925,290**	**$681,925,290**
State General Funds	1,551,401,240	1,620,186,814	1,701,888,976	1,713,376,661	1,686,673,895
Tobacco Settlement Funds	10,255,138	10,255,138	10,255,138	10,255,138	10,255,138
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$1,561,656,378**	**$1,630,441,952**	**$1,712,144,114**	**$1,723,631,799**	**$1,696,929,033**

Department of Community Affairs

Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) serves as the state's lead agency in local government assistance, safe and affordable housing, and community and economic development.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DCA's community development initiatives aim to help the state's communities with job growth and creation. DCA offers economic development and redevelopment incentives and tools designed to help promote growth and job creation throughout the state. Historic preservation services are coordinated by DCA and include proposing properties for nomination to both the National and the Georgia Register of Historic Places, providing grants to support state and local preservation projects, and offering technical assistance on tax incentives. The Department also partners with the Georgia Department of Economic Development to promote economic development through the regional economic business assistance initiative.

Additionally, comprehensive planning assistance is aimed at helping communities address issues of growth, development, and quality of life through implementation of recognized best practices for planning and growth management.

SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

DCA supports Georgia communities in addressing their housing needs by offering funding and expertise to communities, organizations, and individuals. The agency provides financing for affordable housing development, mortgages, and down payment loans for moderate-income first-time homebuyers, rental housing assistance to low and moderate-income individuals, and financing for housing for people with special needs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Local government assistance involves partnerships with local, regional, state, and federal organizations and agencies and facilitates community issue identification, goal development, and implementation of best practices. Regional field teams assist customers with project development and technical assistance needs while also connecting them to housing and community and economic development programs.

The Department administers local government surveys related to topics including finance, solid waste, and wages and salaries. It also publishes and maintains information and data about local governments and prepares local government fiscal notes for the General Assembly.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Georgia Housing and Finance Authority was created to provide financing and financial assistance for affordable housing statewide. The Authority's programs are designed to provide low and moderate-income earners safe and affordable rental housing, to aid in maintaining housing for homeownership, and to help abate homelessness in the state.

The Georgia Environmental Finance Authority provides loans for water, sewer, natural gas and solid waste infrastructure; manages energy efficiency and renewable energy programs; oversees land conservation projects; and manages and monitors state-owned fuel storage tanks.

The OneGeorgia Authority provides grants and loans to promote rural economic development and job creation in Georgia. Eligible local governments and local development authorities are awarded financial assistance to help ensure that rural communities have the infrastructure required to attract growth and to respond to the needs of the private sector.

The State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission provides funds to support homeless assistance programs operated by local governments and nonprofit organizations throughout the state.

AUTHORITY

Titles 8, 12, 32, 36, 48 and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Accountable Housing Initiative.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,226)
	Total Change	**$927**

Building Construction

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$8,612
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(2,432)
	Total Change	**$6,180**

Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$146,404
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(48,768)
	Total Change	**$97,636**

Departmental Administration (DCA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$174,393
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(5,708)
	Total Change	**$168,685**

State Economic Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(5,508)
	Total Change	**$11,716**

Historic Preservation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$45,213
	Total Change	**$45,213**

Housing Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$650,206
2.	Provide one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund for local government grants to address homelessness through matching funds and recognize additional funding for homelessness in the Department of Veterans Service.	45,000,000
	Total Change	**$45,650,206**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to establish a state financing and assistance program for natural gas infrastructure improvements for Non-Universal Service Fund eligible providers.	$35,000,000
2.	Increase funds for rural infrastructure for economic development for Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties.	60,000,000
	Total Change	**$95,000,000**

Payments to OneGeorgia Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds for grants to engage nonprofits in Hurricane Helene recovery efforts and recognize funds in the Georgia Forestry Commission and Department of Agriculture to support initiatives recommended by the Governor's Timber Task Force to address challenges facing Georgia's timber and forest products industry.	($11,147,208)
2.	Increase funds for rural site development.	15,000,000
	Total Change	**$3,852,792**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Accountable Housing Initiative.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($7,355)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,650
3.	Reduce funds to reflect audit findings.	(500,000)
	Total Change	**($505,705)**

Building Construction

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($14,590)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	4,759
	Total Change	**($9,831)**

Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote volunteerism, community development, and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$432
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	11,080
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	2,278
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(292,610)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	75,006
	Total Change	**($203,814)**

Departmental Administration (DCA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($34,247)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	118,789
3.	Increase funds to reduce allocated administrative costs to affordable housing and community development programs resulting from unfunded cost-of-living adjustments and reduced federal funding.	2,773,459
	Total Change	**$2,858,001**

State Economic Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	$211
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	203
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(33,053)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	8,196
5.	Reduce funds.	(1,000,000)
	Total Change	**($1,024,443)**

Historic Preservation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$11,557
	Total Change	**$11,557**

Housing Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low and moderate-income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund and recognize funds in AFY 2026.	($2,000,000)
	Total Change	**($2,000,000)**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

Recommended Change:

1.	Eliminate one-time funds.	($500,000)
2.	Provide one-time matching funds for a study and implement findings related to the levels and causes of Geosmin, Methylisoborneol (MIB), and algae/bacteria in Lake Lanier. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,000,000
	Total Change	**$1,500,000**

Payments to OneGeorgia Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

Recommended Change:

1. No change.	$0
Total Change	**$0**

Department of Community Affairs

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$57,498,299	$144,833,355	$202,331,654	$57,498,299	$625,765	$58,124,064
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$57,498,299**	**$144,833,355**	**$202,331,654**	**$57,498,299**	**$625,765**	**$58,124,064**
State General Funds - Prior Year	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$222,364,117	$0	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$0	$222,364,117
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$222,364,117**	**$0**	**$222,364,117**	**$222,364,117**	**$0**	**$222,364,117**
Other Funds	$27,673,160	$0	$27,673,160	$27,673,160	$0	$27,673,160
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$27,673,160**	**$0**	**$27,673,160**	**$27,673,160**	**$0**	**$27,673,160**
Total Funds	**$307,535,576**	**$144,833,355**	**$452,368,931**	**$307,535,576**	**$625,765**	**$308,161,341**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project						
State General Funds	1,750,000	927	1,750,927	1,750,000	(505,705)	1,244,295
Other Funds	192,383	0	192,383	192,383	0	192,383
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,942,383**	**$927**	**$1,943,310**	**$1,942,383**	**($505,705)**	**$1,436,678**
Building Construction						
State General Funds	315,409	6,180	321,589	315,409	(9,831)	305,578
Other Funds	481,451	0	481,451	481,451	0	481,451
TOTAL FUNDS	**$796,860**	**$6,180**	**$803,040**	**$796,860**	**($9,831)**	**$787,029**
Community Services						
State General Funds	8,592,936	97,636	8,690,572	8,592,936	(203,814)	8,389,122
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	58,810,708	0	58,810,708	58,810,708	0	58,810,708
Other Funds	2,235,623	0	2,235,623	2,235,623	0	2,235,623
TOTAL FUNDS	**$69,639,267**	**$97,636**	**$69,736,903**	**$69,639,267**	**($203,814)**	**$69,435,453**
Departmental Administration (DCA)						
State General Funds	1,813,085	168,685	1,981,770	1,813,085	2,858,001	4,671,086
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	5,283,371	0	5,283,371	5,283,371	0	5,283,371
Other Funds	5,791,626	0	5,791,626	5,791,626	0	5,791,626
TOTAL FUNDS	**$12,888,082**	**$168,685**	**$13,056,767**	**$12,888,082**	**$2,858,001**	**$15,746,083**
State Economic Development Programs						
State General Funds	10,728,595	11,716	10,740,311	10,728,595	(1,024,443)	9,704,152
Other Funds	609,912	0	609,912	609,912	0	609,912
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,338,507**	**$11,716**	**$11,350,223**	**$11,338,507**	**($1,024,443)**	**$10,314,064**
Historic Preservation						
State General Funds	1,755,694	45,213	1,800,907	1,755,694	11,557	1,767,251
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	5,979,876	0	5,979,876	5,979,876	0	5,979,876
Other Funds	400,397	0	400,397	400,397	0	400,397
TOTAL FUNDS	**$8,135,967**	**$45,213**	**$8,181,180**	**$8,135,967**	**$11,557**	**$8,147,524**
Housing Initiatives						
State General Funds	10,328,745	45,650,206	55,978,951	10,328,745	(2,000,000)	8,328,745
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	152,290,162	0	152,290,162	152,290,162	0	152,290,162

Department of Community Affairs
Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Other Funds	17,816,247	0	17,816,247	17,816,247	0	17,816,247
TOTAL FUNDS	**$180,435,154**	**$45,650,206**	**$226,085,360**	**$180,435,154**	**($2,000,000)**	**$178,435,154**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority						
State General Funds	1,753,495	95,000,000	96,753,495	1,753,495	1,500,000	3,253,495
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,753,495**	**$95,000,000**	**$96,753,495**	**$1,753,495**	**$1,500,000**	**$3,253,495**
Payments to OneGeorgia Authority						
State General Funds	20,460,340	3,852,792	24,313,132	20,460,340	0	20,460,340
Other Funds	145,521	0	145,521	145,521	0	145,521
TOTAL FUNDS	**$20,605,861**	**$3,852,792**	**$24,458,653**	**$20,605,861**	**$0**	**$20,605,861**

Department of Community Affairs

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project		$994,746	$1,942,383	$1,943,310	$1,436,678
Building Construction	600,399	636,196	796,860	803,040	787,029
Community Services	4,629,709	5,397,391	69,639,267	69,736,903	69,435,453
Departmental Administration (DCA)	13,708,004	14,435,556	12,888,082	13,056,767	15,746,083
State Economic Development Programs	114,412,266	14,277,654	11,338,507	11,350,223	10,314,064
Historic Preservation			8,135,967	8,181,180	8,147,524
Housing Initiatives	18,311,557	18,384,195	180,435,154	226,085,360	178,435,154
Federal Community and Economic Development Programs	67,588,387	75,375,982			
Homeownership Programs	9,612,560	10,382,480			
Regional Services	1,578,013	1,614,660			
Rental Housing Programs	157,235,563	189,192,552			
Research and Surveys	387,038	365,595			
State Community Development Programs	5,875,919	13,988,151			
SUBTOTAL	**$393,939,415**	**$345,045,158**	**$285,176,220**	**$331,156,783**	**$284,301,985**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority	$251,253,495	$569,553,495	$1,753,495	$96,753,495	$3,253,495
Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority - Special Project		200,000,000			
Payments to OneGeorgia Authority	152,131,519	99,460,340	20,605,861	24,458,653	20,605,861
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$403,385,014**	**$869,013,835**	**$22,359,356**	**$121,212,148**	**$23,859,356**
Total Funds	**$797,324,429**	**$1,214,058,993**	**$307,535,576**	**$452,368,931**	**$308,161,341**
Less:					
Federal Funds	227,721,491	268,147,152	222,364,117	222,364,117	222,364,117
Federal COVID Funds	13,211,914	11,329,559			
Other Funds	20,748,483	26,239,864	27,673,160	27,673,160	27,673,160
SUBTOTAL	**$261,681,888**	**$305,716,575**	**$250,037,277**	**$250,037,277**	**$250,037,277**
State General Funds	535,642,540	908,342,419	57,498,299	202,331,654	58,124,064
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$535,642,540**	**$908,342,419**	**$57,498,299**	**$202,331,654**	**$58,124,064**

Department of Community Health

Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 to serve as the lead agency for health care planning and purchasing issues in Georgia. A nine-person board appointed by the Governor has policy-making authority for DCH. The Department has three major divisions: Medicaid, State Health Benefit Plan, and Healthcare Facility Regulation.

MEDICAID

DCH is designated as the single state agency for Medicaid. The largest division in the department, the Medicaid Division, purchases health care on behalf of over 2 million persons who are aged, blind, disabled, or low-income. Program participants utilize a broad array of health care services including hospital, physician, pharmacy, and nursing home services. Aged, blind, and disabled Medicaid members utilize a fee-for-service delivery system. Most low-income Medicaid members enroll in the Care Management Organizations (CMO) system for the management of their health care services.

State and federal dollars fund Medicaid with the federal government traditionally paying between 65% and 69% of health care costs each fiscal year.

The Division is also responsible for the PeachCare for Kids program, Georgia's version of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program. PeachCare provides medical and dental coverage for children whose parents' income is too high to qualify for Medicaid, but who cannot afford private health insurance. Participants pay a monthly premium based on income and family size. Current eligibility allows children in families with incomes between 138% and 247% of the federal poverty level to participate in the program. Most PeachCare members are enrolled in the CMO system.

The Division administers the state's Indigent Care Trust Fund (ICTF). Using intergovernmental transfers and federal matching funds, the ICTF reimburses hospitals serving a disproportionate share of medically indigent Georgians.

STATE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN

The State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) Division manages the health insurance coverage for state employees, school system employees, retirees, and their dependents. The SHBP offers members several coverage options managed by two statewide vendors and one regional vendor, including Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA), Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO), High Deductible Health Plans (HDHP), and standard and premium Medicare Advantage Plans.

HEALTHCARE FACILITY REGULATON

The Division of Healthcare Facility Regulation inspects, monitors, licenses, registers, and certifies a variety of health and long-term care programs to ensure that facilities operate at acceptable levels, as mandated by state statutes and by rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Community Health.

HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND IMPROVEMENT

The Health Care Access and Improvement program provides grants and other support services for programs that improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas through the State Office of Rural Health and Office of Health Improvement. The program also includes the Office of Health Information Technology, which leads the strategic initiatives for the state regarding health information technology adoption and health information exchange.

ADMINISTRATION

The Division includes the Office of General Counsel, which provides legal assistance to the department and administers the Certificate of Need process, the Office of the Inspector General, Operations, Information Technology, Communications, and Financial Management.

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

The Georgia Board of Dentistry is responsible for the regulation of dentists and dental hygienists in Georgia. The Board reviews applications, administers examinations, licenses qualified applicants, and regulates the practice of licenses throughout the state.

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

The Georgia State Board of Pharmacy is responsible for the regulation of pharmacists and pharmacies in Georgia. The Board reviews applications, administers examinations, licenses qualified applicants, and regulates the practice of licenses statewide.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Georgia Composite Medical Board licenses healthcare practitioners and enforces the Medical Practice Act.

The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce provides financial support to medical schools, nursing programs, and graduate medical education training programs. The Board offers healthcare practitioner loan repayment programs with most requiring practice in rural and underserved areas.

The Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency was created to ensure and protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia citizens by enforcing laws pertaining to manufactured or compounded drugs, and to ensure only licensed facilities or persons dispensed or distributed pharmaceuticals.

AUTHORITY

Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act; Title 31 and 33, Official Code of Georgia Annotated. See also OCGA Titles 9-10, 12, 15-17, 19-20, 24-26, 32, 34, 36-37, 40, and 42-52.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DCH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$998,992
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(215,852)
3.	Increase funds for a $3,000 salary enhancement for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for parity with Department of Human Services Medicaid caseworkers.	5,349
4.	Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.	(18,772)
5.	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.	Yes
	Total Change	**$769,717**

Georgia Board of Dentistry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(6,324)
3.	Increase funds for one vehicle and protective equipment for an additional criminal investigator for which funding is appropriated in FY 2027.	32,789
4.	Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.	(122,059)
	Total Change	**($78,370)**

Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,918
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(5,794)
3.	Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.	(89,098)
	Total Change	**($81,974)**

Health Care Access and Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$19,377
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(4,634)
3.	Increase funds to establish a grant program to support the creation of new rural medical and dental clinics.	3,200,000
4.	Increase funds for rural colorectal screenings.	250,000
5.	Increase funds for Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse.	300,000
	Total Change	**$3,764,743**

Healthcare Facility Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$452,130
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(174,524)
	Total Change	**$277,606**

Indigent Care Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Medicaid- Aged Blind and Disabled

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.	$226,981,080
2.	Increase funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.	26,344,701
3.	Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.	3,213,974
4.	Reduce funds for high-cost drugs based on projected utilization.	(11,624,428)
5.	Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	(26,467)
6.	Replace $4,783,831 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.	
7.	Replace $27,902,969 in nursing home provider fees with state general funds.	
8.	Increase funds for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.	2,646,178
9.	Increase funds for supplemental quality incentive payments at skilled nursing facilities.	3,000,000
	Total Change	**$250,535,038**

Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($149,927,920)
2.	Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	(29,825)
3.	Replace $42,206,820 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.	
	Total Change	**($149,957,745)**

PeachCare

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($7,849,459)
2.	Reduce funds for Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	(5,626)
	Total Change	**($7,855,085)**

State Health Benefit Plan

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Board Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(10,336)
	Total Change	**$6,888**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds due to delayed approval of a State Plan Amendment.	($6,844,122)
2.	Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($432,338) for the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University.	734,438
3.	Increase funds for one-time funding for the expansion of graduate medical education programs in South Georgia.	17,806,568
4.	Increase funds for the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship program at Gateway Behavioral Health.	432,338
5.	Increase funds for one-time funding for existing internal medicine residency program in South Georgia.	2,125,000
	Total Change	**$14,254,222**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to expand access to healthcare in medically underserved areas in East Central Georgia.	$900,000
	Total Change	**$900,000**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Gran

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0

Total Change	**$0**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of healthcare practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Change the program name of the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs program to include nursing education.	Yes
	Total Change	**$0**

Georgia Composite Medical Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$71,049
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(35,730)
3.	Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.	(20,337)
4.	Utilize funds appropriated in HB 68 (2025 Legislative Session) for a paralegal.	Yes
	Total Change	**$14,982**

Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$38,754
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(26,194)
	Total Change	**$12,560**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DCH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$130
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(114,293)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	112,116
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	66,155
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,295,115)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	427,070
7.	Increase funds for eight Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers to address increased workload.	121,678
8.	Increase funds for a $3,000 salary enhancement for Katie Beckett Medicaid caseworkers for parity with Department of Human Services Medicaid caseworkers. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	20,222

9.	Increase funds for one position in the Medical Assistance Plans division to continue oversight of long term care.	64,991
10.	Eliminate one-time funds for the submission of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for the use of Medicaid funding for Graduate Medical Education slots.	(300,000)
11.	Provide funds for 17 positions to support agency operations. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,037,970
12.	Reduce funds to reflect termination of the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission.	(200,000)
13.	The department shall submit a report to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the chairs of the House and Senate Health Appropriations Subcommittees, the chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office on the impact to the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) and Georgia Medicaid arising from 340B entity purchases, contract pharmacy arrangements, and general practices related to 340B drugs, whether self-administered or provider-administered, by September 1, 2026. The report shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of forgone rebates, impact on premiums, and impact to state employees' out-of-pocket costs.	Yes
	Total Change	**($59,076)**

Georgia Board of Dentistry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,349)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	399
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	1,159
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(37,949)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	13,746
6.	Eliminate one-time funds for protective equipment.	(36,960)
7.	Increase funds for two criminal investigators.	199,242
8.	Increase one-time funds for one vehicle and protective equipment.	32,789
9.	Provide funds for a 3% pay increase. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	18,295
	Total Change	**$187,372**

Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,068)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	399
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(34,760)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	9,703
5.	Provide funds for an executive administrative assistant. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	79,212
6.	Provide funds for a customer service representative. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	61,785
7.	Provide funds for a 3% pay increase. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	18,504
	Total Change	**$131,775**

Health Care Access and Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,454)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(27,808)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	20,249
4.	Increase funds for telecare and maternal health programs. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	250,000
5.	Eliminate one-time funding to establish a regional vascular center allowed by passage of HB 1339 (2024 Session).	(407,000)
6.	Eliminate one-time funding for behavioral and mental health services stabilization and augmentation.	(3,000,000)
7.	Provide funding for behavioral and mental health services stabilization by supporting inpatient psychiatric services for any Level 1 trauma center that is the only general acute care hospital providing inpatient psychiatric services in its county, and where no other general acute care hospital in an adjacent county provides inpatient psychiatric care. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,400,000
8.	Provide funds to conduct colorectal cancer screenings. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	916,000
9.	Provide one-time funds to create a grant opportunity for contracted PACE providers to apply for funding to support the establishment of their transportation infrastructure. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	200,000
10.	Eliminate one-time start-up funding for federally qualified health centers.	(500,000)
11.	Increase funds for one-time grants for emergency preparedness in rural Georgia. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,000,000
12.	Increase funds to develop and implement a solvency evaluation process for rural hospitals. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	4,000,000
13.	Reduce funds to reflect conclusion of the state's commitment to foundation funding.	(50,000)
14.	Recognize $2,000,000 in state general funds in the base for rural hospital stabilization grants.	Yes
	Total Change	**$4,798,987**

Healthcare Facility Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($92,411)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	2,889
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,047,149)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	226,232
5.	Recognize availability of other nurse aide and medication aide training.	Yes
	Total Change	**($910,439)**

Indigent Care Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Medicaid- Aged Blind and Disabled

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.	$308,177,918
2.	Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	(51,741,896)
3.	Increase funds for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2024 cost reports.	5,143,638
4.	Increase funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.	33,780,887
5.	Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.	11,237,928
6.	Reduce funds for high-cost drugs based on projected utilization.	(11,818,678)
7.	Reduce funds for FMAP savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	(26,467)
8.	Replace $7,638,097 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.	
9.	Replace $30,458,227 in nursing home provider fees with state general funds.	
10.	Increase funds for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.	2,646,178
11.	Provide funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	515,010
12.	Provide funds to increase the psychiatric residential treatment facilities rate to $800 per day and provide discharge planning. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	229,228
13.	Increase funds to provide a 5% increase for two primary care codes. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,296,021
14.	Provide funds to create parity between in-home and in-office reimbursement rates for autism services. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	8,736,136
15.	Provide funds to increase the prospective payment rate for federally qualified health centers. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	603,061
16.	Provide funds to increase reimbursement rates for air ambulance. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	299,092
17.	The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	837,530
18.	The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of registered dietitians (RDs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving diagnostic, screening, and preventive services. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	136,472
19.	Provide funds to adjust fair rental value (FRV) formula to incentivize improvements to nursing centers by increasing the equipment allowance to $8,000 per bed, bringing the RS Means Index up one year, and adjusting maximum age of facility to 40 years and depreciation rate to 1.25%. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	6,800,000
20.	Provide funds for a Medicaid rate enhancement for privately-owned intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	352,859
21.	Increase funds for an increase in the nursing home ventilator reimbursement rate. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	512,622
22.	Repairs to patient-owned complex or custom wheeled mobility devices, including power wheelchairs and complex manual wheelchairs, do not require prior authorization when the combined parts and labor for the repair is less than $2,000 in a calendar year. This exemption applies only to the prior authorization requirement. Providers remain responsible for maintaining all documentation necessary to support the repair services billed, including documentation of the need for repair, parts replaced, and labor performed. Such documentation must be retained in accordance with Medicaid recordkeeping requirements and must be made available for review in the event of state or federal audits, including CMS PERM reviews.	Yes
	Total Change	**$319,717,539**

Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($41,316,199)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	(30,937,864)
3.	Reduce funds for FMAP savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	(29,825)
4.	Replace $67,389,454 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.	

5.	Provide funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	5,286,203
6.	The Division for Medicaid Services shall establish a rate floor to reimburse at no less than 100% of the state Medicaid program for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies. The provider network and appropriate access to care will be consistent across the Medicaid program with a standardized fee schedule in place. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,379,160
7.	Provide funds to increase the psychiatric residential treatment facilities rate to $800 per day and provide discharge planning. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,719,263
8.	Increase funds to provide a 5% increase for two primary care codes. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	5,435,724
9.	Provide funds to create parity between in-home and in-office reimbursement rates for autism services. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	7,125,390
10.	Provide funds to increase the prospective payment rate for federally qualified health centers. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,743,618
11.	Provide funds to increase reimbursement rates for air ambulance. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	246,311
12.	The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	837,530
13.	The department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of registered dietitians (RDs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving diagnostic, screening, and preventive services. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	139,817
14.	Reduce funds to reflect newly-approved Rural OB Directed Payment Programs and continue $3,000 add-on payment for newborn deliveries in rural counties with a population of 35,000 or less.	(2,165,425)
15.	Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.	(24,888,681)
	Total Change	**($73,424,978)**

PeachCare

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($3,000,735)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.48% to 76.64%.	(1,022,067)
3.	Reduce funds for FMAP savings from FY 2026 provider rate enhancements.	(5,626)
4.	Provide funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	148,018
5.	Provide funds to increase reimbursement rates for air ambulance. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	28,737
	Total Change	**($3,851,673)**

State Health Benefit Plan

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to implement HB 196 (2025 Session).	$1,261,920
2.	Eliminate funds for interim one-time funding for a $3 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists awaiting the outcome of an SHBP Prescription Benefit Manager (PBM) study.	(3,100,000)
3.	Increase funds to address other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liability.	31,576,276
4.	Recognize an increase in funds ($71,414,657) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, Georgia Public Libraries, and Georgia Military College to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.	Yes
5.	Increase the employer health care contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for non-certified school employees to match the PMPM for certified school employees, effective July 1, 2026, to maintain the financial stability of the plan.	Yes
	Total Change	**$29,738,196**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Board Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,296)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	109
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(62,014)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	19,907
	Total Change	**($47,294)**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Provide funds for 124 new residency slots. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$2,843,558
2.	Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	(234,123)
3.	Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($432,338) for the Rural Surgery Initiative and child and adolescent psychiatry slots at Augusta University.	734,438
4.	Provide funds for 13 new fellowship slots. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,920,000
5.	Provide one-time funds for GME program faculty expenses. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	500,000
6.	Increase funds for the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship program at Gateway Behavioral Health.	432,338
7.	Increase funds for start-up funding for a family medicine residency program. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	500,000
8.	Reduce funds.	(1,166,776)
9.	The Department of Community Health and the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce shall annually, no later than September 1, submit to the chairs of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, House Health Committee, and House Appropriations Committee; the House Budget and Research Office; and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office a joint report detailing all state funds expended for graduate medical education by site and, to the extent they can be determined, associated federal matching funds, the number of residency and fellowship positions supported by state funds at each site, and the number of new residency and fellowship positions established or expanded during the preceding fiscal year at each site.	Yes
	Total Change	**$5,529,435**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the seventh year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine's medical school campus in Columbus.	$12,567
2.	Provide funds to pilot a pediatric residency with a rural training track. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,000,000
	Total Change	**$3,012,567**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Gran

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Provide funds to the Phoebe Health-Morehouse Consortium for the creation of a regional campus and graduate medical education program. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$3,000,000
	Total Change	**$3,000,000**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of healthcare practitioners through a public/private partnership with medical and nursing schools in Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for medical student capitation for 380 certified Georgia residents at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM).	$2,417,940
2.	Provide funds to support the nursing program at Andrew College. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	138,000
3.	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.	Yes
	Total Change	**$2,555,940**

Georgia Composite Medical Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($17,388)
2.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	4,499
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(214,382)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	69,780
5.	Provide funds for a medical director and a compliance inspector. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	416,655
6.	Maintain funding to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB 455 (2024 Session). (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	Yes
7.	Utilize funds appropriated in HB 68 (2025 Session) for a paralegal position.	Yes
8.	Utilize existing retained revenue ($200,000) pursuant to the passage of SB 162 (2026 Session) for ThoughtSpan implementation. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	Yes
	Total Change	**$259,164**

Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($14,269)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	3,609

3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	18,745
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(157,159)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	49,935
6.	Increase funds for one special agent.	151,050
	Total Change	**$51,911**

Department of Community Health

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$4,797,138,562	$90,828,722	$4,887,967,284	$4,797,138,562	$243,473,924	$5,040,612,486
Tobacco Settlement Funds	124,062,351	0	124,062,351	124,062,351	0	124,062,351
Nursing Home Provider Fees	158,995,531	(27,902,969)	131,092,562	158,995,531	(30,458,227)	128,537,304
Hospital Provider Payment	464,183,027	46,990,651	511,173,678	464,183,027	75,027,551	539,210,578
Ambulance Provider Fees	8,812,014	2,646,178	11,458,192	8,812,014	2,646,178	11,458,192
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$5,553,191,485**	**$112,562,582**	**$5,665,754,067**	**$5,553,191,485**	**$290,689,426**	**$5,843,880,911**
Medical Assistance Program	$12,119,426,416	$186,443,836	$12,305,870,252	$12,119,426,416	$717,096,149	$12,836,522,565
State Children's Insurance Program	541,904,597	(25,433,545)	516,471,052	541,904,597	(8,216,616)	533,687,981
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	15,616,473	0	15,616,473	15,616,473	0	15,616,473
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$12,676,947,486**	**$161,010,291**	**$12,837,957,777**	**$12,676,947,486**	**$708,879,533**	**$13,385,827,019**
Other Funds	$6,451,325,691	$0	$6,451,325,691	$6,451,325,691	$0	$6,451,325,691
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$6,451,325,691**	**$0**	**$6,451,325,691**	**$6,451,325,691**	**$0**	**$6,451,325,691**
Total Funds	**$24,681,464,662**	**$273,572,873**	**$24,955,037,535**	**$24,681,464,662**	**$999,568,959**	**$25,681,033,621**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DCH)						
State General Funds	95,091,814	769,717	95,861,531	95,091,814	(59,076)	95,032,738
Medical Assistance Program	331,339,652	16,045	331,355,697	331,339,652	1,528,659	332,868,311
State Children's Insurance Program	29,454,740	0	29,454,740	29,454,740	0	29,454,740
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	651,094	0	651,094	651,094	0	651,094
Other Funds	25,596,354	0	25,596,354	25,596,354	0	25,596,354
TOTAL FUNDS	**$482,133,654**	**$785,762**	**$482,919,416**	**$482,133,654**	**$1,469,583**	**$483,603,237**
Georgia Board of Dentistry						
State General Funds	1,274,815	(78,370)	1,196,445	1,274,815	187,372	1,462,187
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,274,815**	**($78,370)**	**$1,196,445**	**$1,274,815**	**$187,372**	**$1,462,187**
Georgia State Board of Pharmacy						
State General Funds	1,128,029	(81,974)	1,046,055	1,128,029	131,775	1,259,804
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,128,029**	**($81,974)**	**$1,046,055**	**$1,128,029**	**$131,775**	**$1,259,804**
Health Care Access and Improvement						
State General Funds	20,819,637	3,764,743	24,584,380	20,819,637	4,798,987	25,618,624
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	172,588	0	172,588	172,588	0	172,588
TOTAL FUNDS	**$20,992,225**	**$3,764,743**	**$24,756,968**	**$20,992,225**	**$4,798,987**	**$25,791,212**
Healthcare Facility Regulation						
State General Funds	27,054,557	277,606	27,332,163	27,054,557	(910,439)	26,144,118
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	12,005,577	0	12,005,577	12,005,577	0	12,005,577
Other Funds	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	0	100,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$39,160,134**	**$277,606**	**$39,437,740**	**$39,160,134**	**($910,439)**	**$38,249,695**
Indigent Care Trust Fund						
State General Funds	52,882,042	0	52,882,042	52,882,042	0	52,882,042

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	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Medical Assistance Program	671,388,987	0	671,388,987	671,388,987	0	671,388,987
Other Funds	286,585,667	0	286,585,667	286,585,667	0	286,585,667
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,010,856,696**	**$0**	**$1,010,856,696**	**$1,010,856,696**	**$0**	**$1,010,856,696**
Medicaid- Aged Blind and Disabled						
State General Funds	2,622,925,268	271,007,998	2,893,933,266	2,622,925,268	339,891,491	2,962,816,759
Tobacco Settlement Funds	6,191,806	0	6,191,806	6,191,806	0	6,191,806
Hospital Provider Payment	47,255,642	4,783,831	52,039,473	47,255,642	7,638,097	54,893,739
Nursing Home Provider Fees	158,995,531	(27,902,969)	131,092,562	158,995,531	(30,458,227)	128,537,304
Ambulance Provider Fees	8,812,014	2,646,178	11,458,192	8,812,014	2,646,178	11,458,192
Medical Assistance Program	5,485,724,640	481,577,534	5,967,302,174	5,485,724,640	763,796,250	6,249,520,890
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	2,787,214	0	2,787,214	2,787,214	0	2,787,214
Other Funds	364,863,035	0	364,863,035	364,863,035	0	364,863,035
TOTAL FUNDS	**$8,697,555,150**	**$732,112,572**	**$9,429,667,722**	**$8,697,555,150**	**$1,083,513,789**	**$9,781,068,939**
Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid						
State General Funds	1,711,946,521	(192,164,565)	1,519,781,956	1,711,946,521	(140,814,432)	1,571,132,089
Tobacco Settlement Funds	117,870,545	0	117,870,545	117,870,545	0	117,870,545
Hospital Provider Payment	416,927,385	42,206,820	459,134,205	416,927,385	67,389,454	484,316,839
Medical Assistance Program	5,623,100,178	(295,149,743)	5,327,950,435	5,623,100,178	(48,228,760)	5,574,871,418
State Children's Insurance Program	133,099,520	0	133,099,520	133,099,520	0	133,099,520
Other Funds	652,535,040	0	652,535,040	652,535,040	0	652,535,040
TOTAL FUNDS	**$8,655,479,189**	**($445,107,488)**	**$8,210,371,701**	**$8,655,479,189**	**($121,653,738)**	**$8,533,825,451**
PeachCare						
State General Funds	122,733,823	(7,855,085)	114,878,738	122,733,823	(3,851,673)	118,882,150
State Children's Insurance Program	379,350,337	(25,433,545)	353,916,792	379,350,337	(8,216,616)	371,133,721
Other Funds	151,783	0	151,783	151,783	0	151,783
TOTAL FUNDS	**$502,235,943**	**($33,288,630)**	**$468,947,313**	**$502,235,943**	**($12,068,289)**	**$490,167,654**
State Health Benefit Plan						
State General Funds	6,011,921	0	6,011,921	6,011,921	29,738,196	35,750,117
Other Funds	5,121,193,812	0	5,121,193,812	5,121,193,812	0	5,121,193,812
TOTAL FUNDS	**$5,127,205,733**	**$0**	**$5,127,205,733**	**$5,127,205,733**	**$29,738,196**	**$5,156,943,929**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Board Administration						
State General Funds	1,986,170	6,888	1,993,058	1,986,170	(47,294)	1,938,876
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,986,170**	**$6,888**	**$1,993,058**	**$1,986,170**	**($47,294)**	**$1,938,876**
Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education						
State General Funds	43,283,730	14,254,222	57,537,952	43,283,730	5,529,435	48,813,165
Medical Assistance Program	7,872,959	0	7,872,959	7,872,959	0	7,872,959
TOTAL FUNDS	**$51,156,689**	**$14,254,222**	**$65,410,911**	**$51,156,689**	**$5,529,435**	**$56,686,124**

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Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant						
State General Funds	34,576,801	900,000	35,476,801	34,576,801	3,012,567	37,589,368

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	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
TOTAL FUNDS	**$34,576,801**	**$900,000**	**$35,476,801**	**$34,576,801**	**$3,012,567**	**$37,589,368**
Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Gran						
State General Funds	33,429,696	0	33,429,696	33,429,696	3,000,000	36,429,696
TOTAL FUNDS	**$33,429,696**	**$0**	**$33,429,696**	**$33,429,696**	**$3,000,000**	**$36,429,696**
Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment						
State General Funds	6,215,000	0	6,215,000	6,215,000	0	6,215,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$6,215,000**	**$0**	**$6,215,000**	**$6,215,000**	**$0**	**$6,215,000**
Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs						
State General Funds	7,195,783	0	7,195,783	7,195,783	2,555,940	9,751,723
TOTAL FUNDS	**$7,195,783**	**$0**	**$7,195,783**	**$7,195,783**	**$2,555,940**	**$9,751,723**
Georgia Composite Medical Board						
State General Funds	5,278,810	14,982	5,293,792	5,278,810	259,164	5,537,974
Other Funds	300,000	0	300,000	300,000	0	300,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$5,578,810**	**$14,982**	**$5,593,792**	**$5,578,810**	**$259,164**	**$5,837,974**
Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency						
State General Funds	3,304,145	12,560	3,316,705	3,304,145	51,911	3,356,056
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,304,145**	**$12,560**	**$3,316,705**	**$3,304,145**	**$51,911**	**$3,356,056**

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Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DCH)	$633,473,471	$651,759,788	$482,133,654	$482,919,416	$483,603,237
Georgia Board of Dentistry	939,541	894,013	1,274,815	1,196,445	1,462,187
Georgia State Board of Pharmacy	836,306	836,772	1,128,029	1,046,055	1,259,804
Health Care Access and Improvement	23,498,426	48,976,392	20,992,225	24,756,968	25,791,212
Healthcare Facility Regulation	35,191,316	35,574,661	39,160,134	39,437,740	38,249,695
Indigent Care Trust Fund	1,120,528,450	1,072,082,104	1,010,856,696	1,010,856,696	1,010,856,696
Medicaid- Aged Blind and Disabled	8,522,439,550	9,130,939,806	8,697,555,150	9,429,667,722	9,781,068,939
Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid	6,872,776,641	8,046,740,781	8,655,479,189	8,210,371,701	8,533,825,451
PeachCare	470,547,391	584,698,873	502,235,943	468,947,313	490,167,654
State Health Benefit Plan	4,571,832,519	5,059,515,487	5,127,205,733	5,127,205,733	5,156,943,929
SUBTOTAL	**$22,252,063,611**	**$24,632,018,677**	**$24,538,021,568**	**$24,796,405,789**	**$25,523,228,804**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Board Administration	$1,322,549	$1,517,306	$1,986,170	$1,993,058	$1,938,876
Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education	34,089,554	70,755,730	51,156,689	65,410,911	56,686,124
Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant	31,928,552	59,586,597	34,576,801	35,476,801	37,589,368
Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Gran	32,929,696	58,429,696	33,429,696	33,429,696	36,429,696
Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment	3,407,911	5,774,784	6,215,000	6,215,000	6,215,000
Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Education Programs	7,730,825	7,195,783	7,195,783	7,195,783	9,751,723
Georgia Composite Medical Board	3,778,943	5,609,950	5,578,810	5,593,792	5,837,974
Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency	3,022,060	3,338,590	3,304,145	3,316,705	3,356,056
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$118,210,090**	**$212,208,436**	**$143,443,094**	**$158,631,746**	**$157,804,817**
Total Funds	**$22,370,273,701**	**$24,844,227,113**	**$24,681,464,662**	**$24,955,037,535**	**$25,681,033,621**
Less:					
Federal Funds	11,770,231,594	12,724,522,194	12,676,947,486	12,837,957,777	13,385,827,019
Federal COVID Funds	15,548,633	40,745,922			
Federal Recovery Funds	36,681	(82,106)			
Other Funds	5,971,260,663	6,355,892,717	6,451,325,691	6,451,325,691	6,451,325,691
Prior Year State Funds	345,028,714	753,599,233			
SUBTOTAL	**$18,102,106,285**	**$19,874,677,960**	**$19,128,273,177**	**$19,289,283,468**	**$19,837,152,710**
State General Funds	3,608,647,160	4,130,182,894	4,797,138,562	4,887,967,284	5,040,612,486
Tobacco Settlement Funds	124,062,351	124,062,351	124,062,351	124,062,351	124,062,351
Nursing Home Provider Fees	128,552,063	133,698,617	158,995,531	131,092,562	128,537,304

Hospital Provider Payments	401,061,473	564,387,104	464,183,027	511,173,678	539,210,578
Ambulance Provider Fees	5,844,367	17,218,186	8,812,014	11,458,192	11,458,192
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$4,268,167,414**	**$4,969,549,152**	**$5,553,191,485**	**$5,665,754,067**	**$5,843,880,911**

Department of Community Supervision

Roles and Responsibilities

The Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill (HB) 310, and on May 7, 2015, Governor Deal signed HB 310 into law thereby creating the Department of Community Supervision (DCS). HB 310 transferred the responsibilities of the community supervision of parolees from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles and probationers from the Department of Corrections to DCS. The bill also transferred oversight of private and governmental misdemeanor probation entities from the County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council (CMPAC) to DCS.

Commencing operations on July 1, 2015, as a part of the executive branch of Georgia's government, the Department of Community Supervision is responsible for the effective and efficient supervision of approximately 240,000 adult felony offenders.

AGENCY OPERATIONS

The Field Operations Division is the largest within DCS. DCS Field Offices are aligned with the 10 judicial districts and 51 judicial circuits. The agency employs evidence-based practices to hold offenders accountable and reduce the state's recidivism rate. The department utilizes a holistic approach to offender supervision that involves all facets of the community, which includes victims and their families, programs for offenders and their families, involvement in community activities and partnerships with other criminal justice agencies.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF TRANSITION, SUPPORT, AND REENTRY

The Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry (GOTSR) is tasked with promoting successful offender reentry and reducing recidivism in order to enhance public safety. Through collaboration with other state agencies, as well as non-governmental stakeholders, GOTSR works to develop and execute robust and systematic reentry plans for Georgia offenders and to ensure the delivery of appropriate services to offenders reentering society.

COURT, BOARD, AND FIELD SERVICES

The Court, Board, and Field Services Division offers several initiatives and programs that advance the operational priorities of the Field Operations Division, including:

- Parole Board Services, Warrants, and Revocation
- Superior Court
- Accountability Court Services
- Sentencing Alternatives
- Day Reporting Centers
- Electronic and Voice Monitoring
- Community Counseling Services

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Georgia Commission on Family Violence was created by the General Assembly in 1992 and tasked to develop a comprehensive state plan to end family violence in Georgia. The Commission conducts research and provides training to law enforcement, family violence task forces, advocates, Family Violence Intervention Programs and other criminal justice system personnel about domestic violence. The agency also monitors legislation and other policies impacting victims of domestic violence, certifies all of Georgia's Family Violence Intervention Programs, and co-coordinates the statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project.

AUTHORITY

Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Department of Community Supervision
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DCS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$148,557
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(83,574)
	Total Change	**$64,983**

Field Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$3,599,816
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,641,078)
3.	Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.	(100,785)
	Total Change	**$1,857,953**

Misdemeanor Probation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor providers through inspection and investigation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(8,678)
3.	Reduce funds for vacant positions.	(5,657)
	Total Change	**$736**

Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$62,437
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(27,746)
	Total Change	**$34,691**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Commission on Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(3,744)
	Total Change	**$13,480**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DCS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$951
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(3,660)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	1,003
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	964
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(501,441)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	169,274
	Total Change	**($332,909)**

Field Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$18,765
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(61,651)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	876,193
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	24,626
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(9,846,470)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,066,970
7.	Increase funds for rent at the West Georgia Circuit, the Ogeechee Circuit, and the Mountain Circuit.	238,900
	Total Change	**($5,682,667)**

Misdemeanor Probation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor providers through inspection and investigation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($52,068)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	16,289
	Total Change	**($35,779)**

Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,345)
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	300
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(166,476)

4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	54,790
	Total Change	**($114,731)**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Commission on Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,230
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(22,465)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	7,999
	Total Change	**($10,236)**

Department of Community Supervision

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$232,862,212	$1,971,843	$234,834,055	$232,862,212	($6,176,322)	$226,685,890
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$232,862,212**	**$1,971,843**	**$234,834,055**	**$232,862,212**	**($6,176,322)**	**$226,685,890**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$636,008	$0	$636,008	$636,008	$0	$636,008
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$636,008**	**$0**	**$636,008**	**$636,008**	**$0**	**$636,008**
Other Funds	$1,128,707	$0	$1,128,707	$1,128,707	$0	$1,128,707
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$1,128,707**	**$0**	**$1,128,707**	**$1,128,707**	**$0**	**$1,128,707**
Total Funds	**$234,626,927**	**$1,971,843**	**$236,598,770**	**$234,626,927**	**($6,176,322)**	**$228,450,605**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DCS)						
State General Funds	11,138,823	64,983	11,203,806	11,138,823	(332,909)	10,805,914
Other Funds	1,200	0	1,200	1,200	0	1,200
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,140,023**	**$64,983**	**$11,205,006**	**$11,140,023**	**($332,909)**	**$10,807,114**
Field Services						
State General Funds	215,373,753	1,857,953	217,231,706	215,373,753	(5,682,667)	209,691,086
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	447,884	0	447,884	447,884	0	447,884
Other Funds	966,278	0	966,278	966,278	0	966,278
TOTAL FUNDS	**$216,787,915**	**$1,857,953**	**$218,645,868**	**$216,787,915**	**($5,682,667)**	**$211,105,248**
Misdemeanor Probation						
State General Funds	1,017,668	736	1,018,404	1,017,668	(35,779)	981,889
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,017,668**	**$736**	**$1,018,404**	**$1,017,668**	**($35,779)**	**$981,889**
Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry						
State General Funds	4,592,794	34,691	4,627,485	4,592,794	(114,731)	4,478,063
TOTAL FUNDS	**$4,592,794**	**$34,691**	**$4,627,485**	**$4,592,794**	**($114,731)**	**$4,478,063**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Georgia Commission on Family Violence						
State General Funds	739,174	13,480	752,654	739,174	(10,236)	728,938
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	188,124	0	188,124	188,124	0	188,124
Other Funds	161,229	0	161,229	161,229	0	161,229
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,088,527**	**$13,480**	**$1,102,007**	**$1,088,527**	**($10,236)**	**$1,078,291**

Department of Community Supervision

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DCS)	$10,833,719	$11,110,685	$11,140,023	$11,205,006	$10,807,114
Field Services	200,402,599	222,390,104	216,787,915	218,645,868	211,105,248
Misdemeanor Probation	960,385	1,014,531	1,017,668	1,018,404	981,889
Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry	3,968,270	4,581,404	4,592,794	4,627,485	4,478,063
SUBTOTAL	**$216,164,973**	**$239,096,724**	**$233,538,400**	**$235,496,763**	**$227,372,314**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Georgia Commission on Family Violence	$1,484,613	$1,656,216	$1,088,527	$1,102,007	$1,078,291
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$1,484,613**	**$1,656,216**	**$1,088,527**	**$1,102,007**	**$1,078,291**
Total Funds	**$217,649,586**	**$240,752,940**	**$234,626,927**	**$236,598,770**	**$228,450,605**
Less:					
Federal Funds	1,278,760	1,517,290	636,008	636,008	636,008
Federal COVID Funds	7,770	6,120			
Other Funds	7,883,768	11,806,027	1,128,707	1,128,707	1,128,707
SUBTOTAL	**$9,170,298**	**$13,329,437**	**$1,764,715**	**$1,764,715**	**$1,764,715**
State General Funds	208,232,939	227,099,486	232,862,212	234,834,055	226,685,890
Governor's Emergency Funds	246,350	324,016			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$208,479,289**	**$227,423,502**	**$232,862,212**	**$234,834,055**	**$226,685,890**

Department of Corrections

Roles and Responsibilities

The Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) administers the prison sentences of offenders adjudicated by Georgia courts. More than 50,000 of these offenders are serving prison sentences. The Department serves the state in the following ways:

- Protecting citizens from incarcerated and supervised inmates; correctional environments will be safe, secure, and disciplined for all staff and offenders.
- Implementing sound correctional practices founded upon reliable and timely information; communications are enhanced through public awareness, collaborative partnerships, and effective departmental teamwork leading to a continuum of balanced sanctions available to the whole criminal justice system.
- Preparing inmates to accept responsibility for their offenses, to restore harm done to the community, and to lead productive, crime-free lives. This involves providing rehabilitative services in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, behavioral counseling, education, and job training.
- Developing a highly trained and professional workforce available to achieve the Department's mission, both today and in years to come.

AGENCY OPERATIONS

Incarceration offers a highly structured and secure environment, which removes offenders who pose a high risk from the community. GDC provides legally mandated services in the areas of physical, dental, and mental health, counseling, education, vocational training, chaplain services, and recreation.

GDC requires offenders in its facilities to work to support the prison system and the community. Inmates work in prison farm operations, food preparation, laundry, construction, facility and landscape maintenance, and perform factory work in Georgia Correctional Industries' manufacturing plants. The types of GDC institutions include the following facilities:

- <u>State Prisons</u>: These institutions are typically reserved for felony inmates with more than one year of incarceration to serve.
- <u>County Prisons</u>: The state pays a subsidy to county institutions to house and supervise state inmates. Inmates assigned to the county prisons typically work on roadway or construction projects for the county in which they are housed.
- <u>Probation Detention Centers</u>: This program offers a short-term, intensive incarceration period that enforces strict discipline and para-military protocol.
- <u>Transition Centers</u>: These community-based centers are designed to allow inmates nearing the end of their prison term to prepare for life in the community. GDC requires residents to have jobs in the local community, pay room and board to the center, and support their families.
- <u>Private Prisons</u>: CoreCivic and GEO Group, Inc. owns and operates select facilities in the state. Like state prisons, these facilities are typically reserved for felony offenders with more than one year of incarceration to serve.
- <u>Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Centers</u>: RSAT is a nine-month, highly structured program that targets high risk, high needs inmates nearing release, probationers sentenced by the courts, parole revocators and other court or GDC-referred inmates who have a need for intensive substance abuse programming.
- <u>Integrated Treatment Facilities</u>: ITF is a nine-month, highly structured program that actively combines interventions intended to address both mental health and substance abuse issues in persons with co-occurring disorders with the intention of treating both disorders, related problems, and the whole person more effectively.
- <u>Re-Entry Facility</u>: GDC has reopened a state prison facility that has been remissioned to function as a re-entry facility for the Metro Atlanta area. The facility focuses on rehabilitating offenders to achieve recidivism reduction and accommodate re-entry needs. Offenders are connected, pre- and post-release, with local stakeholders in the areas of employment, housing, education, treatment, and other services needed to successfully transition back into society.

Other agency operations critical to the state correctional system include the following programs:

- <u>Health Services</u>: Provides the required constitutional level of health care in the most efficient, cost-effective, and humane manner possible, while protecting the public health interests of the citizens of Georgia through planning, implementing, and coordinating physical, dental, and mental health services as required, across GDC.
- <u>Food and Farm Operations</u>: Provides meals for offenders through raising crops and livestock, managing timber, and producing dairy items that will be used in the preparing of meals for offenders.
- <u>Offender Management</u>: Coordinates and operates the following agency wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, the County Jail Subsidy program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

AUTHORITY

Titles 9, 17, and 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DOC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$486,578
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(264,066)
3.	Reduce funds for vacant positions.	(235,106)
4.	Explore all options for additional closed security, single cell, inmate capacity and report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, and the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by Friday March 13th, 2026.	Yes
	Total Change	**($12,594)**

Detention Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,332,707
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(557,888)
	Total Change	**$774,819**

Food and Farm Operations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$32,295
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(13,182)
3.	Provide funds for food services at four modular correctional units.	88,240
4.	Increase funds for food services across state facilities contracted with Georgia Correctional Industries due to rising food costs.	2,445,250
5.	Increase funds for the purchase of meat during processing equipment upgrades.	1,079,200
6.	Increase funds for food and farm equipment and software upgrades.	805,962
	Total Change	**$4,437,765**

Health

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$55,978
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(33,404)
3.	Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase and additional beds ($16,903,986) and outside-the-wire care ($15,000,000).	31,903,986
4.	Increase funds for the mental health contract to increase staffing ratios.	479,411
5.	Increase funds for the dental health contract to increase staffing ratios.	374,587
6.	Utilize prior year funds ($20,402,982) for physical health risk share obligations.	Yes
	Total Change	**$32,780,558**

Offender Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$114,109
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(38,798)
3.	Increase funds for jail subsidy payments to local jails for housing Department of Corrections inmates.	10,357,370
4.	Increase funds for maintenance and support of the inmate assignment decision support system.	125,892
5.	Increase funds for rural local county jail reimbursement where more than 20% of jail capacity utilization is occupied by detainees unable to make bail on contraband or drone-related charges.	1,500,000
	Total Change	**$12,058,573**

Private Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution to fully utilize available beds at correct tier rate added in HB68 (2025 Session).	$1,055,658
	Total Change	**$1,055,658**

State Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$10,758,541
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(4,729,304)
3.	Increase funds for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios based on improved retention.	9,737,406
4.	Provide funds for start-up costs for three security threat group regional coordinators.	137,802
5.	Provide funds for start-up costs for six canine handlers.	964,650
6.	Increase funds for managed access and drone detection systems to prevent contraband in facilities.	13,387,475
7.	Increase funds for offender call monitoring contract due to an increase in usage.	764,220
8.	Increase funds for additional programming at Metro Reentry Facility.	93,179
9.	Increase funds for data intelligence maintenance and integration costs.	1,150,000
10.	Provide funds for operations at five modular correctional units.	473,701
11.	Increase funds for operations at Lee Arrendale State Prison.	1,542,179
12.	Increase funds for the purchase of public safety supplies and equipment and pursue Opioid Settlement Funds for opioid reversal medication.	2,450,500
13.	Increase funds for rent at the Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building ($168,000), the Book Repository ($17,136), and a warden residency in Metro Atlanta ($34,100).	219,236
14.	Increase funds for contracted food services due to rising food and labor costs.	132,042
15.	Increase funds for central repair funds for capital projects.	725,992
16.	Increase funds for a ladder truck for Hays State Prison.	1,000,000
	Total Change	**$38,807,619**

Transition Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$764,315
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(309,640)
3.	Increase funds for rent at the LaGrange and Clayton Transition Centers.	47,197
	Total Change	**$501,872**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DOC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($37,154)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(20,748)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	5,304
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,584,390)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	453,668
6.	Increase funds for the Fleet Services Department to add one mechanic position to continue saving on in-house vehicle repairs and maintenance. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	69,837
7.	The department is directed to explore all options for additional closed-security, single-cell inmate capacity and report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by Friday, March 13, 2026.	Yes
	Total Change	**($1,113,483)**

Detention Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($78,495)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(15,746)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	275,818
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	14,117
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(3,347,325)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,012,763
7.	Reduce funds and utilize Opioid Settlement Trust Funds to provide a continuum of programs, services, and supports for adults who abuse opioids.	368,416
	Total Change	**($1,770,452)**

Food and Farm Operations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,855)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(282)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	5,851
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	479
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(79,091)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	25,637
7.	Increase funds for food services at four modular correctional units.	364,749
8.	Provide funds for food services across state facilities contracted with Georgia Correctional Industries due to rising food costs. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	500,000
9.	Increase funds for farm equipment upgrades. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	500,000
	Total Change	**$1,315,488**

Health

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$149
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(4,700)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(4,670)
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,137
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(200,420)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	61,485
7.	Increase funds for the physical health contract for a per diem increase and to reflect the opening of additional beds.	38,486,479
8.	Increase funds for the mental health contract to increase staffing ratios.	12,127,034
9.	Increase funds for the dental health contract to increase staffing ratios.	1,498,347
10.	Increase funds for the pharmacy contract for a per diem increase.	3,681,328
	Total Change	**$55,646,169**

Offender Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,459)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(3,125)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,157
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(232,782)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	70,026
6.	Increase funds for maintenance and support of the inmate assignment decision support system.	257,800
	Total Change	**$87,617**

Department of Corrections
Program Budgets

Private Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution to fully utilize available beds at correct tier rate added in HB68 (2025 Session).	$1,055,658
2.	Increase funds for 200 additional non-dormitory beds.	3,214,920
	Total Change	**$4,270,578**

State Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$776
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(665,416)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(151,445)
4.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	2,095,612
5.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	170,066
6.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(28,375,825)
7.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	8,797,604
8.	Increase funds for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios based on improved retention.	28,527,189
9.	Provide funds for three security threat group regional coordinators.	377,168
10.	Increase funds for six canine handlers.	695,018
11.	Provide funds for five managed access analysts.	409,040
12.	Increase funds to annualize personnel for the Over Watch and Logistics (OWL) Unit.	1,443,038
13.	Increase funds for additional technology costs for the Over Watch and Logistics (OWL) Unit to enhance safety, security, and technology.	5,521,230
14.	Reduce funds and utilize Opioid Settlement Trust Funds to provide a continuum of programs, services, and supports for adults who abuse opioids.	
15.	Provide funds for operations at five modular correctional units.	1,760,207
16.	Increase funds for operations at Lee Arrendale State Prison. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,879,259
17.	Increase funds for rent at Arnall North Basic Correctional Officer Training Building.	14,000
18.	Increase funds for food contracts.	528,167
19.	Reduce funds for the high school diploma program and explore virtual high school options.	(104,000)
20.	Increase funds for offender call monitoring contract due to an increase in usage. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,118,244
21.	Increase funds for data intelligence annual maintenance.	1,750,000
22.	Reduce funds for one-time funding of tablets for HB 68 (2025 Session).	(1,538,700)
23.	Reduce funds to reflect end of contract.	(104,000)
24.	Reduce funds and reflect funding for major repairs and renovations (MRR) in G.O. Bonds.	(50,000,000)
25.	Utilize existing funds ($10,793,600) for managed access and drone detection systems to prevent contraband in facilities.	Yes
	Total Change	**($23,852,768)**

Transition Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($43,567)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(9,604)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	151,718
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	7,138
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,857,844)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	601,462
7.	Increase funds for rent at LaGrange and Clayton Transition Centers.	23,599
8.	The department is directed to work with the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) to design and construct two new transition centers funded in the Amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget and provide a progress reports quarterly to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Appropriations Committee.	Yes
	Total Change	**($1,127,098)**

Department of Corrections

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$1,695,298,277	$90,404,270	$1,785,702,547	$1,695,298,277	$24,814,212	$1,720,112,489
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	0	0	0	0	8,641,839	8,641,839
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$1,695,298,277**	**$90,404,270**	**$1,785,702,547**	**$1,695,298,277**	**$33,456,051**	**$1,728,754,328**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$809,589	$0	$809,589	$809,589	$0	$809,589
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$809,589**	**$0**	**$809,589**	**$809,589**	**$0**	**$809,589**
Other Funds	$15,960,082	$0	$15,960,082	$15,960,082	$0	$15,960,082
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$15,960,082**	**$0**	**$15,960,082**	**$15,960,082**	**$0**	**$15,960,082**
Total Funds	**$1,712,067,948**	**$90,404,270**	**$1,802,472,218**	**$1,712,067,948**	**$33,456,051**	**$1,745,523,999**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DOC)						
State General Funds	41,565,500	(12,594)	41,552,906	41,565,500	(1,113,483)	40,452,017
Other Funds	372,424	0	372,424	372,424	0	372,424
TOTAL FUNDS	**$41,937,924**	**($12,594)**	**$41,925,330**	**$41,937,924**	**($1,113,483)**	**$40,824,441**
Detention Centers						
State General Funds	76,423,479	774,819	77,198,298	76,423,479	(4,317,487)	72,105,992
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	0	0	0	0	2,547,035	2,547,035
Other Funds	1,374,456	0	1,374,456	1,374,456	0	1,374,456
TOTAL FUNDS	**$77,797,935**	**$774,819**	**$78,572,754**	**$77,797,935**	**($1,770,452)**	**$76,027,483**
Food and Farm Operations						
State General Funds	30,349,192	4,437,765	34,786,957	30,349,192	1,315,488	31,664,680
Other Funds	568,986	0	568,986	568,986	0	568,986
TOTAL FUNDS	**$30,918,178**	**$4,437,765**	**$35,355,943**	**$30,918,178**	**$1,315,488**	**$32,233,666**
Health						
State General Funds	376,598,234	32,780,558	409,378,792	376,598,234	55,646,169	432,244,403
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	573,812	0	573,812	573,812	0	573,812
Other Funds	305,972	0	305,972	305,972	0	305,972
TOTAL FUNDS	**$377,478,018**	**$32,780,558**	**$410,258,576**	**$377,478,018**	**$55,646,169**	**$433,124,187**
Offender Management						
State General Funds	58,596,973	12,058,573	70,655,546	58,596,973	87,617	58,684,590
TOTAL FUNDS	**$58,596,973**	**$12,058,573**	**$70,655,546**	**$58,596,973**	**$87,617**	**$58,684,590**
Private Prisons						
State General Funds	172,485,527	1,055,658	173,541,185	172,485,527	4,270,578	176,756,105
TOTAL FUNDS	**$172,485,527**	**$1,055,658**	**$173,541,185**	**$172,485,527**	**$4,270,578**	**$176,756,105**
State Prisons						
State General Funds	888,604,327	38,807,619	927,411,946	888,604,327	(29,947,572)	858,656,755
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	0	0	0	0	6,094,804	6,094,804
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	235,777	0	235,777	235,777	0	235,777
Other Funds	13,118,591	0	13,118,591	13,118,591	0	13,118,591
TOTAL FUNDS	**$901,958,695**	**$38,807,619**	**$940,766,314**	**$901,958,695**	**($23,852,768)**	**$878,105,927**
Transition Centers						

Department of Corrections

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
State General Funds	50,675,045	501,872	51,176,917	50,675,045	(1,127,098)	49,547,947
Other Funds	219,653	0	219,653	219,653	0	219,653
TOTAL FUNDS	**$50,894,698**	**$501,872**	**$51,396,570**	**$50,894,698**	**($1,127,098)**	**$49,767,600**

Department of Corrections

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DOC)	$45,334,401	$49,517,997	$41,937,924	$41,925,330	$40,824,441
Detention Centers	70,507,282	75,822,744	77,797,935	78,572,754	76,027,483
Food and Farm Operations	30,914,139	31,748,617	30,918,178	35,355,943	32,233,666
Health	325,613,120	389,939,841	377,478,018	410,258,576	433,124,187
Offender Management	45,809,237	50,538,361	58,596,973	70,655,546	58,684,590
Private Prisons	144,251,930	152,648,138	172,485,527	173,541,185	176,756,105
State Prisons	821,265,828	1,117,374,600	901,958,695	940,766,314	878,105,927
Transition Centers	42,958,167	46,297,756	50,894,698	51,396,570	49,767,600
SUBTOTAL	**$1,526,654,104**	**$1,913,888,054**	**$1,712,067,948**	**$1,802,472,218**	**$1,745,523,999**
Total Funds	**$1,526,654,104**	**$1,913,888,054**	**$1,712,067,948**	**$1,802,472,218**	**$1,745,523,999**
Less:					
Federal Funds	3,022,249	3,309,597	809,589	809,589	809,589
Other Funds	100,652,921	86,847,809	15,960,082	15,960,082	15,960,082
SUBTOTAL	**$103,675,170**	**$90,157,406**	**$16,769,671**	**$16,769,671**	**$16,769,671**
State General Funds	1,422,978,935	1,823,730,648	1,695,298,277	1,785,702,547	1,720,112,489
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$1,422,978,935**	**$1,823,730,648**	**$1,695,298,277**	**$1,785,702,547**	**$1,720,112,489**

Department of Defense

Roles and Responsibilities

‘The Department of Defense serves the nation and the State of Georgia by organizing and maintaining National Guard forces, which the President of the United States can call to active duty to augment the nation's regular armed services, or which the Governor, as Commander-in-Chief of the State Militia, can order deployed in instances of disaster, riot, violence, or other dangers threatening the state and its citizens. The Department achieves these objectives through its four components: Office of the Adjutant General, Air National Guard, Army National Guard, and the State Defense Force. Using these components, the Department operates and manages approximately 1,200 training, maintenance, and logistics army facilities statewide. In addition to its core mission, the agency also operates Youth Challenge Academies which provide educational opportunities to at-risk youth.

GEORGIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The role of the Georgia Air National Guard is to provide fully equipped and trained combat units which are prepared to respond to state or national emergencies. The activation and deactivation, organization, administration, training, equipping, and housing of its units, as well as the evaluation of its wartime capability, are mandated responsibilities.

GEORGIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

The Georgia Army National Guard is responsible for maintaining a level of operational readiness which allows for immediate and effective response to state or national emergencies, civil disturbances, and natural disasters.

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

The role of the Office of the Adjutant General is to provide command and control of the entire organization, as well as centralized administrative support for the department. The Adjutant General also serves as the state's director of the Selective Service System.

STATE DEFENSE FORCE

The role of the volunteer State Defense Force is to serve as an auxiliary unit in the event of a full mobilization and to provide assistance to state and local governments and civil organizations during emergencies and natural disasters, as well as support for the staging of special events.

YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

Another responsibility of the Department of Defense is the operation of Youth Challenge Academies for at-risk youth in the State of Georgia. This program is a preventative rather than a remedial program that targets at-risk youth participants 16 to 18 years of age who are high-school dropouts, unemployed, drug-free, and not involved in the criminal justice system.

AUTHORITY

Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Department of Defense
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DOD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$38,754
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(10,192)
3.	Reduce funds for vacant positions.	(4,273)
	Total Change	**$24,289**

Military Readiness

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$480,119
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(23,564)
3.	Increase funds for increased operating costs.	863,812
	Total Change	**$1,320,367**

Youth Educational Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$238,983
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(23,936)
3.	Reduce funds for vacant positions.	(28,915)
4.	Reduce state funds match to reflect a loss of federal funding from lower graduation targets.	(1,038,943)
	Total Change	**($852,811)**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DOD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,377
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	126
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	4,052
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(61,157)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	19,366
	Total Change	**($36,236)**

Military Readiness

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,183
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	80,899
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(141,384)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	50,361
5.	Increase funds for increased operating costs.	613,812
	Total Change	**$606,871**

Youth Educational Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,232
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	2,006
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	25,858
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(143,617)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	42,038
6.	Reduce state funds match to reflect a loss of federal funding from lower graduation targets.	(1,014,934)
	Total Change	**($1,085,417)**

Department of Defense
Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$12,466,401	$491,845	$12,958,246	$12,466,401	($514,782)	$11,951,619
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$12,466,401**	**$491,845**	**$12,958,246**	**$12,466,401**	**($514,782)**	**$11,951,619**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$77,025,266	$0	$77,025,266	$77,025,266	$0	$77,025,266
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$77,025,266**	**$0**	**$77,025,266**	**$77,025,266**	**$0**	**$77,025,266**
Other Funds	$22,339,739	$0	$22,339,739	$22,339,739	$0	$22,339,739
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$22,339,739**	**$0**	**$22,339,739**	**$22,339,739**	**$0**	**$22,339,739**
Total Funds	**$111,831,406**	**$491,845**	**$112,323,251**	**$111,831,406**	**($514,782)**	**$111,316,624**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DOD)						
State General Funds	1,438,364	24,289	1,462,653	1,438,364	(36,236)	1,402,128
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	982,494	0	982,494	982,494	0	982,494
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,420,858**	**$24,289**	**$2,445,147**	**$2,420,858**	**($36,236)**	**$2,384,622**
Military Readiness						
State General Funds	6,146,980	1,320,367	7,467,347	6,146,980	606,871	6,753,851
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	63,495,500	0	63,495,500	63,495,500	0	63,495,500
Other Funds	22,335,861	0	22,335,861	22,335,861	0	22,335,861
TOTAL FUNDS	**$91,978,341**	**$1,320,367**	**$93,298,708**	**$91,978,341**	**$606,871**	**$92,585,212**
Youth Educational Services						
State General Funds	4,881,057	(852,811)	4,028,246	4,881,057	(1,085,417)	3,795,640
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	12,547,272	0	12,547,272	12,547,272	0	12,547,272
Other Funds	3,878	0	3,878	3,878	0	3,878
TOTAL FUNDS	**$17,432,207**	**($852,811)**	**$16,579,396**	**$17,432,207**	**($1,085,417)**	**$16,346,790**

Department of Defense
Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DOD)	$2,443,136	$2,326,072	$2,420,858	$2,445,147	$2,384,622
Military Readiness	96,518,638	108,505,008	91,978,341	93,298,708	92,585,212
Youth Educational Services	19,962,477	18,130,031	17,432,207	16,579,396	16,346,790
SUBTOTAL	**$118,924,251**	**$128,961,111**	**$111,831,406**	**$112,323,251**	**$111,316,624**
Total Funds	**$118,924,251**	**$128,961,111**	**$111,831,406**	**$112,323,251**	**$111,316,624**
Less:					
Federal Funds	83,095,808	98,783,334	77,025,266	77,025,266	77,025,266
Other Funds	23,159,958	17,793,382	22,339,739	22,339,739	22,339,739
SUBTOTAL	**$106,255,766**	**$116,576,716**	**$99,365,005**	**$99,365,005**	**$99,365,005**
State General Funds	12,668,485	12,384,395	12,466,401	12,958,246	11,951,619
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$12,668,485**	**$12,384,395**	**$12,466,401**	**$12,958,246**	**$11,951,619**

Department of Driver Services

Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Driver Services (DDS) provides license and identification card issuance, driver education and training, and records management. The agency also oversees motorcycle safety, commercial driver's licensing and compliance, and DUI course certification. DDS was established by Executive Order on July 1, 2005, in accordance with HB 501. The three primary programs include Departmental Administration, License Issuance, and the Regulatory Compliance Division.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

The Departmental Administration program is responsible for the assistance and policy direction of the Department of Driver Services. The function of the program is to provide administrative support for the License Issuance and Regulatory Compliance programs. The program includes administrative, financial, public information, legal, human resources, facilities, fleet, and information technology services.

LICENSE ISSUANCE

The License Issuance program carries out the issuance of driver's licenses and permits, as well as public identification cards, the suspension and reinstatement of driver's licenses, and the administration of the commercial driver's license program.

The Department utilizes 61 full-time customer service centers, and seven part-time customer service centers which are situated strategically throughout the state.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE DIVISION

The Regulatory Compliance program is responsible for licensing driver training schools and instructors, licensing driver improvement clinics and instructors, certifying ignition interlock devices and provider centers, providing online Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP) classes, and monitoring the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

AUTHORITY

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Department of Driver Services
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DDS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$105,497
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(58,950)
3.	Increase funds to comply with federal Commercial Driver's License (CDL) mandates regarding national registry notifications.	150,000
	Total Change	**$196,547**

License Issuance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,588,914
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(486,160)
3.	Utilize existing funds ($635,437) previously appropriated for Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees and increase funds to meet an increase in card production volume.	1,337,959
4.	Increase funds for armed guard services for new and higher-traffic locations.	150,426
5.	Increase funds for rent at the Conyers, Fayetteville, Marietta, Kennesaw, Lawrenceville, Macon, Decatur, Locust Grove, and Toccoa Customer Service Centers.	139,865
6.	Increase funds for Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) security services and additional staffing infrastructure.	185,437
7.	Increase funds for maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES) for cloud migration.	428,499
8.	Increase funds for personnel due to decreased turnover.	1,346,342
	Total Change	**$4,691,282**

Regulatory Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$25,836
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(7,800)
	Total Change	**$18,036**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DDS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,204)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(209,255)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	38,119

4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(353,697)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	105,130
6.	Increase funds to comply with federal CDL mandates regarding national registry notifications.	150,000
	Total Change	**($279,907)**

License Issuance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($84,150)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(447,446)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	4,326
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(2,916,956)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	917,128
6.	Increase funds for armed guard services for new and higher-traffic locations.	150,426
7.	Increase funds for rent at the Conyers, Fayetteville, Marietta, Kennesaw, Lawrenceville, Macon, Decatur, Locust Grove, and Toccoa Customer Service Centers.	159,865
8.	Increase funds for GTA security services and additional staffing infrastructure.	185,437
9.	Increase funds for personal services due to decreased turnover.	2,087,481
10.	Utilize existing funds ($635,437) previously appropriated for Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees to meet an increase in card production volume.	Yes
	Total Change	**$56,111**

Regulatory Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,350)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(1,696)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(46,800)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	12,279
	Total Change	**($37,567)**

Department of Driver Services

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$86,415,442	$4,905,865	$91,321,307	$86,415,442	($261,363)	$86,154,079
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$86,415,442**	**$4,905,865**	**$91,321,307**	**$86,415,442**	**($261,363)**	**$86,154,079**
Other Funds	$2,844,121	$0	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$0	$2,844,121
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$2,844,121**	**$0**	**$2,844,121**	**$2,844,121**	**$0**	**$2,844,121**
Total Funds	**$89,259,563**	**$4,905,865**	**$94,165,428**	**$89,259,563**	**($261,363)**	**$88,998,200**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DDS)						
State General Funds	10,851,981	196,547	11,048,528	10,851,981	(279,907)	10,572,074
Other Funds	500,857	0	500,857	500,857	0	500,857
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,352,838**	**$196,547**	**$11,549,385**	**$11,352,838**	**($279,907)**	**$11,072,931**
License Issuance						
State General Funds	74,559,504	4,691,282	79,250,786	74,559,504	56,111	74,615,615
Other Funds	1,827,835	0	1,827,835	1,827,835	0	1,827,835
TOTAL FUNDS	**$76,387,339**	**$4,691,282**	**$81,078,621**	**$76,387,339**	**$56,111**	**$76,443,450**
Regulatory Compliance						
State General Funds	1,003,957	18,036	1,021,993	1,003,957	(37,567)	966,390
Other Funds	515,429	0	515,429	515,429	0	515,429
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,519,386**	**$18,036**	**$1,537,422**	**$1,519,386**	**($37,567)**	**$1,481,819**

Department of Driver Services

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DDS)	$11,564,152	$12,669,490	$11,352,838	$11,549,385	$11,072,931
License Issuance	84,367,733	80,589,772	76,387,339	81,078,621	76,443,450
Regulatory Compliance	1,475,721	1,489,830	1,519,386	1,537,422	1,481,819
SUBTOTAL	**$97,407,606**	**$94,749,092**	**$89,259,563**	**$94,165,428**	**$88,998,200**
Total Funds	**$97,407,606**	**$94,749,092**	**$89,259,563**	**$94,165,428**	**$88,998,200**
Less:					
Federal Funds	1,397,131	2,044,674			
Other Funds	6,203,862	5,450,179	2,844,121	2,844,121	2,844,121
Prior Year State Funds		150,000			
SUBTOTAL	**$7,600,993**	**$7,644,853**	**$2,844,121**	**$2,844,121**	**$2,844,121**
State General Funds	89,806,614	87,104,239	86,415,442	91,321,307	86,154,079
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$89,806,614**	**$87,104,239**	**$86,415,442**	**$91,321,307**	**$86,154,079**

Bright from the Start: Department of Early Care and Learning

Roles and Responsibilities

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is primarily responsible for meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia's children ages birth through five. It administers the nationally recognized Pre-Kindergarten program, the federal Child Care and Development Fund, the federal child care subsidy program, and federal nutrition programs. The agency also houses the Head Start Collaboration Office and licenses and monitors child care providers.

DECAL also works to enhance the quality, availability, and affordability of early care and education in Georgia. Health and safety, quality and access, and organizational excellence are the agency's guiding principles.

Training and professional development are integral parts of all programs administered by DECAL. The agency coordinates annual professional learning opportunities for Georgia's early learning teachers, administrators, and program sponsors.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Georgia's lottery-funded, voluntary, universal Pre-Kindergarten Program serves Pre-K students across the state. Georgia's Pre-K Program is one of the largest and most comprehensive Pre-K programs in the nation and continues to be a model for other states.

Pre-K is offered in public school systems as well as through private child care centers. Children four years of age on September 1st of the current school year whose parents are Georgia residents are eligible to attend Georgia's Pre-K Program.

CHILD CARE SERVICES

Child Care Services is responsible for licensing and registering child care learning centers and family day care homes.

Child Care Services supports child care programs through monitoring, technical assistance, and training to assure safe and healthy environments and improve the quality of education services to children. The staff provides information to parents about Georgia child care programs and trains child care providers on the age appropriate development and care of young children according to established standards.

Federal and state funds also provide subsidized child care for low income working families that meet eligibility requirements for child care assistance through the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program.

NUTRITION SERVICES

The Nutrition Services program is responsible for administering the United States Department of Agriculture's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for Georgia. The goal of these programs is to ensure that low-income children and adults throughout Georgia have access to nutritious meals while they are in a day care setting and during the summer when school is not in session. These programs serve a large number of meals annually to eligible children[1]. Nutrition Services provides healthy eating and physical activity training and resources for parents and providers through the USDA programs and Caregivers Promoting Healthy Habits Program.

QUALITY INITIATIVES

The Quality Initiatives program works to improve the quality, affordability, and accessibility of child care for children and families. In partnership with internal and external resources, the Quality Initiatives program implements innovative strategies that focus on improving the quality of early education, child care, and nutrition for young children. This includes funding for Georgia's three-star rating system, named Quality Rated, that provides families with helpful information in selecting quality child care and that supports child care providers in raising the quality of care they offer. Other services include the Child Care Resource and Referral System, the Parent Call Center, Inclusion Services, the Scholarships and Incentives programs, and the Georgia Program for Infant and Toddlers.

AUTHORITY

Title 20-1A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

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[1] For SFY19 actual number was 84,795,639. Numbers dropped substantially in 2020 to 74,123,701 and 2021 67,929,527 due to covid closures.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Child Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,225,057
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(11,524)
	Total Change	**$1,213,533**

Nutrition Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$124,874
	Total Change	**$124,874**

Pre-Kindergarten Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$146,404
2.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned teachers and assistant teachers.	17,224,000
	Total Change	**$17,370,404**

Quality Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$64,590
	Total Change	**$64,590**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Child Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($474)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	1,171
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,438
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(69,147)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	220,925
6.	Utilize existing funds to expand CAPS slots to an additional 1,288 children.	Yes
	Total Change	**$153,913**

Nutrition Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Pre-Kindergarten Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$420,525
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(2,910)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	1,237
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,801
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(424,175)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	112,149
7.	Reduce formula funds for annual update of teacher training and experience.	(125,304)
8.	Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.	892,200
9.	Increase funds for year three of a four-year phase in to reduce classroom size from 22 to 20 students to improve instructional quality.	12,001,234
10.	Increase funds to expand the extended day program to the Pre-K priority group.	9,713,072
11.	Utilize existing funds ($881,000) and increase funds to expand the Rising Pre-K program and add 50 new classes. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	708,500
12.	Increase funds and recognize existing funds ($5,738,012) to provide five days of leave for Pre-K lead and assistant teachers. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,975,060
13.	Increase funds for the Summer Transition Program partnership expansion. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	350,000
14.	Increase funds to reflect enrollment growth in the State Health Benefit Plan.	3,325,140
	Total Change	**$30,948,529**

Quality Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$77,355,059	$1,402,997	$78,758,056	$77,355,059	$153,913	$77,508,972
Lottery Funds	563,040,616	17,370,404	580,411,020	563,040,616	30,948,529	593,989,145
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$640,395,675**	**$18,773,401**	**$659,169,076**	**$640,395,675**	**$31,102,442**	**$671,498,117**
Child Care and Development Block Grant	$344,735,865	$0	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$0	$344,735,865
CCDF Mandatory and Matching Funds	92,749,020	0	92,749,020	92,749,020	0	92,749,020
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	170,175,000	0	170,175,000	170,175,000	0	170,175,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$607,659,885**	**$0**	**$607,659,885**	**$607,659,885**	**$0**	**$607,659,885**
Other Funds	$50,000	$0	$50,000	$50,000	$0	$50,000
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$50,000**	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$50,000**
Total Funds	**$1,248,105,560**	**$18,773,401**	**$1,266,878,961**	**$1,248,105,560**	**$31,102,442**	**$1,279,208,002**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Child Care Services						
State General Funds	77,355,059	1,213,533	78,568,592	77,355,059	153,913	77,508,972
Child Care and Development Block Grant	287,542,127	0	287,542,127	287,542,127	0	287,542,127
CCDF Mandatory and Matching Funds	92,749,020	0	92,749,020	92,749,020	0	92,749,020
TOTAL FUNDS	**$457,646,206**	**$1,213,533**	**$458,859,739**	**$457,646,206**	**$153,913**	**$457,800,119**
Nutrition Services						
State General Funds	0	124,874	124,874	0	0	0
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	170,000,000	0	170,000,000	170,000,000	0	170,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$170,000,000**	**$124,874**	**$170,124,874**	**$170,000,000**	**$0**	**$170,000,000**
Pre-Kindergarten Program						
Lottery Funds	563,040,616	17,370,404	580,411,020	563,040,616	30,948,529	593,989,145
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	175,000	0	175,000	175,000	0	175,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$563,215,616**	**$17,370,404**	**$580,586,020**	**$563,215,616**	**$30,948,529**	**$594,164,145**
Quality Initiatives						
State General Funds	0	64,590	64,590	0	0	0
Child Care and Development Block Grant	57,193,738	0	57,193,738	57,193,738	0	57,193,738
Other Funds	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$57,243,738**	**$64,590**	**$57,308,328**	**$57,243,738**	**$0**	**$57,243,738**

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Child Care Services	$1,017,150,921	$592,421,343	$457,646,206	$458,859,739	$457,800,119
Nutrition Services	166,950,534	166,908,422	170,000,000	170,124,874	170,000,000
Pre-Kindergarten Program	458,476,791	536,197,076	563,215,616	580,586,020	594,164,145
Quality Initiatives	44,094,308	86,231,554	57,243,738	57,308,328	57,243,738
SUBTOTAL	**$1,686,672,554**	**$1,381,758,395**	**$1,248,105,560**	**$1,266,878,961**	**$1,279,208,002**
Total Funds	**$1,686,672,554**	**$1,381,758,395**	**$1,248,105,560**	**$1,266,878,961**	**$1,279,208,002**
Less:					
Federal Funds	673,609,523	756,643,073	607,659,885	607,659,885	607,659,885
Federal COVID Funds	491,131,861	16,837,230			
Other Funds	349,218	283,603	50,000	50,000	50,000
SUBTOTAL	**$1,165,090,602**	**$773,763,906**	**$607,709,885**	**$607,709,885**	**$607,709,885**
State General Funds	63,285,758	71,967,594	77,355,059	78,758,056	77,508,972
Lottery Funds	458,296,193	536,026,895	563,040,616	580,411,020	593,989,145
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$521,581,951**	**$607,994,489**	**$640,395,675**	**$659,169,076**	**$671,498,117**

Department of Economic Development

Roles and Responsibilities

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) serves as the lead agency for attracting new business investment, encouraging the expansion of existing industry and small businesses, and locating new markets for Georgia products.

GLOBAL COMMERCE

The Global Commerce division assists businesses that are interested in growing or locating in the state. The agency provides services to support this mission, such as site locating, employee training, market research and connecting businesses with local communities' business development programs.

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

The Innovation and Technology division is aimed at attracting high technology and biotech companies to locate and grow in Georgia. The program includes Georgia's Centers of Innovation, which provide technical expertise and collaborative research opportunities to businesses in key industries including Aerospace, Ag Tech, and Information Technology.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TRADE

The International Relations and Trade program promotes the state as an ideal source for quality products and services by matching international buyers with Georgia suppliers. The program also works to develop international markets for Georgia products through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Small and Minority Business Development program assists entrepreneurs, startups, and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on direction, planning, and business needs. The program also identifies potential markets and suppliers and aids local communities to help build enabling business environments in support of small business.

FILM, MUSIC, AND DIGITAL

The Film, Music, and Digital Entertainment Office develops and promotes the state's film, television, commercial and music video production, and music recording industries. The office works to attract new entertainment companies and expand existing companies, as well as expanding the entertainment workforce.

TOURISM

The Tourism division works with local and regional tourism organizations in the development of products and promotions. Through its network of regional representatives, it also assists the state's communities and attractions in bringing potential travelers to their areas.

COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

The Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) works with communities, local governments, and arts organizations to educate and encourage use of arts as a tool for economic development and to preserve our cultural heritage and create increased access to high quality arts experiences.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Rural Development division assists rural communities in becoming more competitive for economic development projects. Representatives from the Department meet with rural stakeholders to identify key strengths and challenges that a community may face. The Department's representatives then educate rural leadership of potential economic development opportunities or assistance programs that may benefit their community.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Georgia Ports Authority develops, maintains, and operates ocean and inland ports within Georgia, including the Port of Savannah and Port of Brunswick.

The Georgia World Congress Center Authority operates the Georgia World Congress Center and oversees Centennial Olympic Park and related facilities which host major conferences, trade shows, meetings, and athletic events.

The Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority replaced the Georgia International Maritime Trade Center Authority. The authority oversees the Savannah Convention Center which hosts major conferences and events.

AUTHORITY

Title 50-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Department of Economic Development
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DEcD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$49,519
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(35,056)
3.	Increase funds to promote Georgia through search engine optimization, updated department website, and marketing.	1,000,000
	Total Change	**$1,014,463**

Film, Video, and Music

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,918
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(8,128)
	Total Change	**$4,790**

Georgia Council for the Arts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(4,812)
	Total Change	**$10,259**

Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for one-time increase for community arts grants.	$250,250
	Total Change	**$250,250**

Global Commerce

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$90,426
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(58,250)

Total Change	**$32,176**

Innovation and Technology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$23,683
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(14,436)
	Total Change	**$9,247**

International Relations and Trade

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$21,530
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(11,608)
	Total Change	**$9,922**

Rural Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Small and Minority Business Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,918
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(7,764)
	Total Change	**$5,154**

Tourism

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$99,038
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(38,804)
3.	Increase funds to support Georgia tourism.	2,000,000
4.	Increase funds to Georgia Humanities to support America250 Anniversary initiatives.	250,250
5.	Increase funds for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority for infrastructure and security costs related to the 2028 Super Bowl which occurs in 23 months.	5,000,000
	Total Change	**$7,310,484**

Department of Economic Development
Program Budgets

Departmental Administration (DEcD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,314)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	1,891
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	12,705
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(210,338)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	70,774
	Total Change	**($129,282)**

Film, Video, and Music

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,000)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	206
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(48,771)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	15,164
	Total Change	**($34,401)**

Georgia Council for the Arts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($592)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(28,866)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	9,647
	Total Change	**($19,811)**

Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Provide one-time funds to increase community arts grants. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$200,000
	Total Change	**$200,000**

Global Commerce

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses, along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,672)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	1,638
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(374,119)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	119,235
	Total Change	**($260,918)**

Innovation and Technology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,776)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	204
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(86,610)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	31,694
	Total Change	**($56,488)**

International Relations and Trade

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,428)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	236
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(69,646)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	22,659
5.	Increase funds for international relations and trade.	76,119
	Total Change	**$27,940**

Rural Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Small and Minority Business Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($955)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(46,585)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	12,584
	Total Change	**($34,956)**

Tourism

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,775)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	1,350
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(232,819)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	74,080
5.	Reduce one-time funds for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center and maintain existing base budget ($500,000).	(125,000)
6.	Increase funds for Georgia Humanities. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	62,000
7.	Increase funds for operational expenses.	76,119
8.	Reduce funds for tourism marketing.	(4,000,000)
	Total Change	**($4,149,045)**

Special Project - Tourism

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund quality tourism marketing that showcases the entire state of Georgia which could include matching grants to local governments, chambers of commerce, and destination marketing organizations.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds.	$4,000,000
	Total Change	**$4,000,000**

Department of Economic Development

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$38,416,004	$8,646,745	$47,062,749	$38,416,004	($456,961)	$37,959,043
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$38,416,004**	**$8,646,745**	**$47,062,749**	**$38,416,004**	**($456,961)**	**$37,959,043**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$926,190	$0	$926,190	$926,190	$0	$926,190
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$926,190**	**$0**	**$926,190**	**$926,190**	**$0**	**$926,190**
Total Funds	**$39,342,194**	**$8,646,745**	**$47,988,939**	**$39,342,194**	**($456,961)**	**$38,885,233**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DEcD)						
State General Funds	5,883,113	1,014,463	6,897,576	5,883,113	(129,282)	5,753,831
TOTAL FUNDS	**$5,883,113**	**$1,014,463**	**$6,897,576**	**$5,883,113**	**($129,282)**	**$5,753,831**
Film, Video, and Music						
State General Funds	1,168,059	4,790	1,172,849	1,168,059	(34,401)	1,133,658
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,168,059**	**$4,790**	**$1,172,849**	**$1,168,059**	**($34,401)**	**$1,133,658**
Georgia Council for the Arts						
State General Funds	610,794	10,259	621,053	610,794	(19,811)	590,983
TOTAL FUNDS	**$610,794**	**$10,259**	**$621,053**	**$610,794**	**($19,811)**	**$590,983**
Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project						
State General Funds	976,356	250,250	1,226,606	976,356	200,000	1,176,356
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	659,400	0	659,400	659,400	0	659,400
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,635,756**	**$250,250**	**$1,886,006**	**$1,635,756**	**$200,000**	**$1,835,756**
Global Commerce						
State General Funds	11,298,921	32,176	11,331,097	11,298,921	(260,918)	11,038,003
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,298,921**	**$32,176**	**$11,331,097**	**$11,298,921**	**($260,918)**	**$11,038,003**
Innovation and Technology						
State General Funds	2,758,197	9,247	2,767,444	2,758,197	(56,488)	2,701,709
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,758,197**	**$9,247**	**$2,767,444**	**$2,758,197**	**($56,488)**	**$2,701,709**
International Relations and Trade						
State General Funds	2,879,577	9,922	2,889,499	2,879,577	27,940	2,907,517
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	266,790	0	266,790	266,790	0	266,790
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,146,367**	**$9,922**	**$3,156,289**	**$3,146,367**	**$27,940**	**$3,174,307**
Small and Minority Business Development						
State General Funds	1,080,487	5,154	1,085,641	1,080,487	(34,956)	1,045,531
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,080,487**	**$5,154**	**$1,085,641**	**$1,080,487**	**($34,956)**	**$1,045,531**
Tourism						
State General Funds	11,760,500	7,310,484	19,070,984	11,760,500	(4,149,045)	7,611,455
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,760,500**	**$7,310,484**	**$19,070,984**	**$11,760,500**	**($4,149,045)**	**$7,611,455**
Special Project - Tourism						
State General Funds	0	0	0	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$4,000,000**	**$4,000,000**

Department of Economic Development

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DEcD)	$5,668,777	$5,753,346	$5,883,113	$6,897,576	$5,753,831
Film, Video, and Music	1,140,364	1,152,701	1,168,059	1,172,849	1,133,658
Georgia Council for the Arts	606,888	597,795	610,794	621,053	590,983
Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project	6,780,757	5,830,759	1,635,756	1,886,006	1,835,756
Global Commerce	10,589,139	10,746,196	11,298,921	11,331,097	11,038,003
Innovation and Technology	2,694,222	2,322,096	2,758,197	2,767,444	2,701,709
International Relations and Trade	2,983,058	2,726,749	3,146,367	3,156,289	3,174,307
Rural Development	732,389	842,613			
Small and Minority Business Development	1,058,154	1,066,557	1,080,487	1,085,641	1,045,531
Tourism	43,378,628	14,228,580	11,760,500	19,070,984	7,611,455
Special Project - Tourism					4,000,000
SUBTOTAL	**$75,632,376**	**$45,267,392**	**$39,342,194**	**$47,988,939**	**$38,885,233**
Total Funds	**$75,632,376**	**$45,267,392**	**$39,342,194**	**$47,988,939**	**$38,885,233**
Less:					
Federal Funds	1,163,537	1,152,523	926,190	926,190	926,190
Federal COVID Funds	5,763,677	5,638,041			
Other Funds	976,856	1,112,609			
SUBTOTAL	**$7,904,070**	**$7,903,173**	**$926,190**	**$926,190**	**$926,190**
State General Funds	67,728,305	37,364,222	38,416,004	47,062,749	37,959,043
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$67,728,305**	**$37,364,222**	**$38,416,004**	**$47,062,749**	**$37,959,043**

Department of Education

Roles and Responsibilities

The State Board of Education establishes policies that the Georgia Department of Education administers under the direction of the State Superintendent of Schools and appoints and reviews the decisions of the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC).

The Department disburses state education funds, provides technical assistance and support services to local school systems, operates three state schools for hearing and visually impaired students, and provides intensive assistance to local schools identified with significant student achievement issues. The SCSC is an independent state level entity with the ability to authorize and monitor state charter schools, as well as providing technical assistance and training to charter school authorizers at the local level, creating more public educational opportunities throughout the state.

Local education agencies, including county and city school districts and charter schools, are primarily funded through the Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula – a partnership between the state and local school systems that provides billions in funding for education.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

The Department of Education utilizes the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) for the subject areas of English/language arts and mathematics. These standards were adopted for all of Georgia's K-12 public schools and align with college and career readiness standards that will help prepare Georgia's students with the knowledge and skills they need in education and training after high school. The standards are internationally benchmarked and are consistent with rigorous high school diploma requirements for all students.

The Department utilizes the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones), a comprehensive summative assessment program spanning grades 3 through high school designed to measure how well students have mastered the skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Georgia Milestones is administered in accordance with the State Board of Education and Federal Guidelines.

In addition to providing daily instruction, the Department administers a number of grant programs for students in need of additional services, including a program for disabled preschool children, tuition for multi-disability students, and funding for the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS).

In an effort to expand educational opportunities for all students in Georgia, the department offers a variety of digital experiences through Georgia Virtual Learning. These experiences include the opportunity to take courses through the Georgia Virtual School, recover credit through Georgia Credit Recovery, and access aligned digital content through a blended learning model. All courses and content provided through Georgia Virtual Learning are aligned with the Georgia Standards of Excellence in the core content areas, foreign language, business electives, and Advanced Placement.

SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS

The Department administers funds and provides technical assistance for school improvement. As part of Georgia's flexibility waiver from the U.S. Department of Education, Georgia developed the Georgia College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI). The CCRPI is a comprehensive school improvement, accountability, and communication platform for all education stakeholders. The Department also implemented the Georgia Student Growth Model that measures the amount of growth a student has demonstrated relative to academically-similar students from across the state. The School Improvement program continues to offer a wide array of services, including professional learning, data analysis, planning and organization, and instructional best practices for schools not meeting standards.

The Department of Education also provides funding and support for many state and federal grant programs, including Title I Part A, Migrant Education, McKinney-Vento Homeless Education, Rural Education, Neglected and Delinquent Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Pupil Transportation, Equalization, and Career, Technical and Agricultural Education.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

One agency is attached to the Georgia Department of Education for administrative purposes. The State Charter Schools Commission (SCSC) of Georgia annually reviews the academic and financial performance of charter schools. It also develops and promotes best practices to ensure the establishment of high-quality charter schools in Georgia.

The State Board of Education reviews the decisions of the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia. The SCSC operates autonomously, but is funded through the Department.

AUTHORITY

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Agricultural Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$23,683
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(8,560)
3.	Eliminate funds for camp-affiliated staff. (See HB 68 intent language considered nonbinding by the Governor.)	(268,157)
4.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for area teachers and young farmers.	172,465
5.	Increase funds for storm damage repairs at FFA Camps.	591,965
	Total Change	**$511,396**

Business and Finance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$133,486
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(62,614)
3.	Increase funds for facilities.	650,000
	Total Change	**$720,872**

Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$241,136
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(26,906)
	Total Change	**$214,230**

Charter Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,992)
3.	Eliminate grant funds to reflect the count of eligible locally authorized charter schools based on school opening dates.	(500,000)
4.	Increase one-time funds for a completion schools planning grant for Southern Rivers Completion High School to support the opening of up to six locations.	500,000
	Total Change	**$161**

Communities in Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Curriculum Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$90,426
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(32,164)
3.	Increase funds for college preparatory exams based on increased utilization.	1,381,361
	Total Change	**$1,439,623**

Federal Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$172,240
	Total Change	**$172,240**

Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,520)
3.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff.	2,074,893
	Total Change	**$2,075,526**

Georgia Virtual School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$124,874
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(27,354)
	Total Change	**$97,520**

Information Technology Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$135,639
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(100,552)
	Total Change	**$35,087**

Literacy Coach Initiative

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy
coaching initiative.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,056)
3.	Increase funds for sparsity to reflect accurate count of eligible schools.	557,245
4.	Reduce formula funds to reflect a data correction for Residential Treatment Facilities.	(35,200)
5.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for custodians.	19,581,535
	Total Change	**$20,104,677**

Nutrition

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$127,027
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(3,666)
3.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for nutrition workers.	28,613,370
	Total Change	**$28,736,731**

Preschool Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators.	$2,098,108
	Total Change	**$2,098,108**

Pupil Transportation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for bus drivers.	$24,307,370
	Total Change	**$24,307,370**

Quality Basic Education Equalization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

Recommended Change:

1.	Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share for four new State Commission Charter Schools.	($1,916,073)
	Total Change	**($1,916,073)**

Quality Basic Education Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for a midterm adjustment based on enrollment growth.	$43,876,076
2.	Increase funds for the Special Needs Scholarship based on enrollment growth.	16,084,424
3.	Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $292,144,723.	27,091,920
4.	Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the charter system grant.	60,958
5.	Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the local charter school grant.	36,000
6.	Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the State Commission Charter School supplement for training and experience.	3,858,206
7.	Increase formula funds for the Completion Special Schools Supplement.	1,716,013
8.	Increase funds for the employer share of TRS for non-certified school management positions pursuant to O.C. G.A 47-3-63.	1,400,000
9.	Increase funds to reflect corrected data for certified SHBP enrollee count.	248,820
10.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff.	286,593,177
	Total Change	**$380,965,594**

Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,552)
3.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for formula earned certified educators and administrative staff.	389,568
	Total Change	**$390,169**

School Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$135,639
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(69,222)
	Total Change	**$66,417**

School Nurse

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for school nurses.	$3,154,018
	Total Change	**$3,154,018**

School Security Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153
2.	Reduce funds based on projected expenditures for student advocacy specialist grants.	(6,157,248)
3.	Increase funds for one-time funding for an emergency response system pilot program at five schools.	550,000
	Total Change	**($5,605,095)**

State Charter School Commission Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$36,601
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,874)
	Total Change	**$34,727**

State Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$557,627
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(241,424)
	Total Change	**$316,203**

Technology/Career Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$62,437
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(16,160)
3.	Provide one-time funds for youth leadership programming.	50,000
	Total Change	**$96,277**

Testing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$47,366
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(30,494)
	Total Change	**$16,872**

Tuition for Multiple Disability Students

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Student Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to fully fund grants for social work services.	$1,378,375
2.	Increase funds for mental health support grants to reflect accurate count of middle and high schools.	1,300,000
3.	Provide one-time funds for grants to districts to pilot programs that assist in maximizing reimbursement for mental health services.	750,000
4.	Increase funds for out-of-school care.	2,500,000
	Total Change	**$5,928,375**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Agricultural Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$18,137
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(2,282)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	433
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(51,360)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	17,005
6.	Eliminate funds for camp-affiliated staff. (See HB 68 intent language considered nonbinding by the Governor.)	(268,157)
7.	Increase funds for support staff to prioritize private funds for direct student services.(See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	498,206
8.	Increase funds for one-time funding to address data reporting errors and move to improve reporting accuracy in future years.	706,885
9.	Provide funds for annual major repairs and rehabilitation at the youth camps.(See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	325,051
10.	Provide one-time funds to complete storm damage repairs at FFA camps.	591,965
	Total Change	**$1,835,883**

Business and Finance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$521
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(16,690)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	310
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	24,831
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(375,684)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	130,232
7.	Increase funds for one pupil transportation consultant position.	120,901
8.	Increase funds for one financial review position.	128,571
	Total Change	**$12,992**

Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$487
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(7,172)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	637
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	9,014
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(161,437)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	51,802
7.	Increase funds for one statewide attendance officer.(See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	240,000
8.	Reduce funds to align priorities with agency mission.	(9,000)
	Total Change	**$124,331**

Charter Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$121
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(531)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,799
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(11,949)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,971
6.	Eliminate one-time funds for completion schools planning grant for Southern Rivers Completion High School. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	(1,500,000)
7.	Increase funds for grants to school systems to encourage the authorization of locally approved charter schools pursuant to SB82 (2025 Session (Total Funds: $1,000,000)).	500,000
	Total Change	**($1,006,589)**

Communities in Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Curriculum Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,435
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(8,573)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	14,087
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(192,985)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	60,999
6.	Increase funds for college preparatory exams.(See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	500,000
	Total Change	**$374,963**

Federal Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$125,801
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(405)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	578
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(9,122)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,020
6.	Reduce formula funds based on enrollment and training and experience.	(2,159,183)
7.	Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.	132,600
	Total Change	**($1,906,711)**

Georgia Virtual School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,132
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(7,291)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(164,121)
	Total Change	**($170,280)**

Information Technology Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,135
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(26,802)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	232
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	38,827
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(603,309)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	185,252
	Total Change	**($404,665)**

Literacy Coach Initiative

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy
coaching initiative.

Recommended Change:

1.	Recognize existing funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to align with the purpose set forth in HB 1193 (2026 Session).	Yes
2.	Reflect a change to the purpose statement.	Yes
	Total Change	**$0**

Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$78,882
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(281)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	578
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(6,330)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,095
6.	Increase formula funds for Sparsity Grants based on enrollment data.	1,435,311
7.	Increase formula funds for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance.	339,082
8.	Increase funds for character education programming.(See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,000,000
9.	Increase funds for custodian supplement grants.	64,000
10.	Increase funds to provide one-time grants to school systems to purchase vision and auditory screening equipment.(See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,700,000
	Total Change	**$5,613,337**

Nutrition

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$134
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(977)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(21,998)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	8,332
5.	Increase formula funds for school nutrition.	70,636
6.	Increase funds to administer a summer nutrition program for eligible students in coordination with the Department of Human Services.(See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,000,000
	Total Change	**$1,056,127**

Preschool Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$152,659
2.	Increase funds based on formula earnings.	1,125,863
3.	Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.	337,818
	Total Change	**$1,616,340**

Pupil Transportation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for pupil transportation formula grants to reflect updated bus counts and operations.(See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$38,169,401
2.	Reduce funds to reflect ongoing operating costs for required bus driver safety training.	(79,200)
3.	Utilize $9,453,083 in existing funds from an Amended FY 2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to provide funds to local education agencies to replace 107 out-of-cycle buses.	Yes
4.	Recognize the use of $15,546,917 in Volkswagen Settlement funds to replace 155 out-of-cycle buses pursuant to the State's 2024 Mitigation Plan Update.	Yes
5.	Utilize $1,698,264 in existing funds from an Amended FY 2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to provide funds to local education agencies to retrofit 943 out-of-cycle diesel buses with filtration systems to promote interior air-quality mitigation.	Yes
6.	Redirect $20,000,000 in existing funds from an Amended FY 2022 appropriation for bus replacement and safety equipment to the K-12 Capital Outlay Program - Regular to provide funds for local school construction.	Yes
	Total Change	**$38,090,201**

Quality Basic Education Equalization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase formula funds for Equalization grants.	$258,823,032
2.	Reduce funds based on an updated count of nonresident FTEs.	(5,986,921)
	Total Change	**$252,836,111**

Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

Recommended Change:

1.	Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share.	($35,984,661)
	Total Change	**($35,984,661)**

Quality Basic Education Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$36,345,984
2.	Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.	11,671,391
3.	Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $305,545,988.	40,265,641
4.	Reduce formula funds for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers.	(261,018)
5.	Increase formula funds for the Completion Special Schools supplement.	1,627,908
6.	Reduce formula funds for the charter system grant.	(615,550)
7.	Reduce formula funds for the local charter school grant.	(143,575)
8.	Increase funds for the employer share of TRS for non-certified school management positions pursuant to O.C.G.A 47-3-63.	1,400,000
9.	Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.	69,804,000
10.	Increase funds for the Special Needs Scholarship based on enrollment growth.	5,526,296
11.	Increase funds to provide literacy coaches in schools with students grades K-3 per HB 1193 (2026 Session).	70,416,120
12.	Reduce funds for virtual schools that have failed to maintain acceptable College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) scores for out-of-system students.	(8,179,568)
	Total Change	**$227,857,629**

Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$16,841
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(414)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(9,308)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,202
5.	Increase formula funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) based on enrollment.	259,347
6.	Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.	28,858
	Total Change	**$298,526**

School Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,467
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(18,451)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	9,239
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(415,329)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	138,990
	Total Change	**($284,084)**

School Nurse

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$128,018
3.	Reduce funds to reflect services not rendered to virtual education students.	(21,591)
	Total Change	**$106,427**

School Security Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$2,693
2.	Utilize existing funds ($6,963,875) to allow schools to engage part-time or full-time student advocacy specialists pursuant to HB 268 (2025 Session).	Yes
	Total Change	**$2,693**

State Charter School Commission Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($499)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(11,243)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,884
	Total Change	**($7,858)**

State Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$5,904
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(64,350)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	3,048
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,180
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,448,541)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	469,826
	Total Change	**($1,032,933)**

Technology/Career Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$54,863
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(4,307)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	5,214
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(96,962)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	26,805
6.	Increase funds for high-demand equipment grants.	750,000
7.	Increase funds for an artificial intelligence and coding literacy program.	1,000,000
8.	Increase funds for high-demand heavy equipment simulator grants.(See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	800,000
9.	Reduce funds for one-time funding and completion of construction industry certification program.(See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	(1,000,000)
	Total Change	**$1,535,613**

Testing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,211
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(8,128)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	11,209
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(182,959)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	65,361
	Total Change	**($113,306)**

Tuition for Multiple Disability Students

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Student Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$13,085
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	920
3.	Eliminate one-time pilot funds to districts for targeted support to economically disadvantaged students.	(15,275,991)
4.	Increase formula funds for grants for social work services.	1,550,868
5.	Increase funds for mental health support grants to reflect accurate count of middle and high schools.	1,300,000
6.	Recognize existing funds ($800,000) for administering grants and increase funds for additional out-of-school care for statewide and community grantees.(See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,500,000
	Total Change	**($9,911,118)**

Department of Education

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$13,701,947,205	$463,961,025	$14,165,908,230	$13,701,947,205	$480,538,968	$14,182,486,173
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$13,701,947,205**	**$463,961,025**	**$14,165,908,230**	**$13,701,947,205**	**$480,538,968**	**$14,182,486,173**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant	$112,501	$0	$112,501	$112,501	$0	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	2,457,842,006	0	2,457,842,006	2,457,842,006	0	2,457,842,006
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$2,457,954,507**	**$0**	**$2,457,954,507**	**$2,457,954,507**	**$0**	**$2,457,954,507**
Other Funds	$47,783,992	$0	$47,783,992	$47,783,992	$0	$47,783,992
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$47,783,992**	**$0**	**$47,783,992**	**$47,783,992**	**$0**	**$47,783,992**
Total Funds	**$16,207,685,704**	**$463,961,025**	**$16,671,646,729**	**$16,207,685,704**	**$480,538,968**	**$16,688,224,672**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Agricultural Education						
State General Funds	16,262,584	511,396	16,773,980	16,262,584	1,835,883	18,098,467
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	461,806	0	461,806	461,806	0	461,806
Other Funds	1,305,500	0	1,305,500	1,305,500	0	1,305,500
TOTAL FUNDS	**$18,029,890**	**$511,396**	**$18,541,286**	**$18,029,890**	**$1,835,883**	**$19,865,773**
Business and Finance Administration						
State General Funds	8,323,145	720,872	9,044,017	8,323,145	12,992	8,336,137
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	3,100,020	0	3,100,020	3,100,020	0	3,100,020
Other Funds	21,851,693	0	21,851,693	21,851,693	0	21,851,693
TOTAL FUNDS	**$33,274,858**	**$720,872**	**$33,995,730**	**$33,274,858**	**$12,992**	**$33,287,850**
Central Office						
State General Funds	5,243,123	214,230	5,457,353	5,243,123	124,331	5,367,454
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	54,207,947	0	54,207,947	54,207,947	0	54,207,947
Other Funds	537,000	0	537,000	537,000	0	537,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$59,988,070**	**$214,230**	**$60,202,300**	**$59,988,070**	**$124,331**	**$60,112,401**
Charter Schools						
State General Funds	7,711,471	161	7,711,632	7,711,471	(1,006,589)	6,704,882
TOTAL FUNDS	**$7,711,471**	**$161**	**$7,711,632**	**$7,711,471**	**($1,006,589)**	**$6,704,882**
Communities in Schools						
State General Funds	1,940,100	0	1,940,100	1,940,100	0	1,940,100
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,940,100**	**$0**	**$1,940,100**	**$1,940,100**	**$0**	**$1,940,100**
Curriculum Development						
State General Funds	11,836,755	1,439,623	13,276,378	11,836,755	374,963	12,211,718
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	7,513,979	0	7,513,979	7,513,979	0	7,513,979
Other Funds	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$19,400,734**	**$1,439,623**	**$20,840,357**	**$19,400,734**	**$374,963**	**$19,775,697**
Federal Programs						
State General Funds	0	172,240	172,240	0	0	0
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,280,135,111	0	1,280,135,111	1,280,135,111	0	1,280,135,111
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,280,135,111**	**$172,240**	**$1,280,307,351**	**$1,280,135,111**	**$0**	**$1,280,135,111**

Department of Education

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)						
State General Funds	47,692,687	2,075,526	49,768,213	47,692,687	(1,906,711)	45,785,976
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	7,160,000	0	7,160,000	7,160,000	0	7,160,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$54,852,687**	**$2,075,526**	**$56,928,213**	**$54,852,687**	**($1,906,711)**	**$52,945,976**
Georgia Virtual School						
State General Funds	3,079,735	97,520	3,177,255	3,079,735	(170,280)	2,909,455
Other Funds	9,319,806	0	9,319,806	9,319,806	0	9,319,806
TOTAL FUNDS	**$12,399,541**	**$97,520**	**$12,497,061**	**$12,399,541**	**($170,280)**	**$12,229,261**
Information Technology Services						
State General Funds	22,683,485	35,087	22,718,572	22,683,485	(404,665)	22,278,820
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,676,565	0	1,676,565	1,676,565	0	1,676,565
TOTAL FUNDS	**$24,360,050**	**$35,087**	**$24,395,137**	**$24,360,050**	**($404,665)**	**$23,955,385**
Literacy Coach Initiative						
State General Funds	18,480,000	0	18,480,000	18,480,000	0	18,480,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$18,480,000**	**$0**	**$18,480,000**	**$18,480,000**	**$0**	**$18,480,000**
Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants						
State General Funds	35,385,807	20,104,677	55,490,484	35,385,807	5,613,337	40,999,144
TOTAL FUNDS	**$35,385,807**	**$20,104,677**	**$55,490,484**	**$35,385,807**	**$5,613,337**	**$40,999,144**
Nutrition						
State General Funds	39,680,252	28,736,731	68,416,983	39,680,252	1,056,127	40,736,379
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,028,297,007	0	1,028,297,007	1,028,297,007	0	1,028,297,007
Other Funds	184,000	0	184,000	184,000	0	184,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,068,161,259**	**$28,736,731**	**$1,096,897,990**	**$1,068,161,259**	**$1,056,127**	**$1,069,217,386**
Preschool Disabilities Services						
State General Funds	61,471,592	2,098,108	63,569,700	61,471,592	1,616,340	63,087,932
TOTAL FUNDS	**$61,471,592**	**$2,098,108**	**$63,569,700**	**$61,471,592**	**$1,616,340**	**$63,087,932**
Pupil Transportation						
State General Funds	364,145,902	24,307,370	388,453,272	364,145,902	38,090,201	402,236,103
TOTAL FUNDS	**$364,145,902**	**$24,307,370**	**$388,453,272**	**$364,145,902**	**$38,090,201**	**$402,236,103**
Quality Basic Education Equalization						
State General Funds	909,708,064	0	909,708,064	909,708,064	252,836,111	1,162,544,175
TOTAL FUNDS	**$909,708,064**	**$0**	**$909,708,064**	**$909,708,064**	**$252,836,111**	**$1,162,544,175**
Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share						
State General Funds	(2,868,165,769)	(1,916,073)	(2,870,081,842)	(2,868,165,769)	(35,984,661)	(2,904,150,430)
TOTAL FUNDS	**($2,868,165,769)**	**($1,916,073)**	**($2,870,081,842)**	**($2,868,165,769)**	**($35,984,661)**	**($2,904,150,430)**
Quality Basic Education Program						
State General Funds	14,693,944,090	380,965,594	15,074,909,684	14,693,944,090	227,857,629	14,921,801,719
TOTAL FUNDS	**$14,693,944,090**	**$380,965,594**	**$15,074,909,684**	**$14,693,944,090**	**$227,857,629**	**$14,921,801,719**
Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)						
State General Funds	16,497,495	390,169	16,887,664	16,497,495	298,526	16,796,021
TOTAL FUNDS	**$16,497,495**	**$390,169**	**$16,887,664**	**$16,497,495**	**$298,526**	**$16,796,021**
School Improvement						
State General Funds	10,894,216	66,417	10,960,633	10,894,216	(284,084)	10,610,132
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	5,025,627	0	5,025,627	5,025,627	0	5,025,627

Department of Education

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
TOTAL FUNDS	**$15,919,843**	**$66,417**	**$15,986,260**	**$15,919,843**	**($284,084)**	**$15,635,759**
School Nurse						
State General Funds	42,993,857	3,154,018	46,147,875	42,993,857	106,427	43,100,284
TOTAL FUNDS	**$42,993,857**	**$3,154,018**	**$46,147,875**	**$42,993,857**	**$106,427**	**$43,100,284**
School Security Grants						
State General Funds	116,018,875	(5,605,095)	110,413,780	116,018,875	2,693	116,021,568
TOTAL FUNDS	**$116,018,875**	**($5,605,095)**	**$110,413,780**	**$116,018,875**	**$2,693**	**$116,021,568**
State Charter School Commission Administration						
State General Funds	618,351	34,727	653,078	618,351	(7,858)	610,493
Other Funds	8,952,839	0	8,952,839	8,952,839	0	8,952,839
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,571,190**	**$34,727**	**$9,605,917**	**$9,571,190**	**($7,858)**	**$9,563,332**
State Schools						
State General Funds	39,091,861	316,203	39,408,064	39,091,861	(1,032,933)	38,058,928
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant	112,501	0	112,501	112,501	0	112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,034,055	0	1,034,055	1,034,055	0	1,034,055
Other Funds	1,111,904	0	1,111,904	1,111,904	0	1,111,904
TOTAL FUNDS	**$41,350,321**	**$316,203**	**$41,666,524**	**$41,350,321**	**($1,032,933)**	**$40,317,388**
Technology/Career Education						
State General Funds	26,167,196	96,277	26,263,473	26,167,196	1,535,613	27,702,809
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	51,180,613	0	51,180,613	51,180,613	0	51,180,613
Other Funds	4,471,250	0	4,471,250	4,471,250	0	4,471,250
TOTAL FUNDS	**$81,819,059**	**$96,277**	**$81,915,336**	**$81,819,059**	**$1,535,613**	**$83,354,672**
Testing						
State General Funds	19,048,403	16,872	19,065,275	19,048,403	(113,306)	18,935,097
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	18,049,276	0	18,049,276	18,049,276	0	18,049,276
TOTAL FUNDS	**$37,097,679**	**$16,872**	**$37,114,551**	**$37,097,679**	**($113,306)**	**$36,984,373**
Tuition for Multiple Disability Students						
State General Funds	1,451,946	0	1,451,946	1,451,946	0	1,451,946
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,451,946**	**$0**	**$1,451,946**	**$1,451,946**	**$0**	**$1,451,946**
Student Support Services						
State General Funds	49,741,982	5,928,375	55,670,357	49,741,982	(9,911,118)	39,830,864
TOTAL FUNDS	**$49,741,982**	**$5,928,375**	**$55,670,357**	**$49,741,982**	**($9,911,118)**	**$39,830,864**

Department of Education

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Agricultural Education	$17,647,989	$17,906,271	$18,029,890	$18,541,286	$19,865,773
Business and Finance Administration	79,318,921	38,676,132	33,274,858	33,995,730	33,287,850
Central Office	57,845,727	65,383,297	59,988,070	60,202,300	60,112,401
Charter Schools	8,630,912	5,354,824	7,711,471	7,711,632	6,704,882
Communities in Schools	3,269,100	2,690,100	1,940,100	1,940,100	1,940,100
Curriculum Development	51,033,193	29,822,337	19,400,734	20,840,357	19,775,697
Federal Programs	2,834,810,265	1,270,263,012	1,280,135,111	1,280,307,351	1,280,135,111
Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)	62,449,467	58,139,780	54,852,687	56,928,213	52,945,976
Georgia Virtual School	12,681,039	12,139,670	12,399,541	12,497,061	12,229,261
Information Technology Services	41,970,127	29,086,290	24,360,050	24,395,137	23,955,385
Literacy Coach Initiative			18,480,000	18,480,000	18,480,000
Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants	29,728,799	31,391,421	35,385,807	55,490,484	40,999,144
Nutrition	1,006,122,432	1,051,854,173	1,068,161,259	1,096,897,990	1,069,217,386
Preschool Disabilities Services	47,739,716	56,782,489	61,471,592	63,569,700	63,087,932
Pupil Transportation	163,151,651	353,759,373	364,145,902	388,453,272	402,236,103
Quality Basic Education Equalization	756,056,299	998,507,451	909,708,064	909,708,064	1,162,544,175
Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share	(2,570,365,071)	(2,753,609,278)	(2,868,165,769)	(2,870,081,842)	(2,904,150,430)
Quality Basic Education Program	13,454,271,053	14,248,290,797	14,693,944,090	15,074,909,684	14,921,801,719
Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)	16,299,486	16,490,985	16,497,495	16,887,664	16,796,021
School Improvement	43,798,052	24,856,095	15,919,843	15,986,260	15,635,759
School Nurse	43,162,169	42,724,227	42,993,857	46,147,875	43,100,284
School Security Grants		158,880,414	116,018,875	110,413,780	116,021,568
State Charter School Commission Administration	7,716,443	8,809,610	9,571,190	9,605,917	9,563,332
State Schools	40,727,347	42,934,182	41,350,321	41,666,524	40,317,388
Technology/Career Education	90,589,180	80,543,975	81,819,059	81,915,336	83,354,672
Testing	45,476,760	39,072,085	37,097,679	37,114,551	36,984,373
Tuition for Multiple Disability Students	1,275,657	1,548,419	1,451,946	1,451,946	1,451,946
Student Support Services			49,741,982	55,670,357	39,830,864
SUBTOTAL	**$16,345,406,713**	**$15,932,298,131**	**$16,207,685,704**	**$16,671,646,729**	**$16,688,224,672**
Total Funds	**$16,345,406,713**	**$15,932,298,131**	**$16,207,685,704**	**$16,671,646,729**	**$16,688,224,672**
Less:					
Federal Funds	2,628,830,818	2,404,301,432	2,457,954,507	2,457,954,507	2,457,954,507
Federal COVID Funds	1,451,908,472	56,394,945			
Other Funds	58,931,551	55,279,827	47,783,992	47,783,992	47,783,992
SUBTOTAL	**$4,139,670,841**	**$2,515,976,204**	**$2,505,738,499**	**$2,505,738,499**	**$2,505,738,499**
State General Funds	11,846,290,482	13,416,321,927	13,701,947,205	14,165,908,230	14,182,486,173
RSR for K-12	359,445,388				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$12,205,735,870**	**$13,416,321,927**	**$13,701,947,205**	**$14,165,908,230**	**$14,182,486,173**

Employees' Retirement System

Roles and Responsibilities

The Employees' Retirement System (ERS) administers nine separate retirement systems and programs: ERS, the Legislative Retirement System (LRS), the Georgia Defined Contribution Plan (GDCP), the Georgia Judicial Retirement System (GJRS), the Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS), the State Employees' Assurance Department (SEAD), the Georgia Military Pension Fund (GMPF), Georgia's Social Security Program, and PeachState Reserves.

ERS is a vehicle for collecting employee and employer contributions, investing accumulated funds, and disbursing retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries. As required by Georgia law, the system is examined on an annual basis by an independent actuarial firm that specializes in pension and retirement plans. The firm prepares a yearly valuation on the contingent assets and liabilities of the system, thus revealing its ability to meet the future obligations of each retirement plan. An independent accounting firm also audits the system each year.

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Since 1949, the staff of ERS has administered retirement benefits for state employees in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia. Full-time employees of participating departments are required to become members of ERS as a condition of employment, except for employees who first become eligible after age 60.

The ERS Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for administration of the system, while the executive director – who is appointed by the board and serves at the pleasure of its members is responsible for daily management of ERS operations. The board consists of seven members as follows:

- Three ex officio members (State Auditor, Department of Administrative Services Commissioner, and State Treasurer)
- One member appointed by the Governor
- Two members – appointed by the first four members – with five or more years of creditable service with ERS and
- One member – appointed by the first six members – who must not hold public office, not be an ERS member, and have at least 10 years of experience in the investment of money

The members who are not ex officio members serve four-year terms.

LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND GEORGIA DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

LRS is a retirement plan for members of the General Assembly, while GDCP is a plan for temporary, seasonal, and part-time employees of the state not covered by ERS or the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), and who do not participate in Social Security. Both plans are placed under the administration of the ERS Board of Trustees.

GEORGIA JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

This system is for members and retirees of the Superior Court Judges Retirement System, the District Attorneys' Retirement System, and the Trial Judges and Solicitors Retirement Fund, as well as certain employees of the Attorney General and Legislative Counsel. The GJRS Board of Trustees consists of the seven ERS trustees plus three additional members appointed by the Governor who serve in one of the following positions: state court judge, superior court judge, state court solicitor-general, juvenile court judge, or district attorney. These appointments are for four-year terms.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

PSERS offers a supplemental retirement plan to certain public-school employees not covered by TRS. These employees include bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and custodians. The PSERS Board of Trustees consists of the seven ERS trustees plus two additional members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms.

GEORGIA MILITARY PENSION FUND

GMPF provides retirement allowances and other benefits for the Georgia National Guard. A member becomes eligible for benefits upon attainment of age 60 with 20 or more years of creditable service (including at least 15 years of service as a member of the National Guard), having served at least 10 consecutive years as a member of the National Guard immediately prior to honorable discharge.

PEACHSTATE RESERVES

PeachState Reserves is the deferred compensation retirement plan for the State of Georgia. Through this program employee contributions and investments in 401(k) and 457 plans are administered.

AUTHORITY

Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Employees' Retirement System of Georgia
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Deferred Compensation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Georgia Military Pension Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	($690)
	Total Change	**($690)**

Public School Employees Retirement System

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	($2,826,000)
	Total Change	**($2,826,000)**

System Administration (ERS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to strategically invest in increasing the funded ratio in order to improve long-term financial viability of the pension system with the goal of restoring Cost-of-Living-Adjustments.	$100,000,000
	Total Change	**$100,000,000**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Deferred Compensation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Georgia Military Pension Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	($76,176)
	Total Change	**($76,176)**

Public School Employees Retirement System

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	($5,363,000)
	Total Change	**($5,363,000)**

System Administration (ERS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce one-time funds.	($10,000,000)
2.	Recognize $26,750,000 in existing funds for an annual supplemental payment to eligible retired members.	Yes
3.	Reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System to trigger regular and annual cost of living adjustments. (Total Funds: $100,000,000) (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	Yes
4.	Provide funds pending passage of SB 143 (2026 Session) as required by the actuary.	Yes
5.	Provide funds pending passage of SB 216 (2026 Session) as required by the actuary.	Yes
6.	Provide funds pending passage of SB 261 (2026 Session) as required by the actuary.	Yes
	Total Change	**($10,000,000)**

Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$80,436,844	$97,173,310	$177,610,154	$80,436,844	($15,439,176)	$64,997,668
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$80,436,844**	**$97,173,310**	**$177,610,154**	**$80,436,844**	**($15,439,176)**	**$64,997,668**
Other Funds	$37,418,742	$0	$37,418,742	$37,418,742	$0	$37,418,742
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$37,418,742**	**$0**	**$37,418,742**	**$37,418,742**	**$0**	**$37,418,742**
Total Funds	**$117,855,586**	**$97,173,310**	**$215,028,896**	**$117,855,586**	**($15,439,176)**	**$102,416,410**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Deferred Compensation						
Other Funds	5,290,536	0	5,290,536	5,290,536	0	5,290,536
TOTAL FUNDS	**$5,290,536**	**$0**	**$5,290,536**	**$5,290,536**	**$0**	**$5,290,536**
Georgia Military Pension Fund						
State General Funds	2,781,444	(690)	2,780,754	2,781,444	(76,176)	2,705,268
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,781,444**	**($690)**	**$2,780,754**	**$2,781,444**	**($76,176)**	**$2,705,268**
Public School Employees Retirement System						
State General Funds	40,895,000	(2,826,000)	38,069,000	40,895,000	(5,363,000)	35,532,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$40,895,000**	**($2,826,000)**	**$38,069,000**	**$40,895,000**	**($5,363,000)**	**$35,532,000**
System Administration (ERS)						
State General Funds	36,760,400	100,000,000	136,760,400	36,760,400	(10,000,000)	26,760,400
Other Funds	32,128,206	0	32,128,206	32,128,206	0	32,128,206
TOTAL FUNDS	**$68,888,606**	**$100,000,000**	**$168,888,606**	**$68,888,606**	**($10,000,000)**	**$58,888,606**

Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Deferred Compensation	$4,693,712	$5,140,994	$5,290,536	$5,290,536	$5,290,536
Georgia Military Pension Fund	2,793,161	2,781,444	2,781,444	2,780,754	2,705,268
Public School Employees Retirement System	32,357,000	36,773,000	40,895,000	38,069,000	35,532,000
System Administration (ERS)	553,205,385	555,402,467	68,888,606	168,888,606	58,888,606
SUBTOTAL	**$593,049,258**	**$600,097,905**	**$117,855,586**	**$215,028,896**	**$102,416,410**
Total Funds	**$593,049,258**	**$600,097,905**	**$117,855,586**	**$215,028,896**	**$102,416,410**
Less:					
Other Funds	31,138,697	33,783,061	37,418,742	37,418,742	37,418,742
SUBTOTAL	**$31,138,697**	**$33,783,061**	**$37,418,742**	**$37,418,742**	**$37,418,742**
State General Funds	561,910,561	566,314,844	80,436,844	177,610,154	64,997,668
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$561,910,561**	**$566,314,844**	**$80,436,844**	**$177,610,154**	**$64,997,668**

State Forestry Commission

Roles and Responsibilities

The State Forestry Commission protects and manages Georgia's forestland, which comprises approximately 75 percent of all land in the state. The Commission has four programs: Administration, Forest Protection, Forest Management, and the Tree Seedling Nursery. Through these programs, the Commission provides a wide variety of services to rural forest landowners, offers technical assistance to municipalities and urban landowners, provides seedlings to the citizens of Georgia, and protects the forest resources of the State through fire prevention and suppression.

TREE SEEDLING NURSERY

Reforestation efforts are accomplished through the Commission's Tree Seedling Nursery activities with a goal of producing, selling, and distributing high quality forest tree seedlings to the residents of Georgia.

The Arrowhead Seed Orchard and the Flint River Nursery serve as the program's main seedling nursery locations. The Arrowhead Seed Orchard is the site for seed collection, as well as the location for the tree improvement program. At Arrowhead, program staff collect and process over seven tons of seeds per year. The seeds are sold to private nurseries or are shipped to the Flint River Nursery to be planted. The tree improvement program produces unique varieties of loblolly and slash pine trees, which are designated to thrive in Georgia's environment. At the Flint River Nursery, the program produces and sells forest tree seedlings. The nursery grows, lifts, and packs millions of seedlings each year.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

In Forest Management, the Commission provides technical assistance and services to private and industrial landowners, provides leadership and technical assistance in establishing and maintaining sustainable urban and community forests, and provides professional expertise to resolve conflicts between development and forest resources.

Forest Management helps to conduct forest health monitoring (including periodic insect and disease evaluations, surveys, and eradication), promotion of forest water quality and monitoring of best management practices, and cost share technical assistance to forest landowners in establishing sound forestry practices. Additionally, the department conducts the management of four State-owned and two non-State-owned forests through State Managed Forests.

The Commission also works to educate the public about forest resources and their contributions to the economy and the environment of Georgia both nationally and internationally. Forest Management also collects forestry data used to inform Georgia residents and policymakers through its Forestry Inventory and Analysis subprogram.

FOREST PROTECTION

Forest Protection is carried out through its fire business activities. This includes a statewide network of county and district offices supplied with staff and equipment necessary for the prevention and suppression of forest fires. The basic fire suppression function includes the prompt detection and reporting of fires, followed by a prompt response from firefighters operating crawler tractor-plow units and water trucks. In addition, forest rangers carry out prescribed burns to mitigate forest fire risks.

Under Georgia Code, the Commission is responsible for all wildfires in unincorporated areas of the state through the Rural Fire Defense subprogram. This program ensures coordination and cooperation with rural fire departments across the state and is the most valuable forest protection community outreach program offered by the Commission. Rural Fire Defense provides low cost fire equipment as well as assistance with training and operations for local, mostly rural, fire departments statewide.

Through the Fire Prevention and Education activities, the Commission provides information about the dangers of wildfires and their prevention and has established prevention measures such as burn permitting to encourage responsible debris burning.

AUTHORITY

Title 12-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

State Forestry Commission
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Commission Administration (SFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$71,049
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(37,588)
3.	Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-14-1.	148,545
4.	Increase funds to support leadership programming for agriculture, forestry, and veterinary medicine professionals.	100,000
	Total Change	**$282,006**

Forest Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$167,934
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(38,624)
3.	Increase funds for the Georgia Forestry Innovation Initiative in partnership with Georgia Tech to support the timber industry's expansion into emerging markets through research, product testing, and private partnerships.	8,900,000
4.	Transfer funds for a duplicative county grant to the Forest Protection program to offset increased fire suppression costs.	(60,000)
	Total Change	**$8,969,310**

Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$826,752
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(298,424)
3.	Increase funds for the operation of a new helicopter purchased in FY 2025.	107,000
4.	Transfer funds from the Forest Management program and utilize existing funds ($1,010,738) to offset increased fire suppression costs resulting from increased maintenance costs and workload. (Total Funds: $1,070,738)	60,000
	Total Change	**$695,328**

State Forestry Commission
Program Budgets

Tree Seedling Nursery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,918
	Total Change	**$12,918**

Special Project - Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for overtime pay earned by firefighters while awaiting reimbursements from the federal government or other states.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Commission Administration (SFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$17,981
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	980
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	18,612
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(225,526)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	72,766
6.	Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-14-1.	148,545
	Total Change	**$33,358**

Forest Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$18,477
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	1,149
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(231,746)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	63,306
5.	Transfer funds for a duplicative county grant to the Forest Protection program to offset increased fire suppression costs.	(60,000)
	Total Change	**($208,814)**

Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$142,759
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,790,547)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	566,679
4.	Transfer funds from the Forest Management program and utilize existing funds ($1,010,738) to offset increased fire suppression costs resulting from increased maintenance costs and workload. (Total Funds: $1,070,738)	60,000
5.	Increase funds for the operation of a new helicopter purchased in FY 2025.	428,000
6.	Increase funds for personnel to promote retention.	2,136,739
7.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	Yes
	Total Change	**$1,543,630**

Tree Seedling Nursery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Special Project - Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for overtime pay earned by firefighters while awaiting reimbursements from the federal government or other states.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

State Forestry Commission

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$54,010,299	$9,959,562	$63,969,861	$54,010,299	$1,368,174	$55,378,473
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$54,010,299**	**$9,959,562**	**$63,969,861**	**$54,010,299**	**$1,368,174**	**$55,378,473**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,986,349	$0	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$2,404	$6,988,753
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$6,986,349**	**$0**	**$6,986,349**	**$6,986,349**	**$2,404**	**$6,988,753**
Other Funds	$9,477,187	$0	$9,477,187	$9,477,187	$0	$9,477,187
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$9,477,187**	**$0**	**$9,477,187**	**$9,477,187**	**$0**	**$9,477,187**
Total Funds	**$70,473,835**	**$9,959,562**	**$80,433,397**	**$70,473,835**	**$1,370,578**	**$71,844,413**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Commission Administration (SFC)						
State General Funds	7,171,601	282,006	7,453,607	7,171,601	33,358	7,204,959
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	123,800	0	123,800	123,800	0	123,800
Other Funds	507,780	0	507,780	507,780	0	507,780
TOTAL FUNDS	**$7,803,181**	**$282,006**	**$8,085,187**	**$7,803,181**	**$33,358**	**$7,836,539**
Forest Management						
State General Funds	4,682,080	8,969,310	13,651,390	4,682,080	(208,814)	4,473,266
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	3,682,151	0	3,682,151	3,682,151	0	3,682,151
Other Funds	1,139,732	0	1,139,732	1,139,732	0	1,139,732
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,503,963**	**$8,969,310**	**$18,473,273**	**$9,503,963**	**($208,814)**	**$9,295,149**
Forest Protection						
State General Funds	41,181,198	695,328	41,876,526	41,181,198	1,543,630	42,724,828
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	3,046,681	0	3,046,681	3,046,681	2,404	3,049,085
Other Funds	6,756,312	0	6,756,312	6,756,312	0	6,756,312
TOTAL FUNDS	**$50,984,191**	**$695,328**	**$51,679,519**	**$50,984,191**	**$1,546,034**	**$52,530,225**
Tree Seedling Nursery						
State General Funds	0	12,918	12,918	0	0	0
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	133,717	0	133,717	133,717	0	133,717
Other Funds	1,073,363	0	1,073,363	1,073,363	0	1,073,363
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,207,080**	**$12,918**	**$1,219,998**	**$1,207,080**	**$0**	**$1,207,080**
Special Project - Forest Protection						
State General Funds	975,420	0	975,420	975,420	0	975,420
TOTAL FUNDS	**$975,420**	**$0**	**$975,420**	**$975,420**	**$0**	**$975,420**

State Forestry Commission
Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Commission Administration (SFC)	$6,709,823	$8,553,676	$7,803,181	$8,085,187	$7,836,539
Forest Management	12,009,709	32,335,734	9,503,963	18,473,273	9,295,149
Forest Protection	67,038,790	73,835,473	50,984,191	51,679,519	52,530,225
Tree Seedling Nursery	2,420,014	1,657,183	1,207,080	1,219,998	1,207,080
Special Project - Forest Protection			975,420	975,420	975,420
SUBTOTAL	**$88,178,336**	**$116,382,066**	**$70,473,835**	**$80,433,397**	**$71,844,413**
Total Funds	**$88,178,336**	**$116,382,066**	**$70,473,835**	**$80,433,397**	**$71,844,413**
Less:					
Federal Funds	9,631,540	30,134,525	6,986,349	6,986,349	6,988,753
Other Funds	20,830,071	33,927,587	9,477,187	9,477,187	9,477,187
SUBTOTAL	**$30,461,611**	**$64,062,112**	**$16,463,536**	**$16,463,536**	**$16,465,940**
State General Funds	57,716,726	52,319,955	54,010,299	63,969,861	55,378,473
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$57,716,726**	**$52,319,955**	**$54,010,299**	**$63,969,861**	**$55,378,473**

Office of the Governor

Roles and Responsibilities

The Governor is the Chief Executive Officer of state government. Constitutionally, he is charged with executing the laws of the state and conserving the peace as Commander-in-Chief of the Georgia National Guard. The Governor is also charged statutorily with a number of responsibilities, including the economic and fiscal management of state government. To accomplish these duties, the Governor must meet and work with citizens of Georgia, officials of local governments, members of the General Assembly, state agency heads, and federal officials.

The Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) assists the Governor in the development of a policy-driven state budget and manages the fiscal affairs of the state through budget amendments and allotments. OPB assists state agencies in the development of their strategic plans and ensures compatibility with the State Strategic Plan and performs financial and personnel functions for the Office of the Governor and attached agencies. OPB also operates the Georgia Data Analytic Center which consolidates data from across state to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

The Office of Health Strategy and Coordination (OHSC) is an office within the Office of the Governor and is administratively attached to the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). The purpose of OHSC is to share healthcare information and coordinate strategic healthcare policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public, and to develop innovative approaches for lowering health costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement are two administratively attached agencies that work toward the goal of an educated Georgia. The Georgia Professional Standards Commission is responsible for establishing and administering rules and standards for the preparation, certification, and conduct of Georgia educators.

The Governor's Office of Student Achievement establishes educational accountability policies and standards for the state to establish the "official" education report card which is reported to stakeholders and used to provide education policy support to the Governor.

The Office of the Child Advocate contributes to the goal of a healthy Georgia. The Office of the Child Advocate provides for the protection of children and assists the Office of the Governor with oversight of healthy and safe services for some of Georgia's most important resources – our children. The Child Advocate provides independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for providing services to and/or caring for children who are victims of child abuse and neglect or whose domestic situation requires intervention by the state.

The attached agencies focusing on a safe and responsible and efficient Georgia are the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, the Commission on Equal Opportunity, and the Office of the State Inspector General. The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency works with state and local agencies to protect the state from man-made and natural disasters and to carry out a comprehensive emergency and disaster readiness program.

The Commission on Equal Opportunity's mission is to protect any individual in public employment from discrimination in the workplace. In addition, the commission ensures that the sale, purchase, or rental of housing within the state is free from any discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or age.

The Office of the State Inspector General was created by Executive Order to prevent and investigate fraud, waste and abuse in state government. Their goal is to produce a more efficient, cost-effective, and trustworthy government.

AUTHORITY

Titles 8, 10, 12, 15, 19-20, 31, 33, 38, 40, 43, 45-46, Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Office of the Governor
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Governor's Emergency Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to meet projected need.	$3,500,000
	Total Change	**$3,500,000**

Governor's Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$49,519
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(116,292)
	Total Change	**($66,773)**

Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$88,273
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(51,314)
	Total Change	**$36,959**

Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(3,790)
3.	Reduce funds.	(500,250)
	Total Change	**($501,887)**

Georgia Data Analytic Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$8,612
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(7,464)
	Total Change	**$1,148**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Office of the Child Advocate

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(11,288)
	Total Change	**$5,936**

Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$299,267
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(37,940)
3.	Increase funds to meet federal matching requirements for emergency preparedness.	694,873
4.	Increase funds for emergency services.	250,000
5.	Utilize available BEAD allocation funds of up to $900,000,000, utilize existing state funds ($5,000,000) and increase funds for one-time funding to facilitate GIS mapping and Next Generation 911 preparedness.	2,000,000
6.	Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency ($1,000,000) and increase funds for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.	3,000,000
7.	Increase funds for rural fire department support.	250,000
	Total Change	**$6,456,200**

Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$32,295
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(10,758)
	Total Change	**$21,537**

Office of the State Inspector General

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$21,530
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(14,104)
	Total Change	**$7,426**

Georgia Professional Standards Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$150,710
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(65,860)
3.	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	(56,290)
	Total Change	**$28,560**

Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$30,142
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(35,220)
	Total Change	**($5,078)**

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(2,718)
	Total Change	**$1,588**

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071
2.	Reduce funds for personal services to recognize three unfilled positions.	(314,719)
	Total Change	**($299,648)**

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,153
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,478)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect universal screener savings.	(297,438)
4.	Reduce funds to reflect research contract savings.	(976,239)
5.	Reduce funds for personal services to recognize one unfilled position.	(92,188)
6.	Utilize existing funds ($300,250) for one-time funding for America250 literacy initiatives.	Yes
	Total Change	**($1,365,190)**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Governor's Emergency Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Office of the Governor
Program Budgets

Governor's Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$148
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	58,864
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(9,952)
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(697,754)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	77,664
6.	Transfer funds from the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination program to the Governor's Office to align budget with expenditures.	109,813
	Total Change	**($461,217)**

Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$12,443
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(405)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	38,343
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(307,889)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	94,373
6.	Eliminate funds for one position and operations to support State Workforce Board responsibilities.	(194,756)
	Total Change	**($357,891)**

Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$919
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(1,781)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(22,744)
4.	Transfer funds from the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination program to the Georgia Data Analytic Center program to align budget for the All Payer Claims Database and associated operations.	(938,560)
5.	Transfer funds from the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination program to the Governor's Office to align budget with expenditures.	(109,813)
6.	Reduce funds based on projected expenditures	(919,588)
	Total Change	**($1,991,567)**

Georgia Data Analytic Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$187
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	1,810
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(806)
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(44,783)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	15,263
6.	Transfer funds from the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination program to the Georgia Data Analytic Center program to align budget for the All Payer Claims Database and associated operations.	938,560
	Total Change	**$910,231**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Office of the Child Advocate

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,687
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(1,346)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(67,727)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	18,236
	Total Change	**($48,150)**

Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,260)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(1,037)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(227,642)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	74,904
5.	Increase funds for operations.	919,973
6.	Increase funds for one-time emergency services.	900,000
7.	Transfer funds from the Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and increase funds for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.	5,000,000
	Total Change	**$6,664,938**

Office of the Governor
Program Budgets

Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,416
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(150)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(64,553)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	19,657
	Total Change	**($41,630)**

Office of the State Inspector General

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,813)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(119)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	5,778
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(84,625)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	24,377
	Total Change	**($59,402)**

Georgia Professional Standards Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$150
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	1,580
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(3,202)
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(395,157)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	119,797
6.	Eliminate funds for one-time computer and startup costs for two ethics investigator positions.	(4,722)
7.	Increase funds to provide four additional program approval specialists to support early literacy efforts.	527,966
	Total Change	**$246,412**

Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$457
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(15,693)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(10,613)

5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(211,314)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	49,687
7.	Increase funds for ongoing operational costs associated with new responsibilities to support Top State for Talent initiatives including a Career Navigator system.	3,978,450
8.	Increase funds for personnel and operations for two new policy reporting positions.	301,720
9.	Increase funds for professional learning and development for current teachers, literacy coaches, and administrators.	150,000
10.	Increase funds to support the review and recommendations of high quality instructional literacy materials in Pre-K through third grade.	330,000
11.	Provide funds for the review and recommendations of universal reading screeners.	96,000
12.	Transfer funds for state participation in regional crisis recovery network at the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to support student mental health to the Board of Regents to be included with SREB payments.	(10,000)
13.	The office shall submit quarterly reports on all initiatives, activities, and results related to funded programs including, but not limited to, literacy activities and Career Navigator to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee, the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Education Subcommittees, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office beginning July 1, 2026.	Yes
	Total Change	**$4,658,694**

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,211)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(16,305)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	29,907
	Total Change	**$12,391**

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Eliminate funds for the Governor's School Leadership Academy.	($2,615,233)
	Total Change	**($2,615,233)**

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($659)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(8,870)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,752
4.	Eliminate one-time funds for research contract.	(2,028,970)
5.	Provide one-time funds to conduct phase two research and landscape analysis, conduct a leadership pilot with selected RESAs, establish a framework for the Georgia READS community collaborative, and provide ongoing data monitoring and quarterly reports to the Georgia Literacy Coordinating Committee, the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the chairs of the House and Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittees, the chair of the House Education Committee, the chair of the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office beginning July 1, 2026.	1,583,000
6.	Increase funds for a director of literacy.	250,000
7.	Reduce funds pursuant to HB1193 (2026 Legislative Session).	(663,837)
	Total Change	**($867,584)**

Office of the Governor

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$63,573,254	$7,820,778	$71,394,032	$63,573,254	$6,049,992	$69,623,246
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$63,573,254**	**$7,820,778**	**$71,394,032**	**$63,573,254**	**$6,049,992**	**$69,623,246**
Child Care and Development Block Grant	$1,160,730	$0	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$0	$1,160,730
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	30,294,182	0	30,294,182	30,294,182	0	30,294,182
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$31,454,912**	**$0**	**$31,454,912**	**$31,454,912**	**$0**	**$31,454,912**
Other Funds	$817,856	$0	$817,856	$817,856	$0	$817,856
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$817,856**	**$0**	**$817,856**	**$817,856**	**$0**	**$817,856**
Total Funds	**$95,846,022**	**$7,820,778**	**$103,666,800**	**$95,846,022**	**$6,049,992**	**$101,896,014**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Governor's Emergency Fund						
State General Funds	11,062,041	3,500,000	14,562,041	11,062,041	0	11,062,041
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,062,041**	**$3,500,000**	**$14,562,041**	**$11,062,041**	**$0**	**$11,062,041**
Governor's Office						
State General Funds	6,901,111	(66,773)	6,834,338	6,901,111	(461,217)	6,439,894
TOTAL FUNDS	**$6,901,111**	**($66,773)**	**$6,834,338**	**$6,901,111**	**($461,217)**	**$6,439,894**
Governor's Office of Planning and Budget						
State General Funds	9,053,931	36,959	9,090,890	9,053,931	(357,891)	8,696,040
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,053,931**	**$36,959**	**$9,090,890**	**$9,053,931**	**($357,891)**	**$8,696,040**
Office of Health Strategy and Coordination						
State General Funds	1,991,567	(501,887)	1,489,680	1,991,567	(1,991,567)	0
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,991,567**	**($501,887)**	**$1,489,680**	**$1,991,567**	**($1,991,567)**	**$0**
Georgia Data Analytic Center						
State General Funds	1,999,667	1,148	2,000,815	1,999,667	910,231	2,909,898
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,999,667**	**$1,148**	**$2,000,815**	**$1,999,667**	**$910,231**	**$2,909,898**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Office of the Child Advocate						
State General Funds	1,475,882	5,936	1,481,818	1,475,882	(48,150)	1,427,732
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,475,882**	**$5,936**	**$1,481,818**	**$1,475,882**	**($48,150)**	**$1,427,732**
Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency						
State General Funds	5,004,456	6,456,200	11,460,656	5,004,456	6,664,938	11,669,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	29,703,182	0	29,703,182	29,703,182	0	29,703,182
Other Funds	807,856	0	807,856	807,856	0	807,856
TOTAL FUNDS	**$35,515,494**	**$6,456,200**	**$41,971,694**	**$35,515,494**	**$6,664,938**	**$42,180,432**
Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity						
State General Funds	1,400,557	21,537	1,422,094	1,400,557	(41,630)	1,358,927
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	441,000	0	441,000	441,000	0	441,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,841,557**	**$21,537**	**$1,863,094**	**$1,841,557**	**($41,630)**	**$1,799,927**

Office of the Governor

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Georgia Professional Standards Commission						
State General Funds	8,952,136	28,560	8,980,696	8,952,136	246,412	9,198,548
Child Care and Development Block Grant	1,160,730	0	1,160,730	1,160,730	0	1,160,730
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	150,000	0	150,000	150,000	0	150,000
Other Funds	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$10,272,866**	**$28,560**	**$10,301,426**	**$10,272,866**	**$246,412**	**$10,519,278**
Office of the State Inspector General						
State General Funds	1,829,910	7,426	1,837,336	1,829,910	(59,402)	1,770,508
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,829,910**	**$7,426**	**$1,837,336**	**$1,829,910**	**($59,402)**	**$1,770,508**
Governor's Office of Student Achievement						
State General Funds	4,352,825	(5,078)	4,347,747	4,352,825	4,658,694	9,011,519
TOTAL FUNDS	**$4,352,825**	**($5,078)**	**$4,347,747**	**$4,352,825**	**$4,658,694**	**$9,011,519**
Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program						
State General Funds	1,658,765	1,588	1,660,353	1,658,765	12,391	1,671,156
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,658,765**	**$1,588**	**$1,660,353**	**$1,658,765**	**$12,391**	**$1,671,156**
Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy						
State General Funds	2,615,233	(299,648)	2,315,585	2,615,233	(2,615,233)	0
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,615,233**	**($299,648)**	**$2,315,585**	**$2,615,233**	**($2,615,233)**	**$0**
Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination						
State General Funds	5,275,173	(1,365,190)	3,909,983	5,275,173	(867,584)	4,407,589
TOTAL FUNDS	**$5,275,173**	**($1,365,190)**	**$3,909,983**	**$5,275,173**	**($867,584)**	**$4,407,589**

Office of the Governor
Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Governor's Emergency Fund			$11,062,041	$14,562,041	$11,062,041
Governor's Office	14,088,093	7,457,571	6,901,111	6,834,338	6,439,894
Governor's Office of Planning and Budget	611,536,398	2,734,110,822	9,053,931	9,090,890	8,696,040
Office of Health Strategy and Coordination	3,199,446	1,577,232	1,991,567	1,489,680	
Georgia Data Analytic Center	1,789,344	2,546,130	1,999,667	2,000,815	2,909,898
SUBTOTAL	**$630,613,281**	**$2,745,691,755**	**$31,008,317**	**$33,977,764**	**$29,107,873**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Office of the Child Advocate	$2,001,427	$2,457,241	$1,475,882	$1,481,818	$1,427,732
Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency	253,148,635	841,607,084	35,515,494	41,971,694	42,180,432
Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity	1,837,038	1,922,877	1,841,557	1,863,094	1,799,927
Georgia Professional Standards Commission	9,806,040	10,838,087	10,272,866	10,301,426	10,519,278
Office of the State Inspector General	1,624,848	1,820,242	1,829,910	1,837,336	1,770,508
Governor's Office of Student Achievement	10,829,492	11,120,236	4,352,825	4,347,747	9,011,519
Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program			1,658,765	1,660,353	1,671,156
Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy			2,615,233	2,315,585	
Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination			5,275,173	3,909,983	4,407,589
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$279,247,480**	**$869,765,767**	**$64,837,705**	**$69,689,036**	**$72,788,141**
Total Funds	**$909,860,761**	**$3,615,457,522**	**$95,846,022**	**$103,666,800**	**$101,896,014**
Less:					
Federal Funds	104,294,131	684,706,390	31,454,912	31,454,912	31,454,912
Federal COVID Funds	732,766,916	2,787,460,497			
Other Funds	11,183,565	12,860,507	817,856	817,856	817,856
Prior Year State Funds	5,391,392	10,321,471			
SUBTOTAL	**$853,636,004**	**$3,495,348,865**	**$32,272,768**	**$32,272,768**	**$32,272,768**
State General Funds	47,151,238	49,513,999	63,573,254	71,394,032	69,623,246
Governor's Emergency Funds	9,073,519	70,594,659			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$56,224,757**	**$120,108,658**	**$63,573,254**	**$71,394,032**	**$69,623,246**

Department of Human Services

Roles and Responsibilities

The Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) is responsible for the delivery of social services. DHS serves all Georgia citizens through regulatory inspection, direct service, and financial assistance programs.

AGING SERVICES

The Division of Aging Services administers programs for older Georgians and adults with disabilities. These programs provide in-home services to maintain independence, public education and outreach services, health promotion, senior employment, investigative and protective services for vulnerable adults, transition services from long-term care facilities to communities, and an ombudsman program for Georgians in long-term care.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

The Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) provides child welfare and economic assistance services. Services are provided through a network of community partners, contract agencies, and offices in all 159 counties.

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

The Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) helps children by enforcing parental obligation to pay financial support. Services include locating non-custodial parents, confirming paternity, establishing and enforcing child support and medical support orders, and collecting and distributing payments.

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE

The Residential Child Care Unit inspects, monitors, licenses, registers, and certifies a variety of child caring programs to ensure that facilities operate according to State statutes and rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Human Services.

ADMINISTRATION

DHS has administrative offices that provide executive and policy direction to all divisions of DHS, as well as technical and administrative support to all of DHS.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Council on Aging provides leadership to the Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly, researches aging issues, and publishes fact sheets and other educational materials to increase public awareness and understanding of issues of concern to Georgia's older adult population.

The Family Connection Partnership is a public/private partnership that serves as a resource to state agencies across Georgia to help improve the conditions of children and their families.

The Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency provides opportunities for work and personal independence for Georgians with disabilities. The agency administers several programs: the Business Enterprise Program, Departmental Administration, Georgia Industries for the Blind, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Disability Adjudication Services.

The Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund provides care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children as well as programs devoted to promoting awareness and the prevention of the sexual exploitation of children.

AUTHORITY

Titles 3, 5, 8, 9, 12-14, 15-11, 16, 17-7-130, 17-7-131, 18, 19, 25, 26, 29-5-2, 30-5, 31, 34, 36, 37, 38-3-29, 3-40, 43-45, 47-50, 15-21-202, Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Adoptions Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$68,896
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(193,804)
	Total Change	**($124,908)**

Out-of-School Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of after school care services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$25,836
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(84,430)
	Total Change	**($58,594)**

Child Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,178,836
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(188,824)
3.	Increase funds to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.	2,633,924
	Total Change	**$4,623,936**

Child Welfare Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$5,703,297
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,613,092)
3.	Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from the Out-of-Home Care program to the Child Welfare Services program to align budgets with expenditures.	371,500
4.	Reduce funds for a technology platform for community service referrals to reflect projected expenditures.	(50,000)
	Total Change	**$4,411,705**

Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Departmental Administration (DHS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,054,970
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(509,902)
	Total Change	**$545,068**

Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$645,900
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(285,636)
	Total Change	**$360,264**

Elder Community Living Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$71,049
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(17,370)
	Total Change	**$53,679**

Energy Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Federal Eligibility Benefit Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$9,438,752
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(620,146)
3.	Increase funds for Gateway system modifications to reduce the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payment error rate and ensure federal compliance.	6,207,774
	Total Change	**$15,026,380**

Out-of-Home Care

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for utilization growth and increased cost of care prioritizing reunification services, assessments, and specialized services for high-acuity youth.	$81,094,424
2.	Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from the Out-of-Home Care program to the Child Welfare Services program to align budgets with expenditures.	(371,500)
	Total Change	**$80,722,924**

Refugee Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund an integrated child welfare reporting system.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to begin an integrated child welfare reporting system.	$3,000,000
	Total Change	**$3,000,000**

Out-of-Home Care - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide preventative and wrap-around services for children and youth in Out-of-Home care.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to restore the cancelation of state office contracts for supportive services ($674,400) and implement funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families as directed in the FY 2026 budget ($250,000).	$924,800
	Total Change	**$924,800**

Residential Child Care Licensing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$55,978
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(32,298)
	Total Change	**$23,680**

Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Council On Aging

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(3,470)
3.	Eliminate funds for personal services. (HB 68 (2025 Legislative Session) (See intent language considered non-binding by the Governor.)	(56,379)
	Total Change	**($55,543)**

Family Connection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306
	Total Change	**$4,306**

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$19,377
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(3,120)
	Total Change	**$16,257**

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$137,792
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(81,380)
	Total Change	**$56,412**

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$73,202
	Total Change	**$73,202**

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,052,817
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(221,036)
3.	Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology.	225,000
	Total Change	**$1,056,781**

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Adoptions Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($36,531)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,162,819)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	46,543
4.	Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	(273,782)
	Total Change	**($1,426,589)**

Out-of-School Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of after school care services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for community youth wellness. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$50,000
2.	Increase funds to administer a summer nutrition program for eligible students in coordination with the Department of Education. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,000,000
	Total Change	**$1,050,000**

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($15,915)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(506,583)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	20,544
4.	Reduce funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of marriage and divorce filing fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	(35,348)
5.	Increase funds ($1,213,402) and utilize Children Trust Funds ($786,598) for the court appointed special advocates (CASA) to enhance statewide capacity (Total funds: $2,000,000). (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,213,402
6.	Recognize $725,000 in base funding for services for at-risk girls.	Yes
	Total Change	**$676,100**

Child Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($17,433)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(39,581)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,132,942)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	432,750
5.	Increase funds to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.	3,637,354
6.	Increase funds for judicial circuit contracts to restore FY 2021 budget reductions.	456,374
7.	Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	418,560
	Total Change	**$3,755,082**

Child Welfare Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($304,062)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(9,678,553)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	372,856
4.	Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from the Out-of-Home Care program to the Child Welfare Services prgoram to align budgets with expenditures.	371,500
5.	Reduce funds for technology platform for community service referral to reflect projected expenditures.	(50,000)
6.	Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,302,969
7.	Increase funds to support reunification, youth exiting foster care, and families at risk of child welfare involvement. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,500,000
8.	Transfer funds from the Department of Human Services to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the administration of child advocacy centers.	(1,000,000)
9.	Increase funds to expand autism pilot for foster children pursuant to HB 943 and SB 402 (2026 Session). (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	800,000
	Total Change	**($5,685,290)**

Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Departmental Administration (DHS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($47,077)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(33,417)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	80,124
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(3,059,417)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	973,878
6.	Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.48% to 76.64%.	(3,195)
7.	Increase funds to reflect a reduction in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative reimbursement from 50% to 25%.	5,925,437
	Total Change	**$3,836,333**

Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($26,372)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(9,164)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,713,820)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	406,068
5.	Increase hourly rates for special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs) and paralegals. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	8,288
	Total Change	**($1,335,000)**

Elder Community Living Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,604)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(104,225)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	26,319
4.	Increase funds for Georgia Memory Net for service and treatment expansion. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,320,000
5.	Provide funds for non-Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS). (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,365,000

6.	Increase funds for caregiver support services. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,000,000
	Total Change	**$6,605,490**

Energy Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Federal Eligibility Benefit Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($116,895)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	2,544
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	28,316
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(3,720,881)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	158,944
6.	Increase funds to reflect a reduction in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative reimbursement from 50% to 25%.	40,428,968
7.	Increase funds to reduce the SNAP payment error rate.	6,884,013
8.	Increase funds to recognize the increase in staff costs due to the change in CMS policy on the enhanced federal matching rate.	5,326,957
9.	The Department of Human Services shall take all necessary actions to ensure that any federal financial liabilities or penalties imposed on the state are minimized and shall submit a corrective action plan detailing specific administrative, eligibility, and verification reforms necessary to reduce the state's SNAP error rate to at or below 6% and mitigate any federal financial penalties imposed on the state. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to: enhanced eligibility verification procedures; data-matching and fraud detection improvements; staffing and training adjustments necessary to ensure compliance; and projected timelines for achieving compliance with federal error rate standards and shall be submitted to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by July 1, 2026.	Yes
	Total Change	**$48,991,966**

Out-of-Home Care

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

Recommended Change:

1.	Transfer funds for a Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center (CSERC) from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission to the Out-of-Home Care program to align expenditures with program purpose and allow for maximization of federal matching funds.	$8,121,840
2.	Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.40% to 66.63%.	(122,759)
3.	Increase funds for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	300,000
4.	Increase funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	250,000
5.	Transfer funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement from the Out-of-Home Care program to the Child Welfare Services program to align budgets with expenditures.	(371,500)
6.	Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care.	50,000,000
	Total Change	**$58,177,581**

Refugee Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Residential Child Care Licensing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,982)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(233)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(193,787)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	47,580
	Total Change	**($149,422)**

Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Council On Aging

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($20,815)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	7,052
3.	Eliminate funds for personal services. (HB 68 (2025 Legislative Session) intent language considered non-binding by the Governor.)	(56,379)
	Total Change	**($70,142)**

Family Connection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

Recommended Change:

1.	Transfer funds for a Commercial Sexual Exploitation Recovery Center (CSERC) from the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission to the Out-of-Home Care program to align expenditures with program purpose and allow for maximization of federal matching funds.	($8,121,840)
2.	Increase funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of financial penalties for sex trafficking and sexual offenses pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-208 and adult entertainment establishment assessments pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-209.	2,105
	Total Change	**($8,119,735)**

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$191
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(18,718)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	4,223
	Total Change	**($14,304)**

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$191
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	4,979
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(6,167)
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	(8,273)
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(488,277)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	152,238
	Total Change	**($345,309)**

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$13,522
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(2,908)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,326,214)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	502,123
5.	Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	47,925
6.	Increase funds for independent living services. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	675,000
	Total Change	**($90,552)**

Department of Human Services

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$1,058,580,854	$110,660,349	$1,169,241,203	$1,058,580,854	$105,889,452	$1,164,470,306
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	134,209	0	134,209	134,209	2,105	136,314
State Children's Trust Funds	1,222,837	0	1,222,837	1,222,837	(35,348)	1,187,489
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$1,059,937,900**	**$110,660,349**	**$1,170,598,249**	**$1,059,937,900**	**$105,856,209**	**$1,165,794,109**
Community Service Block Grant	$11,785,851	$0	$11,785,851	$11,785,851	$0	$11,785,851
Foster Care Title IV-E	92,059,094	5,506,392	97,565,486	92,059,094	3,395,050	95,454,144
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	75,051,873	0	75,051,873	75,051,873	0	75,051,873
Medical Assistance Program	216,761,365	0	216,761,365	216,761,365	0	216,761,365
Social Services Block Grant	20,801,231	0	20,801,231	20,801,231	177,075	20,978,306
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	402,866,078	0	402,866,078	402,866,078	0	402,866,078
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant	2,644,189	0	2,644,189	2,644,189	0	2,644,189
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	595,002,086	17,918,923	612,921,009	595,002,086	(38,653,649)	556,348,437
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$1,416,971,767**	**$23,425,315**	**$1,440,397,082**	**$1,416,971,767**	**($35,081,524)**	**$1,381,890,243**
Other Funds	$28,111,125	$0	$28,111,125	$28,111,125	$0	$28,111,125
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$28,111,125**	**$0**	**$28,111,125**	**$28,111,125**	**$0**	**$28,111,125**
Total Funds	**$2,505,020,792**	**$134,085,664**	**$2,639,106,456**	**$2,505,020,792**	**$70,774,685**	**$2,575,795,477**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Adoptions Services						
State General Funds	45,396,313	(124,908)	45,271,405	45,396,313	(1,426,589)	43,969,724
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	9,121,401	0	9,121,401	9,121,401	0	9,121,401
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	72,670,077	0	72,670,077	72,670,077	0	72,670,077
TOTAL FUNDS	**$127,187,791**	**($124,908)**	**$127,062,883**	**$127,187,791**	**($1,426,589)**	**$125,761,202**
Out-of-School Care Services						
State General Funds	0	0	0	0	1,050,000	1,050,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	15,500,000	0	15,500,000	15,500,000	0	15,500,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$15,500,000**	**$0**	**$15,500,000**	**$15,500,000**	**$1,050,000**	**$16,550,000**
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention						
State General Funds	3,054,785	(58,594)	2,996,191	3,054,785	711,448	3,766,233
State Children's Trust Funds	1,222,837	0	1,222,837	1,222,837	(35,348)	1,187,489
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	2,966,090	0	2,966,090	2,966,090	0	2,966,090
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	4,590,487	0	4,590,487	4,590,487	0	4,590,487
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,834,199**	**($58,594)**	**$11,775,605**	**$11,834,199**	**$676,100**	**$12,510,299**
Child Support Services						
State General Funds	34,390,191	4,623,936	39,014,127	34,390,191	3,755,082	38,145,273
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	112,766,952	4,939,154	117,706,106	112,766,952	7,700,756	120,467,708
Other Funds	3,795,760	0	3,795,760	3,795,760	0	3,795,760

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	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
TOTAL FUNDS	**$150,952,903**	**$9,563,090**	**$160,515,993**	**$150,952,903**	**$11,455,838**	**$162,408,741**
Child Welfare Services						
State General Funds	246,970,227	4,411,705	251,381,932	246,970,227	(5,685,290)	241,284,937
Foster Care Title IV-E	46,855,776	0	46,855,776	46,855,776	0	46,855,776
Medical Assistance Program	580,858	0	580,858	580,858	0	580,858
Social Services Block Grant	3,665,164	0	3,665,164	3,665,164	0	3,665,164
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	209,104,473	0	209,104,473	209,104,473	0	209,104,473
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant	2,644,189	0	2,644,189	2,644,189	0	2,644,189
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	34,011,865	0	34,011,865	34,011,865	0	34,011,865
Other Funds	159,146	0	159,146	159,146	0	159,146
TOTAL FUNDS	**$543,991,698**	**$4,411,705**	**$548,403,403**	**$543,991,698**	**($5,685,290)**	**$538,306,408**
Community Services						
Community Service Block Grant	11,527,897	0	11,527,897	11,527,897	0	11,527,897
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,527,897**	**$0**	**$11,527,897**	**$11,527,897**	**$0**	**$11,527,897**
Departmental Administration (DHS)						
State General Funds	62,135,630	545,068	62,680,698	62,135,630	3,836,333	65,971,963
Community Service Block Grant	165,047	0	165,047	165,047	0	165,047
Foster Care Title IV-E	6,380,087	0	6,380,087	6,380,087	0	6,380,087
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	344,280	0	344,280	344,280	0	344,280
Medical Assistance Program	6,532,450	0	6,532,450	6,532,450	0	6,532,450
Social Services Block Grant	25,000	0	25,000	25,000	0	25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	4,841,607	0	4,841,607	4,841,607	0	4,841,607
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	31,910,495	0	31,910,495	31,910,495	(5,925,437)	25,985,058
Other Funds	13,602,976	0	13,602,976	13,602,976	0	13,602,976
TOTAL FUNDS	**$125,937,572**	**$545,068**	**$126,482,640**	**$125,937,572**	**($2,089,104)**	**$123,848,468**
Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention						
State General Funds	30,886,034	360,264	31,246,298	30,886,034	(1,335,000)	29,551,034
Social Services Block Grant	4,970,060	0	4,970,060	4,970,060	0	4,970,060
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	2,719,817	0	2,719,817	2,719,817	0	2,719,817
TOTAL FUNDS	**$38,575,911**	**$360,264**	**$38,936,175**	**$38,575,911**	**($1,335,000)**	**$37,240,911**
Elder Community Living Services						
State General Funds	53,817,460	53,679	53,871,139	53,817,460	6,605,490	60,422,950
Medical Assistance Program	250,000	0	250,000	250,000	0	250,000
Social Services Block Grant	12,141,007	0	12,141,007	12,141,007	0	12,141,007
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	46,556,799	0	46,556,799	46,556,799	0	46,556,799
Other Funds	250,000	0	250,000	250,000	0	250,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$113,015,266**	**$53,679**	**$113,068,945**	**$113,015,266**	**$6,605,490**	**$119,620,756**

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	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Energy Assistance						
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	72,852,525	0	72,852,525	72,852,525	0	72,852,525
TOTAL FUNDS	**$72,852,525**	**$0**	**$72,852,525**	**$72,852,525**	**$0**	**$72,852,525**
Federal Eligibility Benefit Services						
State General Funds	162,674,638	15,026,380	177,701,018	162,674,638	48,991,966	211,666,604
Community Service Block Grant	92,907	0	92,907	92,907	0	92,907
Foster Care Title IV-E	7,222,080	0	7,222,080	7,222,080	0	7,222,080
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	1,855,068	0	1,855,068	1,855,068	0	1,855,068
Medical Assistance Program	208,061,092	0	208,061,092	208,061,092	0	208,061,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	15,861,324	0	15,861,324	15,861,324	0	15,861,324
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	90,147,771	12,979,769	103,127,540	90,147,771	(40,428,968)	49,718,803
TOTAL FUNDS	**$485,914,880**	**$28,006,149**	**$513,921,029**	**$485,914,880**	**$8,562,998**	**$494,477,878**
Out-of-Home Care						
State General Funds	368,397,670	80,722,924	449,120,594	368,397,670	58,177,581	426,575,251
Foster Care Title IV-E	31,087,327	5,506,392	36,593,719	31,087,327	3,395,050	34,482,377
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	95,376,053	0	95,376,053	95,376,053	0	95,376,053
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	147,131	0	147,131	147,131	0	147,131
TOTAL FUNDS	**$495,008,181**	**$86,229,316**	**$581,237,497**	**$495,008,181**	**$61,572,631**	**$556,580,812**
Refugee Assistance						
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	20,174,463	0	20,174,463	20,174,463	0	20,174,463
TOTAL FUNDS	**$20,174,463**	**$0**	**$20,174,463**	**$20,174,463**	**$0**	**$20,174,463**
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - Special Project						
State General Funds	0	3,000,000	3,000,000	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	**$0**	**$3,000,000**	**$3,000,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Out-of-Home Care - Special Project						
State General Funds	0	924,800	924,800	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	**$0**	**$924,800**	**$924,800**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Residential Child Care Licensing						
State General Funds	2,569,435	23,680	2,593,115	2,569,435	(149,422)	2,420,013
Foster Care Title IV-E	513,824	0	513,824	513,824	0	513,824
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,083,259**	**$23,680**	**$3,106,939**	**$3,083,259**	**($149,422)**	**$2,933,837**
Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance						
State General Funds	70,000	0	70,000	70,000	0	70,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	36,453,008	0	36,453,008	36,453,008	0	36,453,008
TOTAL FUNDS	**$36,523,008**	**$0**	**$36,523,008**	**$36,523,008**	**$0**	**$36,523,008**
Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance						
State General Funds	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	0	100,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	13,642,122	0	13,642,122	13,642,122	0	13,642,122
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	6,735,114	0	6,735,114	6,735,114	0	6,735,114
TOTAL FUNDS	**$20,477,236**	**$0**	**$20,477,236**	**$20,477,236**	**$0**	**$20,477,236**

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	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Council On Aging						
State General Funds	466,562	(55,543)	411,019	466,562	(70,142)	396,420
TOTAL FUNDS	**$466,562**	**($55,543)**	**$411,019**	**$466,562**	**($70,142)**	**$396,420**
Family Connection						
State General Funds	10,359,889	4,306	10,364,195	10,359,889	0	10,359,889
Medical Assistance Program	1,336,965	0	1,336,965	1,336,965	0	1,336,965
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,696,854**	**$4,306**	**$11,701,160**	**$11,696,854**	**$0**	**$11,696,854**
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program						
State General Funds	335,520	16,257	351,777	335,520	(14,304)	321,216
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	2,779,295	0	2,779,295	2,779,295	0	2,779,295
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,114,815**	**$16,257**	**$3,131,072**	**$3,114,815**	**($14,304)**	**$3,100,511**
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration						
State General Funds	3,587,333	56,412	3,643,745	3,587,333	(345,309)	3,242,024
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	8,866,476	0	8,866,476	8,866,476	0	8,866,476
Other Funds	284,597	0	284,597	284,597	0	284,597
TOTAL FUNDS	**$12,738,406**	**$56,412**	**$12,794,818**	**$12,738,406**	**($345,309)**	**$12,393,097**
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services						
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	64,972,843	0	64,972,843	64,972,843	0	64,972,843
TOTAL FUNDS	**$64,972,843**	**$0**	**$64,972,843**	**$64,972,843**	**$0**	**$64,972,843**
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind						
State General Funds	0	73,202	73,202	0	0	0
Other Funds	4,810,758	0	4,810,758	4,810,758	0	4,810,758
TOTAL FUNDS	**$4,810,758**	**$73,202**	**$4,883,960**	**$4,810,758**	**$0**	**$4,810,758**
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program						
State General Funds	25,147,327	1,056,781	26,204,108	25,147,327	(90,552)	25,056,775
Social Services Block Grant	0	0	0	0	177,075	177,075
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	95,952,501	0	95,952,501	95,952,501	0	95,952,501
Other Funds	5,207,888	0	5,207,888	5,207,888	0	5,207,888
TOTAL FUNDS	**$126,307,716**	**$1,056,781**	**$127,364,497**	**$126,307,716**	**$86,523**	**$126,394,239**
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission						
State General Funds	8,221,840	0	8,221,840	8,221,840	(8,121,840)	100,000
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	134,209	0	134,209	134,209	2,105	136,314
TOTAL FUNDS	**$8,356,049**	**$0**	**$8,356,049**	**$8,356,049**	**($8,119,735)**	**$236,314**

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Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Adoptions Services	$123,084,067	$125,959,821	$127,187,791	$127,062,883	$125,761,202
Out-of-School Care Services	19,863,954	17,044,577	15,500,000	15,500,000	16,550,000
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention	14,553,255	15,176,617	11,834,199	11,775,605	12,510,299
Child Support Services	140,388,731	153,084,533	150,952,903	160,515,993	162,408,741
Child Welfare Services	509,935,955	527,065,062	543,991,698	548,403,403	538,306,408
Community Services	28,586,962	27,372,689	11,527,897	11,527,897	11,527,897
Departmental Administration (DHS)	153,385,072	153,736,338	125,937,572	126,482,640	123,848,468
Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention	36,362,850	39,906,927	38,575,911	38,936,175	37,240,911
Elder Community Living Services	110,104,698	111,615,568	113,015,266	113,068,945	119,620,756
Energy Assistance	102,318,661	100,762,340	72,852,525	72,852,525	72,852,525
Federal Eligibility Benefit Services	455,542,865	471,263,823	485,914,880	513,921,029	494,477,878
Out-of-Home Care	462,652,976	526,231,122	495,008,181	581,237,497	556,580,812
Refugee Assistance	38,688,986	35,342,265	20,174,463	20,174,463	20,174,463
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - Special Project				3,000,000	
Out-of-Home Care - Special Project				924,800	
Residential Child Care Licensing	2,805,515	3,042,327	3,083,259	3,106,939	2,933,837
Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance	17,416,222	13,601,745	36,523,008	36,523,008	36,523,008
Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance	12,696,946	10,515,215	20,477,236	20,477,236	20,477,236
SUBTOTAL	**$2,228,387,715**	**$2,331,720,969**	**$2,272,556,789**	**$2,405,491,038**	**$2,351,794,441**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Council On Aging	$354,229	$360,326	$466,562	$411,019	$396,420
Family Connection	11,100,357	11,695,032	11,696,854	11,701,160	11,696,854
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program	2,673,619	3,233,617	3,114,815	3,131,072	3,100,511
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration	9,672,203	10,266,052	12,738,406	12,794,818	12,393,097
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services	55,981,717	57,030,879	64,972,843	64,972,843	64,972,843
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind	5,434,708	4,735,558	4,810,758	4,883,960	4,810,758
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program	88,322,619	119,192,099	126,307,716	127,364,497	126,394,239
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission	6,753,170	8,530,518	8,356,049	8,356,049	236,314
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$180,292,622**	**$215,044,081**	**$232,464,003**	**$233,615,418**	**$224,001,036**
Total Funds	**$2,408,680,337**	**$2,546,765,050**	**$2,505,020,792**	**$2,639,106,456**	**$2,575,795,477**
Less:					
Federal Funds	1,310,350,979	1,413,513,087	1,416,971,767	1,440,397,082	1,381,890,243

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Federal COVID Funds	64,099,677	20,170,699			
Other Funds	29,013,368	28,381,242	28,111,125	28,111,125	28,111,125
Prior Year State Funds	3,046,999	2,704,620			
SUBTOTAL	**$1,406,511,023**	**$1,464,769,648**	**$1,445,082,892**	**$1,468,508,207**	**$1,410,001,368**
State General Funds	1,001,275,777	1,067,637,377	1,058,580,854	1,169,241,203	1,164,470,306
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Trust Fund	200,199	254,319	134,209	134,209	136,314
State Children's Trust Funds	693,339	1,225,462	1,222,837	1,222,837	1,187,489
Governor's Emergency Funds		12,878,241			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$1,002,169,315**	**$1,081,995,399**	**$1,059,937,900**	**$1,170,598,249**	**$1,165,794,109**

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

Roles and Responsibilities

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance is accountable for upholding state laws regulating insurance, small loans, fire safety, and manufactured housing. The department organizes its efforts in fulfilling these responsibilities around six divisions.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Division provides management, policy direction, enforcement, and administrative support for the Department's programs which regulate companies and protect consumers in the areas of insurance, fire safety, manufactured housing, arson investigations, building inspections, and hazardous materials handling and storage. The division's activities include accounting, budgetary, personnel, and purchasing duties for all agency divisions. Additionally, the division oversees the establishment and implementation of department policies and procedures.

INSURANCE REGULATION

The Insurance Regulation Division is responsible for administering Georgia's insurance laws and regulations. This division is also responsible for the oversight of insurance companies (including approving rates, as well as life, health, property, and casualty policy forms), regulating group self-insurance funds, and insurance company solvency. The division also processes applications for insurance companies to conduct business in the state and insurance agent license applications.

ENFORCEMENT

The Enforcement Division is responsible for advising the Department on legal issues related to Georgia's insurance, fire, and safety laws and regulations.

The legal section makes recommendations and drafts orders for proposed administrative actions against licensees and unauthorized entities which are believed to be in violation of the Georgia Insurance Code, the Fire Safety Code, or the Industrial Loan Code.

FIRE SAFETY

The Fire Safety Division oversees inspections, engineering, hazardous materials, manufactured housing, safety engineering, and arson. Activities include enforcing the safety standards to operate, handle, and manufacturer boilers, elevators, amusement rides, hazardous materials, and manufactured housing. Additionally, the Fire Safety division ensures buildings meet fire code requirements through building plan reviews. Furthermore, fires are investigated to assist prosecutors with criminal action. Division staff process licenses and permits for related fire protection industries, manufactured housing industries and for those who use and store hazardous substances and materials.

SPECIAL FRAUD UNIT

The Special Fraud Unit investigates claims of insurance fraud. This unit was established with the goal of reducing the occurrence of insurance fraud and the resulting financial burden it places on businesses and consumers.

REINSURANCE

The Reinsurance program was established under the Patients First Act and is designed to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums to consumers. The program also manages Georgia Access, the state-based health insurance marketplace.

AUTHORITY

State Constitution; Titles 8, 25, 33, and 45-14, Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (COI)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**
1.	Replace all state funds with other funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.	($2,594,229)
	Total Change	**($2,594,229)**

Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**
1.	Replace all state funds with other funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.	($582,923)
	Total Change	**($582,923)**

Fire Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$256,207
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(92,364)
	Total Change	**$163,843**

Special Fraud

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$79,661
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(39,264)
	Total Change	**$40,397**

Insurance Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Reinsurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$116,262
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(794)
3.	Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.	(50,000,000)
	Total Change	**($49,884,532)**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (COI)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($38,891)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(2,568)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	5,106
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(180,222)
5.	Replace all state funds with other funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.	(2,377,654)
	Total Change	**($2,594,229)**

Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($15,007)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(1,155)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	2,704
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(69,544)
5.	Replace all state funds with other funds in recognition of increased appointment fees generated by the Insurance Regulation program.	(499,921)
	Total Change	**($582,923)**

Commissioner of Insurance
Program Budgets

Fire Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($119,591)
2.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	10,226
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(554,181)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	237,925
	Total Change	**($425,621)**

Special Fraud

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($50,838)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(1,258)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	22,714
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	4,807
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(235,581)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	71,331
	Total Change	**($188,825)**

Insurance Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Reinsurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,027)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(4,761)
3.	Annualize a reduction of funds based on projected expenditures.	(50,000,000)
	Total Change	**($50,005,788)**

Commissioner of Insurance

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$172,606,128	($52,857,444)	$119,748,684	$172,606,128	($53,797,386)	$118,808,742
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$172,606,128**	**($52,857,444)**	**$119,748,684**	**$172,606,128**	**($53,797,386)**	**$118,808,742**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,016,575,819	$0	$1,016,575,819	$1,016,575,819	$0	$1,016,575,819
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$1,016,575,819**	**$0**	**$1,016,575,819**	**$1,016,575,819**	**$0**	**$1,016,575,819**
Other Funds	$243,913,745	$3,177,152	$247,090,897	$243,913,745	$2,877,575	$246,791,320
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$243,913,745**	**$3,177,152**	**$247,090,897**	**$243,913,745**	**$2,877,575**	**$246,791,320**
Total Funds	**$1,433,095,692**	**($49,680,292)**	**$1,383,415,400**	**$1,433,095,692**	**($50,919,811)**	**$1,382,175,881**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (COI)						
State General Funds	2,594,229	(2,594,229)	0	2,594,229	(2,594,229)	0
Other Funds	49,600	2,594,229	2,643,829	49,600	2,377,654	2,427,254
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,643,829**	**$0**	**$2,643,829**	**$2,643,829**	**($216,575)**	**$2,427,254**
Enforcement						
State General Funds	582,923	(582,923)	0	582,923	(582,923)	0
Other Funds	0	582,923	582,923	0	499,921	499,921
TOTAL FUNDS	**$582,923**	**$0**	**$582,923**	**$582,923**	**($83,002)**	**$499,921**
Fire Safety						
State General Funds	16,129,615	163,843	16,293,458	16,129,615	(425,621)	15,703,994
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	742,458	0	742,458	742,458	0	742,458
Other Funds	4,390,389	0	4,390,389	4,390,389	0	4,390,389
TOTAL FUNDS	**$21,262,462**	**$163,843**	**$21,426,305**	**$21,262,462**	**($425,621)**	**$20,836,841**
Special Fraud						
State General Funds	7,424,165	40,397	7,464,562	7,424,165	(188,825)	7,235,340
Other Funds	567,605	0	567,605	567,605	0	567,605
TOTAL FUNDS	**$7,991,770**	**$40,397**	**$8,032,167**	**$7,991,770**	**($188,825)**	**$7,802,945**
Insurance Regulation						
Other Funds	14,956,883	0	14,956,883	14,956,883	0	14,956,883
TOTAL FUNDS	**$14,956,883**	**$0**	**$14,956,883**	**$14,956,883**	**$0**	**$14,956,883**
Reinsurance						
State General Funds	145,875,196	(49,884,532)	95,990,664	145,875,196	(50,005,788)	95,869,408
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,015,833,361	0	1,015,833,361	1,015,833,361	0	1,015,833,361
Other Funds	223,949,268	0	223,949,268	223,949,268	0	223,949,268
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,385,657,825**	**($49,884,532)**	**$1,335,773,293**	**$1,385,657,825**	**($50,005,788)**	**$1,335,652,037**

Commissioner of Insurance

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (COI)	$2,456,871	$2,513,037	$2,643,829	$2,643,829	$2,427,254
Enforcement	595,050	350,612	582,923	582,923	499,921
Fire Safety	15,865,373	17,257,712	21,262,462	21,426,305	20,836,841
Special Fraud	7,678,802	7,728,330	7,991,770	8,032,167	7,802,945
Insurance Regulation	12,435,689	19,081,135	14,956,883	14,956,883	14,956,883
Reinsurance	811,996,271	896,458,507	1,385,657,825	1,335,773,293	1,335,652,037
SUBTOTAL	**$851,028,056**	**$943,389,333**	**$1,433,095,692**	**$1,383,415,400**	**$1,382,175,881**
Total Funds	**$851,028,056**	**$943,389,333**	**$1,433,095,692**	**$1,383,415,400**	**$1,382,175,881**
Less:					
Federal Funds	527,164,307	757,380,110	1,016,575,819	1,016,575,819	1,016,575,819
Other Funds	12,921,954	20,696,527	243,913,745	247,090,897	246,791,320
SUBTOTAL	**$540,086,261**	**$778,076,637**	**$1,260,489,564**	**$1,263,666,716**	**$1,263,367,139**
State General Funds	310,941,794	165,312,696	172,606,128	119,748,684	118,808,742
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$310,941,794**	**$165,312,696**	**$172,606,128**	**$119,748,684**	**$118,808,742**

Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Roles and Responsibilities

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) serves as the primary state-level investigative and enforcement agency in Georgia's fight against crime and corruption. Upon request, the GBI provides investigative and enforcement support services to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies throughout Georgia. The GBI also provides forensic laboratory services, serves as Georgia's central repository for criminal history record information, and uses the latest technological advancements in crime fighting to combat drug trafficking and other crimes. Additionally, GBI provides legal consultation services to local prosecutors in cases involving criminal street gangs.

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Investigative Division is the largest division of the GBI. Operations are based out of regional offices, regional drug enforcement offices, and other work units that provide specialized services in criminal investigations.

Special agents from the Investigative Division respond to requests from criminal justice officials to investigate major crimes. GBI agents are the primary investigators of officer-involved shootings and other types of officer-involved use-of-force incidents around the state. Investigations of crimes occurring on state property, drug investigations, child sexual exploitation, anti-terrorism investigations and crimes against the elderly can be initiated without request.

The regional field offices conduct general investigations of all crimes, while regional drug enforcement offices investigate all levels of drug trafficking with an emphasis on major violators. Specialized areas of operations within the agency include:

- Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit
- Commercial Gambling Unit
- Elder Abuse
- Financial Investigations Unit
- Georgia Cyber Crime Center
- Human Trafficking and Criminal Gang Units
- Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces
- Polygraph Unit
- Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center
- Special Operations Unit/Bomb Disposal Unit
- Major Theft Unit

FORENSIC SERVICES

The Division of Forensic Sciences analyzes submitted evidence, interprets the results, reports scientific conclusions based on those results, and testifies in court about the results and conclusions. The laboratory system provides analysis or scientific support in the following scientific disciplines:

- Chemistry (Drug Identification, Fire Debris)
- Firearms
- Forensic Biology (Serology and DNA, DNA Database)
- Implied Consent (Breath Alcohol Testing Certification)
- Impressions (Latent Prints, Document Examination, Shoe/Tire Prints)
- Medical Examiners
- Toxicology (Blood Alcohol, DUI & Postmortem Toxicology)
- Trace Evidence (Hair, Fiber, Gunshot Residue, Paint, Plastics)

CHILD FATALITY REVIEW PANEL

The Child Fatality Review Panel serves Georgia's children by promoting more accurate identification and reporting of child fatalities, evaluating the prevalence and circumstances of both child abuse cases and child fatality investigations, and monitoring the implementation and impact of the statewide child injury prevention plan in order to prevent and reduce incidents of child abuse and fatalities in the state.

GEORGIA CRIME INFORMATION CENTER

The Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) operates a statewide Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Network that links criminal justice agencies to automated state and national information databases. GCIC audits all Georgia criminal justice agencies that are part of the CJIS network. GCIC also operates and maintains the central repository of criminal records for the state of Georgia, utilizing an Automated Fingerprint Identification System and linking with local law enforcement agencies and courts for real-time updates. GCIC collects and maintains statistical data describing the extent and nature of reported crime and participates in the national uniform crime reporting system operated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. GCIC's other services include the maintenance of the Georgia Sex Offender Registry established in 1997 and the criminal gang database established in 2020.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) serves as the state administrative agency for numerous federal grant programs and manages the state-funded Accountability Court and Juvenile Justice Incentive grants. It operates Georgia's Crime Victims Compensation Program, which provide financial assistance to victims of violent crime.

CJCC also provides administrative support for the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) and oversees the fiscal administration of the grants awarded in accordance with CACJ's funding decisions. CACJ is charged with determining the funding priorities for accountability courts in an effort to curtail imprisonment, reduce recidivism, and rehabilitate non-violent property and drug offenders. It is also responsible for quality control and the administration of accountability courts.

AUTHORITY

Titles 15, 16, 19, 35, 40, and 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Bureau Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$88,273
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(52,468)
	Total Change	**$35,805**

Criminal Justice Information Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$204,535
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(63,860)
	Total Change	**$140,675**

Forensic Scientific Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$781,539
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(453,736)
3.	Increase funds to replace software that allows for connectivity to federal DNA database.	618,170
4.	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	(209,159)
	Total Change	**$736,814**

Regional Investigative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$977,462
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(544,398)
3.	Increase funds to annualize three human trafficking positions.	294,420
4.	Reduce funds for statewide gang case management system and recognize existing funds ($300,000) for one-time connectivity to gang case management system.	(700,000)
5.	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	(125,799)
6.	Utilize existing funds ($416,754) for equipment and vehicles.	Yes
7.	Reflect a change in the program purpose statement pursuant to HB 973 (2026 session).	Yes
	Total Change	**($98,315)**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$269,125
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(59,096)
3.	Reduce funds for operations. (HB68 (2025 Session) intent language considered non-binding by the Governor)	(33,558)
4.	Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings and increase funds for grant system connectivity (Total: $435,330).	301,463
5.	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	(20,951)
6.	Increase funds for one-time funding for gang-prevention activities.	100,000
7.	Increase funds for eight Child Advocacy Centers and 19 satellite office locations that meet minimum standards to provide specialized services not currently state funded effective April 1, 2026.	185,241
	Total Change	**$742,224**

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$19,377
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(12,488)
3.	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	(25,169)
	Total Change	**($18,280)**

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	($996)
2.	Increase funds for one-time funding to domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers for operational and facility needs.	4,525,000
	Total Change	**$4,524,004**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Bureau Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$15,592
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	80,952

3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	17,300
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(314,809)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	92,601
6.	Provide funds for security contracts at the Coastal Crime Lab and Headquarters.	144,168
	Total Change	**$35,804**

Criminal Justice Information Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$18,977
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	43,627
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	565
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(383,163)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	116,918
6.	Provide funds for technology disaster recovery services to comply with Georgia Technology Authority policy.	266,556
7.	Provide funds for an integrated child welfare reporting system.	3,000,000
	Total Change	**$3,063,480**

Forensic Scientific Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$134,837
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	418,723
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	29,088
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(2,722,411)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	872,424
6.	Increase funds for ongoing maintenance of upgraded DNA software.	74,920
7.	Eliminate funds for one-time purchase of three handheld portable mass spectrometer chemical detection systems, accessories, and warranties.	(327,546)
8.	Increase funds for the recruitment and retention of medical examiners.	1,045,598
9.	Increase funds for a $2,000 salary adjustment for recruitment and retention for crime lab scientists, supervisors, and managers.	750,930
10.	Increase funds to address recruitment and retention for evidence receiving technicians and forensic technicians.	491,178
11.	Provide discretion to hire new medical examiners on the appropriate pay scale level based on years of experience without base funding to support the hire.	Yes
12.	Utilize existing funds to provide a salary increase to the fellows program and authorize one additional fellow.	Yes
	Total Change	**$767,741**

Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Program Budgets

Regional Investigative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$179
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	161,780
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	480,631
4.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	239,630
5.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	32,284
6.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(3,266,389)
7.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,059,468
8.	Increase funds to annualize three human trafficking positions.	287,300
9.	Increase funds to annualize four criminal intelligence analysts for Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center (GISAC).	171,841
10.	Increase funds for personnel, operations, and one-time costs ($294,456) for three special agent positions.	838,206
11.	Eliminate funds for one-time purchase of technology funded in HB68 (2025 Session).	(877,320)
12.	Increase funds for gang case management system support. (Total: $3,100,000)	2,100,000
	Total Change	**$1,227,610**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,512)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	3,129
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(354,572)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	135,678
5.	Reduce funds for operations. (HB68 (2025 Session) intent language considered non-binding by the Governor)	(33,558)
6.	Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council program to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence program for Child Advocacy Centers.	(3,125,000)
7.	Eliminate funds for one-time funding for gang prevention activities in Chatham County.	(250,000)
8.	Utilize existing funds ($133,867) from rental savings for grant opportunities.	Yes
	Total Change	**($3,625,835)**

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($314)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(74,931)
3.	Utilize $12,652,773 in Opioid Settlement Trust Funds for court grants to locals and medication assisted treatment (MAT).	

4.	Increase funds for new and existing accountability courts to support population growth.	1,736,385
5.	Increase funds for a veterans treatment court in Rockdale county.	93,602
	Total Change	**$1,754,742**

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($5,981)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,646
3.	Increase funds for domestic violence shelters to support vulnerable men, women, and children seeking refuge from violence.	9,400,000
4.	Increase funds for sexual assault centers to support vulnerable men, women, and children.	3,300,166
5.	Transfer funds ($1,000,000) from the Department of Human Services to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence program and increase funds ($821,946) for child advocacy centers.	1,821,946
6.	Transfer funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council program ($3,125,000) and increase funds for child advocacy centers to support vulnerable children.	5,273,778
7.	Increase funds for eight child advocacy centers and 20 satellite child advocacy centers not receiving state funding.	912,641
	Total Change	**$20,706,196**

Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$260,647,384	$6,062,927	$266,710,311	$260,647,384	$11,276,965	$271,924,349
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	0	0	0	0	12,652,773	12,652,773
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$260,647,384**	**$6,062,927**	**$266,710,311**	**$260,647,384**	**$23,929,738**	**$284,577,122**
Preventive Health and Services Block Grant	$369,946	$0	$369,946	$369,946	$0	$369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	329,017	0	329,017	329,017	0	329,017
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	56,573,194	0	56,573,194	56,573,194	0	56,573,194
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$57,272,157**	**$0**	**$57,272,157**	**$57,272,157**	**$0**	**$57,272,157**
Other Funds	$33,030,206	$0	$33,030,206	$33,030,206	$0	$33,030,206
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$33,030,206**	**$0**	**$33,030,206**	**$33,030,206**	**$0**	**$33,030,206**
Total Funds	**$350,949,747**	**$6,062,927**	**$357,012,674**	**$350,949,747**	**$23,929,738**	**$374,879,485**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Bureau Administration						
State General Funds	10,541,503	35,805	10,577,308	10,541,503	35,804	10,577,307
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	12,600	0	12,600	12,600	0	12,600
Other Funds	353,303	0	353,303	353,303	0	353,303
TOTAL FUNDS	**$10,907,406**	**$35,805**	**$10,943,211**	**$10,907,406**	**$35,804**	**$10,943,210**
Criminal Justice Information Services						
State General Funds	7,596,576	140,675	7,737,251	7,596,576	3,063,480	10,660,056
Other Funds	11,500,000	0	11,500,000	11,500,000	0	11,500,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$19,096,576**	**$140,675**	**$19,237,251**	**$19,096,576**	**$3,063,480**	**$22,160,056**
Forensic Scientific Services						
State General Funds	68,288,507	736,814	69,025,321	68,288,507	767,741	69,056,248
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	2,229,366	0	2,229,366	2,229,366	0	2,229,366
Other Funds	5,856	0	5,856	5,856	0	5,856
TOTAL FUNDS	**$70,523,729**	**$736,814**	**$71,260,543**	**$70,523,729**	**$767,741**	**$71,291,470**
Regional Investigative Services						
State General Funds	80,706,986	(98,315)	80,608,671	80,706,986	1,227,610	81,934,596
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,812,153	0	1,812,153	1,812,153	0	1,812,153
Other Funds	1,885,738	0	1,885,738	1,885,738	0	1,885,738
TOTAL FUNDS	**$84,404,877**	**($98,315)**	**$84,306,562**	**$84,404,877**	**$1,227,610**	**$85,632,487**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council						
State General Funds	19,866,465	742,224	20,608,689	19,866,465	(3,625,835)	16,240,630
Preventive Health and Services Block Grant	369,946	0	369,946	369,946	0	369,946
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	329,017	0	329,017	329,017	0	329,017
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	52,519,075	0	52,519,075	52,519,075	0	52,519,075

Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Other Funds	19,285,309	0	19,285,309	19,285,309	0	19,285,309
TOTAL FUNDS	**$92,369,812**	**$742,224**	**$93,112,036**	**$92,369,812**	**($3,625,835)**	**$88,743,977**
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges						
State General Funds	38,674,273	(18,280)	38,655,993	38,674,273	(10,898,031)	27,776,242
Opioid Settlement Trust Fund	0	0	0	0	12,652,773	12,652,773
TOTAL FUNDS	**$38,674,273**	**($18,280)**	**$38,655,993**	**$38,674,273**	**$1,754,742**	**$40,429,015**
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence						
State General Funds	34,973,074	4,524,004	39,497,078	34,973,074	20,706,196	55,679,270
TOTAL FUNDS	**$34,973,074**	**$4,524,004**	**$39,497,078**	**$34,973,074**	**$20,706,196**	**$55,679,270**

Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Bureau Administration	$11,199,599	$11,340,134	$10,907,406	$10,943,211	$10,943,210
Criminal Justice Information Services	22,557,816	20,640,790	19,096,576	19,237,251	22,160,056
Forensic Scientific Services	63,293,525	71,611,189	70,523,729	71,260,543	71,291,470
Regional Investigative Services	83,460,433	85,206,319	84,404,877	84,306,562	85,632,487
Forensic Scientific Services - Special Project	844,085				
SUBTOTAL	**$181,355,458**	**$188,798,432**	**$184,932,588**	**$185,747,567**	**$190,027,223**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	$132,762,714	$131,701,631	$92,369,812	$93,112,036	$88,743,977
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges	36,597,968	37,518,875	38,674,273	38,655,993	40,429,015
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence	14,981,881	35,169,318	34,973,074	39,497,078	55,679,270
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$184,342,563**	**$204,389,824**	**$166,017,159**	**$171,265,107**	**$184,852,262**
Total Funds	**$365,698,021**	**$393,188,256**	**$350,949,747**	**$357,012,674**	**$374,879,485**
Less:					
Federal Funds	85,492,600	80,567,973	57,272,157	57,272,157	57,272,157
Federal COVID Funds	31,061,836	27,132,879			
Other Funds	40,902,427	36,323,425	33,030,206	33,030,206	33,030,206
Prior Year State Funds	1,653,730				
SUBTOTAL	**$159,110,593**	**$144,024,277**	**$90,302,363**	**$90,302,363**	**$90,302,363**
State General Funds	206,587,428	249,163,979	260,647,384	266,710,311	271,924,349
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$206,587,428**	**$249,163,979**	**$260,647,384**	**$266,710,311**	**$271,924,349**

Department of Juvenile Justice

Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) was created by the General Assembly in its 1992 session. The Department's role is twofold:

- Provide for the supervision, detention, and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders committed to the state's custody or supervision, and
- Provide necessary public safety services by appropriately separating youth offenders from the community.

The Department accomplishes its mission through the operation of its four programs: Community Services, Secure Detention, Secure Commitment, and Departmental Administration. DJJ provides its services to over 20,000 youth every year and maintains a daily population of about 11,300. Youth who enter into the Department's care include those sentenced to probation and short-term incarceration, or committed to the state's custody as part of a long-term secure confinement plan.

Based on a needs assessment, youth placed in the Department's care receive a variety of rehabilitative services as well as required educational programming. The Department operates the 181st state school district and has received dual accreditation from both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and Correctional Education Association (CEA) for both its regular and vocational education components. Juvenile offenders participate in many therapeutic and counseling programs that support their transition back into their communities and reduce the risk of future delinquent activity. One of the Department's foremost principles is that of Balanced and Restorative Justice, a set of values that asks that the primary stakeholders in a crime be involved in repairing the harm caused and work to ensure that the community is a stronger place following the incident.

DJJ operates under the guidance of a 15-member board appointed by the Governor.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

This program houses the services provided to youthful offenders placed in community settings as a result of directives issued by the Juvenile Court system. A broad continuum of specific programs delivering supervisory and rehabilitative services are provided to these youthful offenders, including specialized residential placements, multi-systemic therapy services, intensive supervision programs, and electronic monitoring. In addition, increased supervision strategies and evidenced based programming have been implemented to address Juvenile Justice Reform requirements. Over 10,000 youth reside in community-based settings on any given day while in the Department's care.

DJJ simultaneously oversees three education transition centers (ETC) which aim to keep children in classrooms. These ETC's offer high school diploma's as well as GED's and provide local youth with opportunities to continue their education and earn course credits outside of public school classrooms.

SECURE DETENTION

All of the state's 19 Regional Youth Detention Centers (RYDCs) are included in the Secure Detention program. RYDC facilities are designed to provide a secure placement for youth awaiting formal adjudication for an offense and those youth sentenced to short-term incarceration of up to 30 days. Approximately 900 youth are housed in secure detention facilities daily.

SECURE COMMITMENT

The state currently utilizes six Youth Development Campus (YDC) facilities, which house juvenile offenders committed to the state for a maximum of five years. Approximately 200 youth are housed in secure commitment facilities on a daily basis.

Both RYDC and YDC facilities provide the youth housed therein with a variety of services, including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, counseling, and other therapeutic programs.

AUTHORITY

Title 15, 39, and 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Department of Juvenile Justice
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Community Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,386,532
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(543,920)
3.	Reduce funds for vacant positions.	(600,000)
	Total Change	**$242,612**

Departmental Administration (DJJ)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$344,480
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(186,602)
	Total Change	**$157,878**

Secure Commitment (YDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,468,346
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(557,090)
	Total Change	**$911,256**

Secure Detention (RYDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,256,344
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(876,630)
3.	Increase funds for personal services due to decreased turnover.	2,544,806
	Total Change	**$3,924,520**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Community Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$119
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(757,050)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(53,373)
4.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	49,481
5.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	29,609
6.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(3,263,521)
7.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,019,739
	Total Change	**($2,974,996)**

Departmental Administration (DJJ)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($259,720)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(5,790)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	19,477
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	7,050
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,119,611)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	342,404
	Total Change	**($1,016,190)**

Secure Commitment (YDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$24,928
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(775,381)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(42,985)
4.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	176,376
5.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	39,478
6.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(3,342,541)

7.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,138,365
	Total Change	**($2,781,760)**

Secure Detention (RYDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$18,876
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(1,220,129)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(84,349)
4.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	352,668
5.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	64,857
6.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(5,259,781)
7.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,682,277
8.	Annualize increase for personal services due to decreased turnover.	2,544,806
	Total Change	**($1,900,775)**

Department of Juvenile Justice
Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$395,229,317	$5,236,266	$400,465,583	$395,229,317	($8,673,721)	$386,555,596
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$395,229,317**	**$5,236,266**	**$400,465,583**	**$395,229,317**	**($8,673,721)**	**$386,555,596**
Foster Care Title IV-E	$519,115	$0	$519,115	$519,115	$0	$519,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	6,571,547	0	6,571,547	6,571,547	0	6,571,547
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$7,090,662**	**$0**	**$7,090,662**	**$7,090,662**	**$0**	**$7,090,662**
Other Funds	$528,891	$0	$528,891	$528,891	$0	$528,891
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$528,891**	**$0**	**$528,891**	**$528,891**	**$0**	**$528,891**
Total Funds	**$402,848,870**	**$5,236,266**	**$408,085,136**	**$402,848,870**	**($8,673,721)**	**$394,175,149**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Community Service						
State General Funds	105,394,014	242,612	105,636,626	105,394,014	(2,974,996)	102,419,018
Foster Care Title IV-E	519,115	0	519,115	519,115	0	519,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	144,026	0	144,026	144,026	0	144,026
Other Funds	281,298	0	281,298	281,298	0	281,298
TOTAL FUNDS	**$106,338,453**	**$242,612**	**$106,581,065**	**$106,338,453**	**($2,974,996)**	**$103,363,457**
Departmental Administration (DJJ)						
State General Funds	28,597,656	157,878	28,755,534	28,597,656	(1,016,190)	27,581,466
TOTAL FUNDS	**$28,597,656**	**$157,878**	**$28,755,534**	**$28,597,656**	**($1,016,190)**	**$27,581,466**
Secure Commitment (YDCs)						
State General Funds	101,188,032	911,256	102,099,288	101,188,032	(2,781,760)	98,406,272
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	3,220,618	0	3,220,618	3,220,618	0	3,220,618
Other Funds	247,593	0	247,593	247,593	0	247,593
TOTAL FUNDS	**$104,656,243**	**$911,256**	**$105,567,499**	**$104,656,243**	**($2,781,760)**	**$101,874,483**
Secure Detention (RYDCs)						
State General Funds	160,049,615	3,924,520	163,974,135	160,049,615	(1,900,775)	158,148,840
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	3,206,903	0	3,206,903	3,206,903	0	3,206,903
TOTAL FUNDS	**$163,256,518**	**$3,924,520**	**$167,181,038**	**$163,256,518**	**($1,900,775)**	**$161,355,743**

Department of Juvenile Justice

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Community Service	$101,293,403	$102,499,893	$106,338,453	$106,581,065	$103,363,457
Departmental Administration (DJJ)	28,515,818	27,933,312	28,597,656	28,755,534	27,581,466
Secure Commitment (YDCs)	96,614,754	106,768,356	104,656,243	105,567,499	101,874,483
Secure Detention (RYDCs)	153,769,297	166,123,766	163,256,518	167,181,038	161,355,743
SUBTOTAL	**$380,193,272**	**$403,325,327**	**$402,848,870**	**$408,085,136**	**$394,175,149**
Total Funds	**$380,193,272**	**$403,325,327**	**$402,848,870**	**$408,085,136**	**$394,175,149**
Less:					
Federal Funds	6,601,380	8,203,105	7,090,662	7,090,662	7,090,662
Federal COVID Funds	1,221,757	406,135			
Other Funds	14,064,113	10,317,969	528,891	528,891	528,891
SUBTOTAL	**$21,887,250**	**$18,927,209**	**$7,619,553**	**$7,619,553**	**$7,619,553**
State General Funds	358,306,021	384,398,117	395,229,317	400,465,583	386,555,596
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$358,306,021**	**$384,398,117**	**$395,229,317**	**$400,465,583**	**$386,555,596**

Department of Labor

Roles and Responsibilities

The mission of the Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) is to provide customized workforce solutions through technology, dedicated staff, and collaboration. There are three broad federal program areas administered by the GDOL – Employment Services, Labor Market Information, and Unemployment Insurance.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Employment services help businesses find qualified workers and individuals find jobs. The services also provide businesses, economic development organizations, job seekers and workforce policymakers with up-to-date, customized workforce data. GDOL also provides workforce statistics and employment data by industry and occupation, worker availability, wages and projected employment trends at the state, regional and local levels.

GDOL also is responsible for the child labor laws, which assists working youth to obtain necessary work permits; informs businesses, schools and parent groups of the relevant child labor laws; and inspects workplaces employing youth to ensure their safety on the job.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

In administering the Unemployment Insurance program, GDOL staff assists employers with state unemployment tax rates and charges, processing tax payments and employment reports, and provides unemployment insurance benefits to qualified individuals who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

SERVICE DELIVERY

Employment, reemployment, and unemployment insurance services are provided through the department's statewide network of career centers and a comprehensive online presence. The career centers work closely with partners to ensure businesses and individual customers receive services that fully address their workforce needs. Specific groups, including veterans and returning service members, agribusinesses and migrant workers and others receive customized services.

AUTHORITY

Titles 34, 39 and 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Public Laws, 105-220, 23 USC Chapter 23 and the Social Security Act, as amended.

Department of Labor
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DOL)

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$264,819
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(12,218)
3.	Increase funds to replace aging laptops by utilizing Georgia Technology Authority's end user computing service to begin July 1, 2026.	833,213
4.	Increase funds for rent at the Athens and Thomasville career centers while working with the State Properties Commission to fill vacancies.	611,691
	Total Change	**$1,697,505**

Labor Market Information

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$45,213
	Total Change	**$45,213**

Unemployment Insurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,220,751
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(41,092)
	Total Change	**$1,179,659**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DOL)

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	($1,852)
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	5,898
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(73,308)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	24,478
5.	Reduce one-time funds for staff training.	(62,700)
6.	Provide funds to implement call center enhancements.	640,000
	Total Change	**$532,516**

Labor Market Information

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Unemployment Insurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($246,551)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	76,711
3.	Increase funds for 10 additional positions to reduce collection delinquency and replenish the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.	821,279
4.	Increase funds for 10 customer service positions to reduce call abandonment and wait times.	665,381
5.	Increase funds for 10 financial auditor positions to prevent unemployment insurance fraud.	917,153
	Total Change	**$2,233,973**

Department of Labor

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$8,930,190	$2,922,377	$11,852,567	$8,930,190	$2,766,489	$11,696,679
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$8,930,190**	**$2,922,377**	**$11,852,567**	**$8,930,190**	**$2,766,489**	**$11,696,679**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$75,340,557	$0	$75,340,557	$75,340,557	$0	$75,340,557
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$75,340,557**	**$0**	**$75,340,557**	**$75,340,557**	**$0**	**$75,340,557**
Other Funds	$11,896,123	$0	$11,896,123	$11,896,123	$0	$11,896,123
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$11,896,123**	**$0**	**$11,896,123**	**$11,896,123**	**$0**	**$11,896,123**
Total Funds	**$96,166,870**	**$2,922,377**	**$99,089,247**	**$96,166,870**	**$2,766,489**	**$98,933,359**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DOL)						
State General Funds	2,101,946	1,697,505	3,799,451	2,101,946	532,516	2,634,462
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	20,539,169	0	20,539,169	20,539,169	0	20,539,169
Other Funds	7,347,618	0	7,347,618	7,347,618	0	7,347,618
TOTAL FUNDS	**$29,988,733**	**$1,697,505**	**$31,686,238**	**$29,988,733**	**$532,516**	**$30,521,249**
Labor Market Information						
State General Funds	0	45,213	45,213	0	0	0
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	2,121,776	0	2,121,776	2,121,776	0	2,121,776
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,121,776**	**$45,213**	**$2,166,989**	**$2,121,776**	**$0**	**$2,121,776**
Unemployment Insurance						
State General Funds	6,828,244	1,179,659	8,007,903	6,828,244	2,233,973	9,062,217
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	52,679,612	0	52,679,612	52,679,612	0	52,679,612
Other Funds	4,548,505	0	4,548,505	4,548,505	0	4,548,505
TOTAL FUNDS	**$64,056,361**	**$1,179,659**	**$65,236,020**	**$64,056,361**	**$2,233,973**	**$66,290,334**

Department of Labor

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DOL)	$109,253,007	$38,273,761	$29,988,733	$31,686,238	$30,521,249
Labor Market Information	3,401,960	2,835,093	2,121,776	2,166,989	2,121,776
Unemployment Insurance	39,649,514	83,803,402	64,056,361	65,236,020	66,290,334
SUBTOTAL	**$152,304,481**	**$124,912,256**	**$96,166,870**	**$99,089,247**	**$98,933,359**
Total Funds	**$152,304,481**	**$124,912,256**	**$96,166,870**	**$99,089,247**	**$98,933,359**
Less:					
Federal Funds	114,330,063	82,986,058	75,340,557	75,340,557	75,340,557
Federal COVID Funds	9,431,531	14,904,338			
Other Funds	17,063,856	18,443,601	11,896,123	11,896,123	11,896,123
SUBTOTAL	**$140,825,450**	**$116,333,997**	**$87,236,680**	**$87,236,680**	**$87,236,680**
State General Funds	11,479,031	8,578,260	8,930,190	11,852,567	11,696,679
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$11,479,031**	**$8,578,260**	**$8,930,190**	**$11,852,567**	**$11,696,679**

Department of Law

Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Law, headed by the Attorney General, provides legal representation and advice to the departments, officials, and employees of the executive branch of state government. The Attorney General is a constitutional officer elected to a four-year term in the same general election as the Governor.

The Department of Law represents the state in any civil and criminal case to which the state is a party, in all capital felony actions before the Georgia Supreme Court, and in all actions before the Supreme Court of the United States.

As the chief legal officer of the state and the legal advisor to the executive branch of state government, it is the duty of the Attorney General to provide opinions on any question of law involving the interests of the state or duties of any department. It is also the responsibility of the Attorney General to prepare and review contracts and other legal documents in which the state is interested and to draft proposed legislation or rules and regulations for state departments.

The Attorney General, as head of the Department of Law and chief legal officer of the state, is authorized to institute and conduct investigations at any time into the affairs of the state and its departments and agencies or the official conduct of any state official or employee, as well as the affairs of any person, firm, or corporation for violations in their dealings with the state, and may criminally prosecute violations of any state laws arising in relation to dealing with the state. The Attorney General is also vested with complete and exclusive authority and jurisdiction in all matters of law relating to state authorities.

The Department of Law is organized into nine legal divisions and an operations division, all of which are headed by the Attorney General. The specialized legal divisions - Regulated Industries and Professions, Commercial Transactions and Litigation, Criminal Justice, General Litigation, Government Services and Employment, Consumer Protection, Medicaid Fraud Control, Special Prosecutions, and the Solicitor General’s office - provide a full range of civil legal services to state departments, agencies, authorities, boards, bureaus, commissions, and institutions. Additionally, the Special Prosecutions Unit carries out the criminal prosecutorial functions vested in the Department of Law and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes Medicaid fraud both civilly and criminally. Finally, the Solicitor General represents the State in selected constitutional matters in both state and federal courts and provides legal advice and assistance in legal appeals arising out of the Department’s cases.

Executive Branch entities reimburse the department for the litigation expenses incurred, such as court costs, witness fees, filing costs, and reporting costs.

AUTHORITY

Title 21-2-3 and 45-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Department of Law

Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Department of Law

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the State of Georgia is involved.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$617,911
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(385,862)
3.	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	(93,724)
4.	Reduce funds for vacant positions.	(82,000)
	Total Change	**$56,325**

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$88,273
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(41,332)
	Total Change	**$46,941**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Department of Law

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the State of Georgia is involved.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($114,511)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	894
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	24,199
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(2,531,903)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	778,490
	Total Change	**($1,842,831)**

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,730)
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	20,390
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(68,358)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	23,231
	Total Change	**($28,467)**

Department of Law

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$49,495,901	$103,266	$49,599,167	$49,495,901	($1,871,298)	$47,624,603
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$49,495,901**	**$103,266**	**$49,599,167**	**$49,495,901**	**($1,871,298)**	**$47,624,603**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332	$0	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$0	$3,633,332
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$3,633,332**	**$0**	**$3,633,332**	**$3,633,332**	**$0**	**$3,633,332**
Other Funds	$80,173,040	$0	$80,173,040	$80,173,040	$0	$80,173,040
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$80,173,040**	**$0**	**$80,173,040**	**$80,173,040**	**$0**	**$80,173,040**
Total Funds	**$133,302,273**	**$103,266**	**$133,405,539**	**$133,302,273**	**($1,871,298)**	**$131,430,975**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department of Law						
State General Funds	47,802,872	56,325	47,859,197	47,802,872	(1,842,831)	45,960,041
Other Funds	80,173,040	0	80,173,040	80,173,040	0	80,173,040
TOTAL FUNDS	**$127,975,912**	**$56,325**	**$128,032,237**	**$127,975,912**	**($1,842,831)**	**$126,133,081**
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit						
State General Funds	1,693,029	46,941	1,739,970	1,693,029	(28,467)	1,664,562
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	3,633,332	0	3,633,332	3,633,332	0	3,633,332
TOTAL FUNDS	**$5,326,361**	**$46,941**	**$5,373,302**	**$5,326,361**	**($28,467)**	**$5,297,894**

Department of Law

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Department of Law	$128,691,640	$136,178,195	$127,975,912	$128,032,237	$126,133,081
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit	6,143,528	6,444,407	5,326,361	5,373,302	5,297,894
SUBTOTAL	**$134,835,168**	**$142,622,602**	**$133,302,273**	**$133,405,539**	**$131,430,975**
Total Funds	**$134,835,168**	**$142,622,602**	**$133,302,273**	**$133,405,539**	**$131,430,975**
Less:					
Federal Funds	4,607,670	4,833,295	3,633,332	3,633,332	3,633,332
Other Funds	88,928,385	91,498,215	80,173,040	80,173,040	80,173,040
SUBTOTAL	**$93,536,055**	**$96,331,510**	**$83,806,372**	**$83,806,372**	**$83,806,372**
State General Funds	41,299,113	46,291,092	49,495,901	49,599,167	47,624,603
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$41,299,113**	**$46,291,092**	**$49,495,901**	**$49,599,167**	**$47,624,603**

Department of Natural Resources

Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Natural Resources provides natural resource development, management, and protection services to Georgia's citizens and local governments. These services include the operation of state parks and historic sites; management and protection of wildlife and coastal resources; enforcement of wildlife, boating safety, and environmental laws; and protection and management of the state's water, air, and land resources in accordance with various state and federal laws.

COASTAL RESOURCES

The primary objectives of this program are to ensure the commercial and recreational utilization of Georgia's marine fisheries and to protect coastal Georgia's tidal marshes and sand sharing systems. These objectives are accomplished through research, technical assistance, and habitat enhancement.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

This program is largely a regulatory body whose main objective is to enforce state laws, federal laws, and rules and regulations regarding water quality, water supply, air quality, solid waste, and hazardous waste. These objectives are accomplished through a permitting process coupled with monitoring, inspection, and investigation and enforcement activities. The program also manages the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund and the Solid Waste Trust Fund, which provide remediation cleanups to potentially dangerous waste sites.

PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC SITES

This program provides recreational opportunities to the citizens of Georgia through the development and operation of all state parks and historic sites, which attract over 10 million visitors per year. The program manages over 86,000 acres with such amenities as campgrounds, cottages, lodges, swimming pools, group camps, and golf courses, and provides technical assistance in archaeological matters.

WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Lands and freshwater habitats are managed by Wildlife Resources for public hunting, fishing, other wildlife-based recreation, and educational purposes. This program also promotes the conservation and wise use of game and non-game wildlife resources. The program manages public fishing areas, wildlife management areas, and produces fish in state hatcheries.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The primary objectives of this program are to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archaeological, and cultural resources, department properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws. Law Enforcement also teaches hunter and boater education classes and assists other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

GEORGIA OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP

The primary objective of this program is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for state and local parks and trails, land acquisition, and stewardship of conservation lands in the state.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Jekyll Island State Park Authority is responsible for the development and operation of tourist, convention, and recreational areas and facilities on the island.

The Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority is responsible for managing through contract the development and operation of tourist, convention, and recreational areas and facilities on the islands.

The Southwest Georgia Railroad Excursion Authority is an initiative that seeks to bring tourists through historic middle Georgia via scenic rail.

The Stone Mountain Memorial Association is responsible for managing through contract the operation of tourist engagement, as well as the management of convention and recreational areas and various other facilities at the mountain.

The North Georgia Mountain Authority provides oversight of various state park lodges and golf courses in the State of Georgia.

AUTHORITY

Titles 8, 12, 16, 27, 31, 38, 43, 44, 46, 48, 50 and 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and Public Laws 92-500, 93-523, 88-206, 94-580.

Department of Natural Resources
Program Budgets

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Coastal Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$129,180
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(22,774)
3.	Increase funds to replace Coastal Resources Database to streamline permitting application processing.	500,000
4.	Increase funds for Tybee Island North Beach dune emergency stabilization.	1,000,000
	Total Change	**$1,606,406**

Departmental Administration (DNR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$155,016
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(80,348)
	Total Change	**$74,668**

Environmental Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,507,100
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(187,920)
3.	Increase funds for one-time funding to support air emissions program operations to allow preservation of existing revenue to delay a fiscal shortfall.	1,000,000
	Total Change	**$2,319,180**

Hazardous Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Law Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$454,283
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(248,284)
	Total Change	**$205,999**

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Parks Recreation and Historic Sites

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$656,665
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(62,914)
3.	Increase funds for erosion control at Crooked River State Park, contingent on the award of a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.	1,250,000
4.	Increase funds for recreational activities.	8,361,250
5.	Increase funds for financial and operational review and planning for Stone Mountain Memorial Association.	500,000
6.	Increase funds for Fort Yargo dock replacement.	80,000
7.	Increase funds for one-time funding for the Vince Dooley Battlefield Fund pursuant to HB454 (2025 Legislative Session).	2,000,000
8.	Increase funds for state-owned building housing the RiverCenter for urgent life safety repairs.	1,250,000
	Total Change	**$14,035,001**

Solid Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Wildlife Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$843,976

2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(152,552)
3.	Provide funds for a road paving project on Sapelo Island.	5,000,000
4.	Increase funds to expand, improve, and update wildlife management areas statewide.	5,000,000
5.	Increase funds to mitigate the spread of invasive plant species in southwest Georgia.	75,000
	Total Change	**$10,766,424**

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Coastal Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement, by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,515
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(979)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(136,648)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	48,860
5.	Eliminate funds for beach restoration.	(1,000,000)
6.	Eliminate one-time funds for equipment and vehicle costs and maintain funds ($273,017) for ongoing costs related to reef/migratory fish surveys.	(75,983)
	Total Change	**($1,157,235)**

Departmental Administration (DNR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$26,964
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(1,746)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	64,350
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(482,082)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	152,534
	Total Change	**($239,980)**

Environmental Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring, and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$76,075
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(8,620)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,127,525)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	436,305
5.	Provide funds to support air emissions program operations to allow preservation of existing revenue to delay a fiscal shortfall. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	500,000
	Total Change	**($123,765)**

Hazardous Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Hazardous Waste Fees, and Hazardous Substance Reporting Fees.	$3,117,516
2.	Utilize existing funds ($73,144) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	Yes
	Total Change	**$3,117,516**

Law Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$81,929
2.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	104,809
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,489,707)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	480,675
	Total Change	**($822,294)**

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$3,093
2.	Increase funds to reflect sufficient increase in FY 2025 collections of sporting goods stores sales and use tax to restore 20% prior year reduction in the appropriation pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-6A-5.	5,753,027
3.	Increase funds for grants and benefits to reflect an increase in FY 2025 collections of sporting goods stores sales and use tax.	4,988,906
	Total Change	**$10,745,026**

Parks Recreation and Historic Sites

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$20,760
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(377,479)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	325,471
4.	Eliminate one-time funding for outdoor recreation. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	(7,000,000)
5.	Maintain $150,000 for the SAM Shortline Railroad. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	(150,000)
6.	Increase funds for outdoor recreation. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	5,909,393
7.	Increase funds for historic preservation. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	975,000
8.	Increase funds for the Vince Dooley Battlefield Fund pursuant to HB 454 (2025 Session). (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	150,000
	Total Change	**($146,855)**

Solid Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Solid Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of Scrap Tire Fees.	$270,147
2.	Utilize existing funds ($24,951) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	Yes
	Total Change	**$270,147**

Wildlife Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$50,340
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(6,003)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(915,316)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	190,632
5.	Increase funds for the Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund to reflect FY 2025 collections of Lifetime Sportsman's License revenues.	1,015,650

6.	Increase funds for operational costs at fish hatcheries due to rising input costs of spawning.	200,000
7.	Increase funds for a public-private feral hog management pilot program. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,000,000
8.	Transfer funds from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources to consolidate Feral Hog Task Force.	150,000
	Total Change	**$1,685,303**

Department of Natural Resources

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$157,501,746	$29,007,678	$186,509,424	$157,501,746	$8,924,550	$166,426,296
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	1,993,465	0	1,993,465	1,993,465	1,015,650	3,009,115
Solid Waste Trust Funds	9,838,299	0	9,838,299	9,838,299	270,147	10,108,446
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	11,771,491	0	11,771,491	11,771,491	3,117,516	14,889,007
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$181,105,001**	**$29,007,678**	**$210,112,679**	**$181,105,001**	**$13,327,863**	**$194,432,864**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,919,242	$0	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$0	$70,919,242
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$70,919,242**	**$0**	**$70,919,242**	**$70,919,242**	**$0**	**$70,919,242**
Other Funds	$101,815,729	$0	$101,815,729	$101,815,729	$0	$101,815,729
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$101,815,729**	**$0**	**$101,815,729**	**$101,815,729**	**$0**	**$101,815,729**
Total Funds	**$353,839,972**	**$29,007,678**	**$382,847,650**	**$353,839,972**	**$13,327,863**	**$367,167,835**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Coastal Resources						
State General Funds	4,672,283	1,606,406	6,278,689	4,672,283	(1,157,235)	3,515,048
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	5,096,144	0	5,096,144	5,096,144	0	5,096,144
Other Funds	107,925	0	107,925	107,925	0	107,925
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,876,352**	**$1,606,406**	**$11,482,758**	**$9,876,352**	**($1,157,235)**	**$8,719,117**
Departmental Administration (DNR)						
State General Funds	13,515,482	74,668	13,590,150	13,515,482	(239,980)	13,275,502
TOTAL FUNDS	**$13,515,482**	**$74,668**	**$13,590,150**	**$13,515,482**	**($239,980)**	**$13,275,502**
Environmental Protection						
State General Funds	35,087,578	2,319,180	37,406,758	35,087,578	(123,765)	34,963,813
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	29,887,490	0	29,887,490	29,887,490	0	29,887,490
Other Funds	60,823,953	0	60,823,953	60,823,953	0	60,823,953
TOTAL FUNDS	**$125,799,021**	**$2,319,180**	**$128,118,201**	**$125,799,021**	**($123,765)**	**$125,675,256**
Hazardous Waste Trust Fund						
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	11,771,491	0	11,771,491	11,771,491	3,117,516	14,889,007
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,771,491**	**$0**	**$11,771,491**	**$11,771,491**	**$3,117,516**	**$14,889,007**
Law Enforcement						
State General Funds	34,310,618	205,999	34,516,617	34,310,618	(822,294)	33,488,324
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	2,751,293	0	2,751,293	2,751,293	0	2,751,293
Other Funds	3,657	0	3,657	3,657	0	3,657
TOTAL FUNDS	**$37,065,568**	**$205,999**	**$37,271,567**	**$37,065,568**	**($822,294)**	**$36,243,274**
Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program						
State General Funds	23,012,109	0	23,012,109	23,012,109	10,745,026	33,757,135
TOTAL FUNDS	**$23,012,109**	**$0**	**$23,012,109**	**$23,012,109**	**$10,745,026**	**$33,757,135**
Parks Recreation and Historic Sites						
State General Funds	23,457,853	14,035,001	37,492,854	23,457,853	(146,855)	23,310,998
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	3,204,029	0	3,204,029	3,204,029	0	3,204,029

Department of Natural Resources

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Other Funds	32,391,791	0	32,391,791	32,391,791	0	32,391,791
TOTAL FUNDS	**$59,053,673**	**$14,035,001**	**$73,088,674**	**$59,053,673**	**($146,855)**	**$58,906,818**
Solid Waste Trust Fund						
Solid Waste Trust Funds	9,838,299	0	9,838,299	9,838,299	270,147	10,108,446
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,838,299**	**$0**	**$9,838,299**	**$9,838,299**	**$270,147**	**$10,108,446**
Wildlife Resources						
State General Funds	23,445,823	10,766,424	34,212,247	23,445,823	669,653	24,115,476
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	1,993,465	0	1,993,465	1,993,465	1,015,650	3,009,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	29,980,286	0	29,980,286	29,980,286	0	29,980,286
Other Funds	8,488,403	0	8,488,403	8,488,403	0	8,488,403
TOTAL FUNDS	**$63,907,977**	**$10,766,424**	**$74,674,401**	**$63,907,977**	**$1,685,303**	**$65,593,280**

Department of Natural Resources
Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Coastal Resources	$12,037,445	$19,029,164	$9,876,352	$11,482,758	$8,719,117
Departmental Administration (DNR)	13,773,986	13,862,526	13,515,482	13,590,150	13,275,502
Environmental Protection	134,314,481	139,051,764	125,799,021	128,118,201	125,675,256
Hazardous Waste Trust Fund	9,155,438	11,703,326	11,771,491	11,771,491	14,889,007
Law Enforcement	38,297,807	40,068,154	37,065,568	37,271,567	36,243,274
Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program	30,360,312	30,138,943	23,012,109	23,012,109	33,757,135
Parks Recreation and Historic Sites	139,967,186	126,326,299	59,053,673	73,088,674	58,906,818
Solid Waste Trust Fund	10,595,827	8,323,273	9,838,299	9,838,299	10,108,446
Wildlife Resources	112,067,208	123,079,605	63,907,977	74,674,401	65,593,280
SUBTOTAL	**$500,569,690**	**$511,583,054**	**$353,839,972**	**$382,847,650**	**$367,167,835**
Total Funds	**$500,569,690**	**$511,583,054**	**$353,839,972**	**$382,847,650**	**$367,167,835**
Less:					
Federal Funds	118,952,376	115,536,033	70,919,242	70,919,242	70,919,242
Federal COVID Funds	1,374,145	477,787			
Other Funds	187,873,065	189,814,782	101,815,729	101,815,729	101,815,729
Prior Year State Funds	6,928,469	11,929,105			
SUBTOTAL	**$315,128,055**	**$317,757,707**	**$172,734,971**	**$172,734,971**	**$172,734,971**
State General Funds	173,297,109	181,067,452	157,501,746	186,509,424	166,426,296
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds			1,993,465	1,993,465	3,009,115
Solid Waste Trust Funds	7,566,698	6,745,770	9,838,299	9,838,299	10,108,446
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	4,577,828	6,012,125	11,771,491	11,771,491	14,889,007
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$185,441,635**	**$193,825,347**	**$181,105,001**	**$210,112,679**	**$194,432,864**

State Board of Pardons and Paroles

Roles and Responsibilities

The State Board of Pardons and Paroles is comprised of five members appointed by the Governor and empowered to grant, deny, condition, and revoke executive clemency. With the support of more than 800 staff members, the board reviews the sentences of all inmates to determine what degree of executive clemency may be warranted, directs the clemency action, and monitors the progress of all offenders who have been paroled or conditionally released from prison until the completion of their sentences.

AGENCY OPERATIONS

In order to accomplish its mission, the agency has identified three core budgetary programs:

- Board Administration: Conduct the internal operations of the agency including fiscal management, staff training, human resources, quality assurance audits, and houses the board.

- Clemency: Making informed parole decisions and administering the parole violation, commutation, and interstate compact processes.
- Victim Services: Ensuring crime victims have a voice in the criminal justice process.

The Clemency Decisions program consists of the Clemency and Field Services Divisions. The Clemency Division gathers information and prepares cases for the Board Members to make informed parole decisions on current inmates. Parole decisions include a thorough review of individual criminal history, circumstances of the offense, recommendation of time to serve based on scientific, agency developed, Parole Guidelines, and validated risk assessments. The Pardons unit within the Clemency Decisions program compiles, reviews, processes, and presents for consideration all requests for restoration of civil, political, and firearms rights and pardons of all types.

The Field Services Division gathers information and prepares cases for the Board Members to make informed decisions regarding the issuance of board warrants, revocations or continuances of parole, extraditions, and considerations for commutation of parole. This case preparation includes the review and recommended actions in response to delinquent reports submitted by community supervision officers as a result of parole violations in the community. Additionally, the Field Services Division includes statutory activities related to Georgia's adherence to the Interstate Compact. The Interstate Compact Unit is responsible for conducting extradition activities, conducting preliminary and probable cause hearings, and managing the interstate compact process for all Georgia parolees.

The Victim Services program is comprised of the Office of Victim Services (OVS). OVS provides opportunities for victims to communicate the impact of offender actions at all stages of the criminal justice process, by coordinating services for the Department of Corrections, the Department of Community Supervision, and the Parole Board. OVS provides systems for victims to obtain information regarding the custody status of inmates and notification upon release of the offender, as well as opportunities for face-to-face contact with the Board via Victim Visitor's Day.

AUTHORITY

State Constitution, Article Four, Section Two and Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

State Board of Pardons and Paroles
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Board Administration (SBPP)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$27,989
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(16,196)
	Total Change	**$11,793**

Clemency Decisions

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$331,562
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(145,412)
3.	Reduce funds for vacant positions.	(111,828)
4.	Increase funds to review the status of non-ambulatory, medically fragile, bed-ridden, and terminally ill inmates.	111,828
	Total Change	**$186,150**

Victim Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$12,918
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(4,420)
	Total Change	**$8,498**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Board Administration (SBPP)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$487
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	145
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	7,856
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(97,181)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	35,313
	Total Change	**($53,380)**

Clemency Decisions

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,370
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	2,538
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	22,080
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(872,471)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	281,542
	Total Change	**($561,941)**

Victim Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$133
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(26,522)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	8,084
	Total Change	**($18,305)**

State Board of Pardons and Paroles

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$21,407,799	$206,441	$21,614,240	$21,407,799	($633,626)	$20,774,173
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$21,407,799**	**$206,441**	**$21,614,240**	**$21,407,799**	**($633,626)**	**$20,774,173**
Total Funds	**$21,407,799**	**$206,441**	**$21,614,240**	**$21,407,799**	**($633,626)**	**$20,774,173**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Board Administration (SBPP)						
State General Funds	2,405,193	11,793	2,416,986	2,405,193	(53,380)	2,351,813
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,405,193**	**$11,793**	**$2,416,986**	**$2,405,193**	**($53,380)**	**$2,351,813**
Clemency Decisions						
State General Funds	18,272,571	186,150	18,458,721	18,272,571	(561,941)	17,710,630
TOTAL FUNDS	**$18,272,571**	**$186,150**	**$18,458,721**	**$18,272,571**	**($561,941)**	**$17,710,630**
Victim Services						
State General Funds	730,035	8,498	738,533	730,035	(18,305)	711,730
TOTAL FUNDS	**$730,035**	**$8,498**	**$738,533**	**$730,035**	**($18,305)**	**$711,730**

State Board of Pardons and Paroles

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Board Administration (SBPP)	$2,411,495	$2,589,906	$2,405,193	$2,416,986	$2,351,813
Clemency Decisions	17,101,467	18,305,006	18,272,571	18,458,721	17,710,630
Victim Services	727,608	739,789	730,035	738,533	711,730
SUBTOTAL	**$20,240,570**	**$21,634,701**	**$21,407,799**	**$21,614,240**	**$20,774,173**
Total Funds	**$20,240,570**	**$21,634,701**	**$21,407,799**	**$21,614,240**	**$20,774,173**
Less:					
Federal Funds	78,069	102,108			
Other Funds	112,272	257,771			
Prior Year State Funds		106,670			
SUBTOTAL	**$190,341**	**$466,549**			
State General Funds	20,050,228	21,168,152	21,407,799	21,614,240	20,774,173
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$20,050,228**	**$21,168,152**	**$21,407,799**	**$21,614,240**	**$20,774,173**

State Properties Commission

Roles and Responsibilities

The State Properties Commission (SPC) is the real estate portfolio manager for the state and is responsible for the acquisition and disposition of all state-owned real property or real property interests, except for the University System of Georgia Board of Regents and Department of Transportation.

SPC assists state entities in the location of cost effective and operationally efficient workspace in state-owned facilities or commercially leased space in accordance with space standards adopted by the Commission.

SPC provides management and oversight for the State's leased property portfolio. Services offered range from locating and procuring new lease locations to renewing to renegotiating existing agreements in both state and commercially owned facilities. The Building, Land, and Lease Inventory of Property (BLLIP) database currently reflects state-owned buildings, state leases, and state-owned and leased land.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Georgia Building Authority (GBA) owns and operates buildings and various facilities located in the Capitol Hill complex, including the Georgia State Capitol and the Governor's Mansion.

GBA has a portfolio of numerous buildings, parking facilities, parks and plazas, warehouse complexes, and confederate cemeteries. Services provided by GBA include maintenance, renovations, landscaping, housekeeping, event scheduling, food service, parking, and building access services.

AUTHORITY

Title 50-16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; Article VII, Section IV, Paragraph VII, the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

State Properties Commission
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

State Properties Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

Recommended Change:

1. No change.	$0
Total Change	**$0**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

State Properties Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

Recommended Change:

1. No change.	$0
Total Change	**$0**

State Properties Commission

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
Other Funds	$2,600,000	$0	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$0	$2,600,000
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$2,600,000**	**$0**	**$2,600,000**	**$2,600,000**	**$0**	**$2,600,000**
Total Funds	**$2,600,000**	**$0**	**$2,600,000**	**$2,600,000**	**$0**	**$2,600,000**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
State Properties Commission						
Other Funds	2,600,000	0	2,600,000	2,600,000	0	2,600,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,600,000**	**$0**	**$2,600,000**	**$2,600,000**	**$0**	**$2,600,000**

State Properties Commission

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
State Properties Commission	$2,273,729	$2,448,754	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
SUBTOTAL	**$2,273,729**	**$2,448,754**	**$2,600,000**	**$2,600,000**	**$2,600,000**
Total Funds	**$2,273,729**	**$2,448,754**	**$2,600,000**	**$2,600,000**	**$2,600,000**
Less:					
Other Funds	2,273,729	2,448,754	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,600,000
SUBTOTAL	**$2,273,729**	**$2,448,754**	**$2,600,000**	**$2,600,000**	**$2,600,000**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Georgia Public Defender Council

Roles and Responsibilities

The Georgia Public Defender Council (GPDC) is responsible for assuring that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political consideration or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation. This legal representation is consistent with the guarantees of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, the Constitution of the United States, and the mandates of the Georgia Indigent Defense Act of 2003. GPDC provides such legal services in a cost-efficient manner and conducts that representation in such a way that the criminal justice system operates effectively to achieve justice.

The GPDC serves as administrative support for the 45 circuit public defender offices throughout the state through two programs – Public Defender Council and Public Defenders. The Council program ensures that Georgia's indigent defense team has the guidance and support necessary to provide effective and comprehensive client representation. It does so by providing training and professional development for the attorneys and other staff involved in defending indigent clients, representing the interests of defense attorneys throughout the state, and providing administrative assistance to circuit public defenders as needed. In addition, the Council program includes the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, which provides direct and co-counsel representation, assistance, and resources to indigent persons in death penalty cases and appeals, and the Office of the Mental Health Advocate, which represents indigent persons found not guilty by reason of insanity or mentally incompetent to stand trial.

The Public Defenders program consists of each of the 45 circuit public defenders and their offices, along with providing payments to the six opt-out circuits. In partnership with the counties, these circuit public defender offices represent indigent adults and juveniles in a variety of statutorily specified proceedings. Within the Public Defenders program, the Conflicts Division is responsible for ensuring that legal representation is provided where a conflict of interest exists within the local circuit public defender office.

AUTHORITY

Title 17 Chapter 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Georgia Public Defender Council
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Public Defender Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$131,333
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(73,702)
	Total Change	**$57,631**

Public Defenders

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,464,040
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(558,166)
3.	Increase funds to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue representation in large multi-defendant cases.	3,742,701
4.	Increase funds to align assistant public defender salaries to assistant district attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council upon adoption of parity pay scale by the Georgia Public Defender Council.	Yes
	Total Change	**$4,648,575**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Public Defender Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($11,721)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	1,878
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	485
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(442,206)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	151,710
6.	Reduce funds for redundant case management system.	(167,000)
	Total Change	**($466,854)**

Public Defenders

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($88,765)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	1,377

3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	12,091
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(3,348,992)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,022,308
6.	Increase funds to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue representation in large, multi-defendant cases.	3,000,000
7.	Increase funds to align assistant public defender salaries to assistant district attorney salaries at the Prosecuting Attorneys Council effective January 1, 2027.	7,000,820
8.	Increase funds for three assistant public defender positions for new judgeships in the Gwinnett, Middle, and Northeastern Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2027.	311,240
9.	Increase funds to set circuit public defender salary to $175,000 effective January 1, 2027, contingent upon circuit public defender being compliant with district attorney pay pursuant to HB 1020 (2026 Session).	1,519,394
	Total Change	**$9,429,473**

Georgia Public Defender Council

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$82,937,857	$4,706,206	$87,644,063	$82,937,857	$8,962,619	$91,900,476
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$82,937,857**	**$4,706,206**	**$87,644,063**	**$82,937,857**	**$8,962,619**	**$91,900,476**
Other Funds	$44,840,000	$0	$44,840,000	$44,840,000	$0	$44,840,000
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$44,840,000**	**$0**	**$44,840,000**	**$44,840,000**	**$0**	**$44,840,000**
Total Funds	**$127,777,857**	**$4,706,206**	**$132,484,063**	**$127,777,857**	**$8,962,619**	**$136,740,476**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Public Defender Council						
State General Funds	9,424,496	57,631	9,482,127	9,424,496	(466,854)	8,957,642
Other Funds	1,840,000	0	1,840,000	1,840,000	0	1,840,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,264,496**	**$57,631**	**$11,322,127**	**$11,264,496**	**($466,854)**	**$10,797,642**
Public Defenders						
State General Funds	73,513,361	4,648,575	78,161,936	73,513,361	9,429,473	82,942,834
Other Funds	43,000,000	0	43,000,000	43,000,000	0	43,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$116,513,361**	**$4,648,575**	**$121,161,936**	**$116,513,361**	**$9,429,473**	**$125,942,834**

Georgia Public Defender Council
Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Public Defender Council	$10,892,657	$10,924,461	$11,264,496	$11,322,127	$10,797,642
Public Defenders	125,769,665	131,927,723	116,513,361	121,161,936	125,942,834
SUBTOTAL	**$136,662,322**	**$142,852,184**	**$127,777,857**	**$132,484,063**	**$136,740,476**
Total Funds	**$136,662,322**	**$142,852,184**	**$127,777,857**	**$132,484,063**	**$136,740,476**
Less:					
Federal Funds	138,602	83,632			
Federal COVID Funds	17,081,638	16,806,202			
Other Funds	39,391,467	43,328,729	44,840,000	44,840,000	44,840,000
SUBTOTAL	**$56,611,707**	**$60,218,563**	**$44,840,000**	**$44,840,000**	**$44,840,000**
State General Funds	80,050,615	82,633,622	82,937,857	87,644,063	91,900,476
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$80,050,615**	**$82,633,622**	**$82,937,857**	**$87,644,063**	**$91,900,476**

Department of Public Health

Roles and Responsibilities

In 2009, HB 228 restructured the state's health and human services agencies. The Division of Public Health was transferred from the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Community Health (DCH). In 2011, HB 214 transitioned the Division of Public Health and the Office of Health Improvement from DCH to a newly created Department of Public Health (DPH). DPH has a nine-person board appointed by the Governor.

DPH has three major functions. The first function of DPH is to diagnose, investigate, and monitor any diseases, injuries, and health conditions that may have an adverse effect on Georgia's communities and people. The second major function of DPH is to ensure the health and safety of Georgia's citizens by providing health protective services, including emergency preparedness. The third and final function of DPH is to establish and implement sound public health policy.

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Epidemiology assesses, monitors, and evaluates the community's health status through identifying and monitoring disease trends, investigating outbreaks, and making recommendations to control disease spread.

HEALTH PROTECTION

Health Protection includes the offices of Emergency Preparedness, Healthcare Preparedness, Injury Prevention, Emergency Medical Services and Trauma, Opioids and Substance Misuse and Response, Low THC Oil Registry, Environmental Health, and the Volunteer Health Care Program. These programs are responsible for preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters and protecting the health and well-being of Georgia's citizens.

MEDICAL AND CLINICAL SERVICES

Medical and Clinical Services includes Infectious Diseases, Immunization, Pharmacy, Georgia Public Health Laboratory, and Chronic Disease Prevention. The programs cover a wide array of prevention, treatment, and ongoing services for Georgia's citizens.

WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND NURSING SERVICES

Women, Children, and Nursing Services includes women's health, child health, oral health, nursing, and telemedicine programs. These programs provide preventive health services in health departments and other practice locations, early intervention for infants at risk of developmental delays, quality improvement initiatives in hospitals to improve maternal and neonatal outcomes, and coordination efforts to ensure appropriate maternal and neonatal hospital level of care.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission works to improve the quality of life of Georgians with traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries by distributing grant funds.

The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission distributes funds appropriated for trauma system improvement and works to stabilize and strengthen the state's trauma care system.

AUTHORITY

Title 31, Official Code of Georgia Annotated. See also OCGA Titles 12-5-4, 15-21-143, and 43 10A-7.

Department of Public Health
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$118,415
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(22,274)
3.	Provide funds for charitable dental care.	150,000
4.	Increase funds.	5,790
	Total Change	**$251,931**

Adult Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(5,790)
	Total Change	**$9,281**

Departmental Administration (DPH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$583,463
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(283,708)
	Total Change	**$299,755**

Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$247,595
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(30,332)
	Total Change	**$217,263**

Epidemiology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$247,595
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(24,232)
	Total Change	**$223,363**

Department of Public Health
Program Budgets

Immunization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$101,191
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(6,966)
	Total Change	**$94,225**

Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$83,967
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(15,572)
	Total Change	**$68,395**

Infant and Child Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$223,912
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(7,014)
	Total Change	**$216,898**

Infectious Disease Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$445,671
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(41,952)
	Total Change	**$403,719**

Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$146,404
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(44,634)
	Total Change	**$101,770**

Public Health Formula Grants to Counties

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$8,495,738

2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,798,468)
3.	Reduce funds for prior statewide changes and telehealth costs.	(2,000,000)
	Total Change	**$4,697,270**

Vital Records

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$120,568
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(34,100)
	Total Change	**$86,468**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$10,765
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(9,226)
	Total Change	**$1,539**

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Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($6,604)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(5,008)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(133,646)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	41,605
5.	Provide funds to support critical personnel to stabilize services and maintain essential infusion and emergency care. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	700,000

6.	Provide funds and recognize $1,752,413 in base funds for the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	247,587
7.	Transfer funds for the Office of Cardiac Care from the Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion to Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement.	(508,590)
	Total Change	**$335,344**

Adult Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,716)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(1,286)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(34,736)
4.	Utilize existing funds ($11,373) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	Yes
	Total Change	**($37,738)**

Departmental Administration (DPH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,134
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(84,116)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(56,344)
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	24,933
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,702,245)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	553,460
	Total Change	**($1,260,178)**

Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,993)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(8,449)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(181,991)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	66,405
5.	Transfer funds for the Office of Cardiac Care to Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement from the Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion.	508,590
6.	Provide funds to the Office of Cardiac Care for grants to hospitals. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	500,000
7.	Provide funds to sustain core clinical staff who operate the Trauma Recovery Center. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	750,000
8.	Transfer funds and positions from the Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	Yes
	Total Change	**$1,625,562**

Department of Public Health

Program Budgets

Epidemiology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,185)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(21,186)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(145,392)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	44,231
5.	Transfer funds and positions from the Epidemiology program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	(334,186)
6.	Provide funds for the Coverdell Stroke Registry. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	360,095
7.	Provide funds for the Georgia Poison Center. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	140,000
	Total Change	**$36,377**

Immunization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,065)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(1,133)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(41,798)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	12,658
	Total Change	**($32,338)**

Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,018)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(4,251)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(93,429)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	35,530
5.	Increase funds to expand the maternal home visiting program to an additional 33 counties to increase access to maternal fetal medicine in rural communities.	3,715,800
6.	Transfer funds and positions from the Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	(456,117)
7.	Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from 66.40% to 66.63%.	(40,138)
	Total Change	**$3,152,377**

Infant and Child Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($6,720)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(9,903)

3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(42,079)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	50,412
5.	Transfer funds and positions from the Infant and Child Health Promotion program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	(10,239,731)
	Total Change	**($10,248,021)**

Infectious Disease Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($22,190)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(32,003)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(251,711)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	204,923
5.	Transfer funds and positions from the Infectious Disease Control program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	(10,997,494)
	Total Change	**($11,098,475)**

Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($13,234)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(13,198)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(267,805)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	91,242
5.	Transfer funds from the Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	(831,259)
	Total Change	**($1,034,254)**

Public Health Formula Grants to Counties

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($497)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(208,323)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	45,679
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(10,790,805)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,296
6.	Transfer funds from the Public Health Formula Grants to Counties program to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program.	(2,007,773)
	Total Change	**($12,958,423)**

Vital Records

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$130
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(10,110)
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(30,049)
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(204,595)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	68,408
	Total Change	**($176,216)**

Georgia Public Health Laboratory

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the state's public health laboratory program that conducts clinical and environmental testing, advances disease surveillance and emergency response capability, and provides reliable laboratory services to state and local public health partners.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($11,932)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(30,165)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(540,822)
4.	Transfer laboratory funds and positions from the Epidemiology program ($334,186), Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program ($456,117), Infant and Child Health Promotion program ($10,239,731), Infectious Disease Control program ($10,997,494), Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control program ($831,259), and the Public Health Formula Grants to Counties program ($2,007,773) to establish the Georgia Public Health Laboratory program to consolidate statewide laboratory services, align program structure with agency responsibilities, and reduce administrative burden.	24,866,560
	Total Change	**$24,283,641**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of fines relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-150.	($65,585)
2.	Utilize existing funds ($9,743) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	
	Total Change	**($65,585)**

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($55,359)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	17,590
3.	Increase funds for Trauma Care Network Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 Super Speeder Collections pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	228,970
4.	Increase funds to reflect FY 2025 drivers license reinstatement fees collection.	867,030
	Total Change	**$1,058,231**

Department of Public Health

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$402,752,216	$6,656,806	$409,409,022	$402,752,216	($6,545,343)	$396,206,873
Tobacco Settlement Funds	13,864,628	15,071	13,879,699	13,864,628	(37,738)	13,826,890
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	2,010,871	0	2,010,871	2,010,871	(65,585)	1,945,286
Trauma Care Trust Funds	16,389,873	0	16,389,873	16,389,873	228,970	16,618,843
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$435,017,588**	**$6,671,877**	**$441,689,465**	**$435,017,588**	**($6,419,696)**	**$428,597,892**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant	$17,179,690	$0	$17,179,690	$17,179,690	$0	$17,179,690
Preventive Health and Services Block Grant	4,567,734	0	4,567,734	4,567,734	0	4,567,734
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	20,341,394	0	20,341,394	20,341,394	0	20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	440,878,507	0	440,878,507	440,878,507	0	440,878,507
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$482,967,325**	**$0**	**$482,967,325**	**$482,967,325**	**$0**	**$482,967,325**
Other Funds	$21,573,077	$0	$21,573,077	$21,573,077	$0	$21,573,077
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$21,573,077**	**$0**	**$21,573,077**	**$21,573,077**	**$0**	**$21,573,077**
Total Funds	**$939,557,990**	**$6,671,877**	**$946,229,867**	**$939,557,990**	**($6,419,696)**	**$933,138,294**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion						
State General Funds	18,297,702	246,141	18,543,843	18,297,702	335,344	18,633,046
Tobacco Settlement Funds	6,896,574	5,790	6,902,364	6,896,574	0	6,896,574
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant	78,075	0	78,075	78,075	0	78,075
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	20,341,394	0	20,341,394	20,341,394	0	20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	10,569,922	0	10,569,922	10,569,922	0	10,569,922
Other Funds	695,000	0	695,000	695,000	0	695,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$56,878,667**	**$251,931**	**$57,130,598**	**$56,878,667**	**$335,344**	**$57,214,011**
Adult Essential Health Treatment Services						
Tobacco Settlement Funds	6,716,158	9,281	6,725,439	6,716,158	(37,738)	6,678,420
Preventive Health and Services Block Grant	957,168	0	957,168	957,168	0	957,168
TOTAL FUNDS	**$7,673,326**	**$9,281**	**$7,682,607**	**$7,673,326**	**($37,738)**	**$7,635,588**
Departmental Administration (DPH)						
State General Funds	32,117,267	299,755	32,417,022	32,117,267	(1,260,178)	30,857,089
Tobacco Settlement Funds	131,795	0	131,795	131,795	0	131,795
Preventive Health and Services Block Grant	1,208,613	0	1,208,613	1,208,613	0	1,208,613
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	4,606,000	0	4,606,000	4,606,000	0	4,606,000
Other Funds	230,000	0	230,000	230,000	0	230,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$38,293,675**	**$299,755**	**$38,593,430**	**$38,293,675**	**($1,260,178)**	**$37,033,497**
Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement						
State General Funds	6,548,028	217,263	6,765,291	6,548,028	1,625,562	8,173,590
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant	724,300	0	724,300	724,300	0	724,300

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	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	34,386,808	0	34,386,808	34,386,808	(2,443,813)	31,942,995
Other Funds	460,141	0	460,141	460,141	0	460,141
TOTAL FUNDS	**$42,119,277**	**$217,263**	**$42,336,540**	**$42,119,277**	**($818,251)**	**$41,301,026**
Epidemiology						
State General Funds	8,244,135	223,363	8,467,498	8,244,135	36,377	8,280,512
Tobacco Settlement Funds	120,101	0	120,101	120,101	0	120,101
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	15,459,874	0	15,459,874	15,459,874	(1,676,329)	13,783,545
TOTAL FUNDS	**$23,824,110**	**$223,363**	**$24,047,473**	**$23,824,110**	**($1,639,952)**	**$22,184,158**
Immunization						
State General Funds	2,499,795	94,225	2,594,020	2,499,795	(32,338)	2,467,457
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	11,000,391	0	11,000,391	11,000,391	0	11,000,391
Other Funds	12,649,702	0	12,649,702	12,649,702	0	12,649,702
TOTAL FUNDS	**$26,149,888**	**$94,225**	**$26,244,113**	**$26,149,888**	**($32,338)**	**$26,117,550**
Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services						
State General Funds	35,235,681	68,395	35,304,076	35,235,681	3,152,377	38,388,058
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant	10,818,769	0	10,818,769	10,818,769	0	10,818,769
Preventive Health and Services Block Grant	675,828	0	675,828	675,828	0	675,828
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	26,879,427	0	26,879,427	26,879,427	0	26,879,427
Other Funds	1,217,000	0	1,217,000	1,217,000	0	1,217,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$74,826,705**	**$68,395**	**$74,895,100**	**$74,826,705**	**$3,152,377**	**$77,979,082**
Infant and Child Health Promotion						
State General Funds	16,630,765	216,898	16,847,663	16,630,765	(10,248,021)	6,382,744
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant	5,558,546	0	5,558,546	5,558,546	0	5,558,546
Preventive Health and Services Block Grant	546,125	0	546,125	546,125	0	546,125
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	208,492,719	0	208,492,719	208,492,719	(321,975)	208,170,744
TOTAL FUNDS	**$231,228,155**	**$216,898**	**$231,445,053**	**$231,228,155**	**($10,569,996)**	**$220,658,159**
Infectious Disease Control						
State General Funds	46,149,968	403,719	46,553,687	46,149,968	(11,098,475)	35,051,493
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	100,912,495	0	100,912,495	100,912,495	(1,771,000)	99,141,495
TOTAL FUNDS	**$147,062,463**	**$403,719**	**$147,466,182**	**$147,062,463**	**($12,869,475)**	**$134,192,988**
Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control						
State General Funds	9,088,599	101,770	9,190,369	9,088,599	(1,034,254)	8,054,345
Preventive Health and Services Block Grant	1,180,000	0	1,180,000	1,180,000	0	1,180,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	3,426,558	0	3,426,558	3,426,558	0	3,426,558
Other Funds	750,000	0	750,000	750,000	0	750,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$14,445,157**	**$101,770**	**$14,546,927**	**$14,445,157**	**($1,034,254)**	**$13,410,903**
Public Health Formula Grants to Counties						
State General Funds	210,308,336	4,697,270	215,005,606	210,308,336	(12,958,423)	197,349,913

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Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	25,000,000	0	25,000,000	25,000,000	0	25,000,000
Other Funds	1,800,000	0	1,800,000	1,800,000	0	1,800,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$237,108,336**	**$4,697,270**	**$241,805,606**	**$237,108,336**	**($12,958,423)**	**$224,149,913**
Vital Records						
State General Funds	5,080,867	86,468	5,167,335	5,080,867	(176,216)	4,904,651
Other Funds	2,300,000	0	2,300,000	2,300,000	0	2,300,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$7,380,867**	**$86,468**	**$7,467,335**	**$7,380,867**	**($176,216)**	**$7,204,651**
Georgia Public Health Laboratory						
State General Funds	0	0	0	0	24,283,641	24,283,641
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	0	0	0	0	6,213,117	6,213,117
TOTAL FUNDS	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$30,496,758**	**$30,496,758**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund						
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	2,010,871	0	2,010,871	2,010,871	(65,585)	1,945,286
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	144,313	0	144,313	144,313	0	144,313
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,155,184**	**$0**	**$2,155,184**	**$2,155,184**	**($65,585)**	**$2,089,599**
Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission						
State General Funds	12,551,073	1,539	12,552,612	12,551,073	829,261	13,380,334
Trauma Care Trust Funds	16,389,873	0	16,389,873	16,389,873	228,970	16,618,843
Other Funds	1,471,234	0	1,471,234	1,471,234	0	1,471,234
TOTAL FUNDS	**$30,412,180**	**$1,539**	**$30,413,719**	**$30,412,180**	**$1,058,231**	**$31,470,411**

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Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion	$60,318,373	$55,632,709	$56,878,667	$57,130,598	$57,214,011
Adult Essential Health Treatment Services	7,438,612	7,444,183	7,673,326	7,682,607	7,635,588
Departmental Administration (DPH)	58,294,380	77,697,726	38,293,675	38,593,430	37,033,497
Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement	64,383,573	54,284,880	42,119,277	42,336,540	41,301,026
Epidemiology	122,529,316	73,271,234	23,824,110	24,047,473	22,184,158
Immunization	43,234,401	54,582,395	26,149,888	26,244,113	26,117,550
Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services	68,789,470	71,409,693	74,826,705	74,895,100	77,979,082
Infant and Child Health Promotion	310,054,011	338,321,037	231,228,155	231,445,053	220,658,159
Infectious Disease Control	140,791,486	172,223,951	147,062,463	147,466,182	134,192,988
Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control	10,935,805	11,376,764	14,445,157	14,546,927	13,410,903
Public Health Formula Grants to Counties	228,556,730	247,526,769	237,108,336	241,805,606	224,149,913
Vital Records	6,832,498	6,806,852	7,380,867	7,467,335	7,204,651
Georgia Public Health Laboratory					30,496,758
SUBTOTAL	**$1,122,158,655**	**$1,170,578,193**	**$906,990,626**	**$913,660,964**	**$899,578,284**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,293,144	$2,220,226	$2,155,184	$2,155,184	$2,089,599
Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission	23,011,050	29,774,212	30,412,180	30,413,719	31,470,411
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$24,304,194**	**$31,994,438**	**$32,567,364**	**$32,568,903**	**$33,560,010**
Total Funds	**$1,146,462,849**	**$1,202,572,631**	**$939,557,990**	**$946,229,867**	**$933,138,294**
Less:					
Federal Funds	487,170,750	584,605,558	482,967,325	482,967,325	482,967,325
Federal COVID Funds	161,748,821	102,086,743			
Other Funds	85,439,972	95,385,575	21,573,077	21,573,077	21,573,077
Prior Year State Funds	16,746,466	1,596,278			
SUBTOTAL	**$751,106,009**	**$783,674,154**	**$504,540,402**	**$504,540,402**	**$504,540,402**
State General Funds	366,933,407	388,394,941	402,752,216	409,409,022	396,206,873
Tobacco Settlement Funds	13,545,531	13,341,152	13,864,628	13,879,699	13,826,890
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Funds	597,395	1,155,335	2,010,871	2,010,871	1,945,286
Trauma Care Trust Funds	14,280,506	16,007,048	16,389,873	16,389,873	16,618,843
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$395,356,839**	**$418,898,476**	**$435,017,588**	**$441,689,465**	**$428,597,892**

Department of Public Safety

Roles and Responsibilities

The Georgia Department of Public Safety (DPS) includes the Uniform Division of the Georgia State Patrol (GSP). Its responsibilities include patrolling public roads and highways and investigating traffic accidents within the State of Georgia, thereby safeguarding the lives and property of the public. The Department's troopers work to reduce accidents and injuries by enforcing traffic laws, encouraging seat belt use, and targeting drivers under the influence of drugs and alcohol. In addition, the Department provides law enforcement assistance to other local and state agencies of the criminal justice community in areas such as specialty units, fugitive apprehension, and Homeland Security.

The Department’s other responsibilities include providing for the personal security of the Governor and First Lady, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, as well as the overall safety of employees, visitors, and facilities present on the Capitol Hill Area. DPS also houses Commercial Vehicle Enforcement which is responsible for enforcing Georgia’s commercial vehicle size, safety, and weight regulations, High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) Lane restrictions, and conducting school bus safety inspections. The Office of Public Safety Officer Support provides peer counselors and critical incident support services for the benefit of public safety officers.

In an effort to provide the services to the state and public as directed by the Governor, the Department of Public Safety has several unique units that contribute to the overall mission. These units include the following:

- Field Operations
- Aviation
- Capitol Police
- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- Administration
- Office of Public Safety Officer Support

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Georgia Public Safety Training Center provides instruction and support services for the training of state and local law enforcement officers, firefighters, correctional officers, and emergency personnel.

The Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council is responsible for establishing uniform standards for the employment and training of firefighters. Additionally, the Council establishes curriculum requirements and approves schools and facilities for the purpose of fire training.

The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council is responsible for improving law enforcement in the state by enforcing legislatively established standards for the employment and training of peace officers.

The Governor’s Office of Highway Safety is responsible for the development and administration of statewide highway safety programs. The agency educates the public on traffic safety and facilitates the implementation of programs that reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia’s roadways.

AUTHORITY

Titles 25, 35, 40, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Aviation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$38,754
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(27,036)
3.	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	(6,352)
	Total Change	**$5,366**

Capitol Police Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Departmental Administration (DPS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$161,475
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(72,640)
3.	Reduce funds for vacant positions.	(700,000)
	Total Change	**($611,165)**

Field Offices and Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,288,639
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,139,398)
3.	Transfer funds 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.	(1,000,000)
4.	Increase funds for ballistic helmet radio patches.	180,000
	Total Change	**$329,241**

Department of Public Safety
Program Budgets

Law Enforcement Training

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$47,366
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(61,236)
3.	Reduce funds for vacant positions.	(1,300,000)
	Total Change	**($1,313,870)**

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$624,370
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(105,056)
3.	Change program name from Motor Carrier Compliance to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement pursuant to HB116 (2025 Session).	Yes
	Total Change	**$519,314**

Office of Public Safety Officer Support

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$34,448
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(17,128)
	Total Change	**$17,320**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$27,989
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(13,604)
	Total Change	**$14,385**

Office of Highway Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$47,366
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(5,572)
	Total Change	**$41,794**

Office of Highway Safety: Georgia Driver's Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georg

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(2,596)
	Total Change	**$1,710**

Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$83,967
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(44,436)
3.	Increase funds for rent at the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Headquarters.	9,180
4.	Increase funds for a content management service.	24,587
	Total Change	**$73,298**

Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$447,824
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(201,932)
3.	Increase funds for the new Metro Academy in Austell effective November 3, 2025.	582,527
4.	Increase funds for rent at the Columbus Academy.	14,025
5.	Increase funds for rent at the Tifton Academy.	25,931
6.	Increase funds for rent at the Rome Academy.	22,445
7.	Increase funds for hearing protection equipment grants for law enforcement officers.	750,000

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Aviation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($550)
2.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	5,371
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	664
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(162,219)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	49,566
	Total Change	**($107,168)**

Department of Public Safety
Program Budgets

Capitol Police Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds pursuant to the passage of HB 438 (2026 Session). (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$59,490
	Total Change	**$59,490**

Departmental Administration (DPS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,477)
2.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	1,163
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	3,322
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(435,835)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	120,314
	Total Change	**($312,513)**

Field Offices and Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($23,175)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(101,334)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	634,385
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	43,189
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(6,836,391)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,320,321
7.	Transfer funds 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.	(1,000,000)
8.	Increase funds for hardening and protection of patrol vehicles. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	300,000
	Total Change	**($4,663,005)**

Law Enforcement Training

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,245)
2.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	25,804

3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	3,322
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(367,418)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	123,824
	Total Change	**($215,713)**

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,137)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(45,636)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	56,422
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	8,139
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(630,336)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	559,745
7.	Increase funds pursuant to the passage of HB 438 (2026 Session). (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	601,510
8.	Change program name from Motor Carrier Compliance to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement pursuant to HB116 (2025 Session).	Yes
	Total Change	**$547,707**

Office of Public Safety Officer Support

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($348)
2.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	8,212
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	664
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(102,764)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	33,906
	Total Change	**($60,330)**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,395
2.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	1,536

3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(81,628)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	24,681
5.	Increase funds for a safety and compliance specialist in the metro area. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	167,520
	Total Change	**$116,504**

Office of Highway Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,607
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(696)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(33,436)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	9,406
	Total Change	**($22,119)**

Office of Highway Safety: Georgia Driver's Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,214
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(909)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(15,571)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	7,962
5.	Increase funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY 2025 Joshua's Law collections.	2,018,943
	Total Change	**$2,011,639**

Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,208
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(1,443)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	13,152
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(266,616)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	80,206
6.	Increase funds for rent at the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Headquarters.	20,331
7.	Provide funds for security upgrades.	22,960
8.	Provide funds for a content management service.	15,587
9.	Eliminate funds for the one-time purchase of a cloud storage solution.	(9,823)
10.	Increase funds for statutory training. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	300,000
	Total Change	**$180,562**

Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$124,055
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	1,152
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	92,960
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(1,211,587)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	368,158
6.	Provide funds for the new Metro Academy in Austell.	831,134
7.	Increase funds for rent at the Columbus Academy.	14,025
8.	Increase funds for rent at the Tifton Academy.	41,072
9.	Increase funds for rent at the Rome Academy.	22,445
10.	Increase funds for ongoing costs related to the statewide radio system.	97,500
11.	Increase funds for officer training for at-risk adults following the passage of HB 238 (2025 Session). (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	171,117
	Total Change	**$552,031**

Department of Public Safety

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$256,072,312	$718,213	$256,790,525	$256,072,312	($1,912,915)	$254,159,397
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$256,072,312**	**$718,213**	**$256,790,525**	**$256,072,312**	**($1,912,915)**	**$254,159,397**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$34,695,566	$0	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$0	$34,695,566
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$34,695,566**	**$0**	**$34,695,566**	**$34,695,566**	**$0**	**$34,695,566**
Other Funds	$25,872,248	$0	$25,872,248	$25,872,248	$0	$25,872,248
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$25,872,248**	**$0**	**$25,872,248**	**$25,872,248**	**$0**	**$25,872,248**
Total Funds	**$316,640,126**	**$718,213**	**$317,358,339**	**$316,640,126**	**($1,912,915)**	**$314,727,211**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Aviation						
State General Funds	5,200,659	5,366	5,206,025	5,200,659	(107,168)	5,093,491
TOTAL FUNDS	**$5,200,659**	**$5,366**	**$5,206,025**	**$5,200,659**	**($107,168)**	**$5,093,491**
Capitol Police Services						
State General Funds	0	0	0	0	59,490	59,490
Other Funds	9,612,660	0	9,612,660	9,612,660	0	9,612,660
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,612,660**	**$0**	**$9,612,660**	**$9,612,660**	**$59,490**	**$9,672,150**
Departmental Administration (DPS)						
State General Funds	10,560,862	(611,165)	9,949,697	10,560,862	(312,513)	10,248,349
Other Funds	3,510	0	3,510	3,510	0	3,510
TOTAL FUNDS	**$10,564,372**	**($611,165)**	**$9,953,207**	**$10,564,372**	**($312,513)**	**$10,251,859**
Field Offices and Services						
State General Funds	161,998,462	329,241	162,327,703	161,998,462	(4,663,005)	157,335,457
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	2,494,501	0	2,494,501	2,494,501	0	2,494,501
Other Funds	1,049,686	0	1,049,686	1,049,686	0	1,049,686
TOTAL FUNDS	**$165,542,649**	**$329,241**	**$165,871,890**	**$165,542,649**	**($4,663,005)**	**$160,879,644**
Law Enforcement Training						
State General Funds	9,772,892	(1,313,870)	8,459,022	9,772,892	(215,713)	9,557,179
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,772,892**	**($1,313,870)**	**$8,459,022**	**$9,772,892**	**($215,713)**	**$9,557,179**
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement						
State General Funds	23,175,493	519,314	23,694,807	23,175,493	547,707	23,723,200
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	11,348,744	0	11,348,744	11,348,744	0	11,348,744
Other Funds	11,132,727	0	11,132,727	11,132,727	0	11,132,727
TOTAL FUNDS	**$45,656,964**	**$519,314**	**$46,176,278**	**$45,656,964**	**$547,707**	**$46,204,671**
Office of Public Safety Officer Support						
State General Funds	2,101,414	17,320	2,118,734	2,101,414	(60,330)	2,041,084
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,101,414**	**$17,320**	**$2,118,734**	**$2,101,414**	**($60,330)**	**$2,041,084**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council						
State General Funds	1,854,276	14,385	1,868,661	1,854,276	116,504	1,970,780
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,854,276**	**$14,385**	**$1,868,661**	**$1,854,276**	**$116,504**	**$1,970,780**

Department of Public Safety
Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Office of Highway Safety						
State General Funds	892,229	41,794	934,023	892,229	(22,119)	870,110
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	19,791,142	0	19,791,142	19,791,142	0	19,791,142
Other Funds	652,912	0	652,912	652,912	0	652,912
TOTAL FUNDS	**$21,336,283**	**$41,794**	**$21,378,077**	**$21,336,283**	**($22,119)**	**$21,314,164**
Office of Highway Safety: Georgia Driver's Education Commission						
State General Funds	3,452,310	1,710	3,454,020	3,452,310	2,011,639	5,463,949
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,452,310**	**$1,710**	**$3,454,020**	**$3,452,310**	**$2,011,639**	**$5,463,949**
Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council						
State General Funds	6,322,125	73,298	6,395,423	6,322,125	180,562	6,502,687
TOTAL FUNDS	**$6,322,125**	**$73,298**	**$6,395,423**	**$6,322,125**	**$180,562**	**$6,502,687**
Georgia Public Safety Training Center						
State General Funds	30,741,590	1,640,820	32,382,410	30,741,590	552,031	31,293,621
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,061,179	0	1,061,179	1,061,179	0	1,061,179
Other Funds	3,420,753	0	3,420,753	3,420,753	0	3,420,753
TOTAL FUNDS	**$35,223,522**	**$1,640,820**	**$36,864,342**	**$35,223,522**	**$552,031**	**$35,775,553**

Department of Public Safety

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Aviation	$17,331,451	$5,496,297	$5,200,659	$5,206,025	$5,093,491
Capitol Police Services	9,723,117	10,150,463	9,612,660	9,612,660	9,672,150
Departmental Administration (DPS)	10,241,842	11,235,393	10,564,372	9,953,207	10,251,859
Field Offices and Services	178,440,411	193,282,800	165,542,649	165,871,890	160,879,644
Law Enforcement Training	8,859,961	9,090,270	9,772,892	8,459,022	9,557,179
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	57,963,143	62,794,451	45,656,964	46,176,278	46,204,671
Office of Public Safety Officer Support	1,644,617	2,048,718	2,101,414	2,118,734	2,041,084
SUBTOTAL	**$284,204,542**	**$294,098,392**	**$248,451,610**	**$247,397,816**	**$243,700,078**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council	$2,884,677	$2,766,593	$1,854,276	$1,868,661	$1,970,780
Office of Highway Safety	21,770,643	24,404,405	21,336,283	21,378,077	21,314,164
Office of Highway Safety: Georgia Driver's Education Commission	2,210,024	3,226,075	3,452,310	3,454,020	5,463,949
Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council	5,995,624	6,876,992	6,322,125	6,395,423	6,502,687
Georgia Public Safety Training Center	38,565,473	44,689,963	35,223,522	36,864,342	35,775,553
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$71,426,441**	**$81,964,028**	**$68,188,516**	**$69,960,523**	**$71,027,133**
Total Funds	**$355,630,983**	**$376,062,420**	**$316,640,126**	**$317,358,339**	**$314,727,211**
Less:					
Federal Funds	46,012,014	53,849,476	34,695,566	34,695,566	34,695,566
Other Funds	66,978,932	63,623,739	25,872,248	25,872,248	25,872,248
SUBTOTAL	**$112,990,946**	**$117,473,215**	**$60,567,814**	**$60,567,814**	**$60,567,814**
State General Funds	240,889,390	256,880,876	256,072,312	256,790,525	254,159,397
Governor's Emergency Funds	1,750,649	1,708,327			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$242,640,039**	**$258,589,203**	**$256,072,312**	**$256,790,525**	**$254,159,397**

Public Service Commission

Roles and Responsibilities

The Public Service Commission (PSC) is responsible for regulating public utility companies under its jurisdiction. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Commission promulgates and enforces rules governing regulated companies, assists consumers of regulated companies with questions and problems, and educates the public on consumer rights and responsibilities in the evolving regulatory environment. Above all, the Commission aims to ensure that the best value in electric, natural gas, and telecommunications service is delivered to Georgia consumers and that the level of pipeline safety and utility facility protection practiced in the state remains high.

The PSC is an executive regulatory agency directed by a five-member Constitutional Board. Commissioners are elected through statewide general elections and serve six-year terms. The agency's staff includes accountants, analysts, engineers, information systems specialists, inspectors, and various administrative personnel who assist the Commissioners in fulfilling their duties. The Commission has three programs: Administration, Facility Protection, and Utilities Regulation.

FACILITY PROTECTION

Through its Facility Protection program, the Public Service Commission protects people, property, and the environment from physical harm from a release of natural gas or other liquid and averts interruptions of utility service resulting from damage to utility facilities caused by blasting or excavating. The Commission fulfills its responsibilities by enforcing industry compliance with safety rules and regulations and by educating system operators. By training operators, the Commission ensures that industry personnel understand proper procedures for locating and marking utility facilities before blasting or excavating.

UTILITIES REGULATION

The Utilities Regulation program is responsible for the regulation of utility services throughout the state. The program is responsible for monitoring the rates and service standards of electric, telecommunications, and natural gas companies. Additionally, it is the role of the Commission to approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies; monitor utility system, telecommunications network, and energy generation planning and construction activities; arbitrate complaints among competitors; provide consumer protection and education; and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

AUTHORITY

Titles 40 and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Article 4, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

Public Service Commission

Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Commission Administration (PSC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$23,683
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(15,976)
	Total Change	**$7,707**

Facility Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$45,213
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(16,138)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect savings based on the start date of new pipeline safety inspector.	(7,572)
	Total Change	**$21,503**

Utilities Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$99,038
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(72,110)
3.	Increase funds for one engineer effective April 1, 2026.	36,125
4.	Increase funds for one financial analyst effective April 1, 2026.	31,875
	Total Change	**$94,928**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Commission Administration (PSC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,383)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	210
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	306
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(95,859)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	31,582
6.	Provide funds for dedicated security at commission meetings.	34,560
7.	Provide funds for one administrative assistant.	91,886
8.	Provide funds for rent and DOAS premiums shortfall.	14,268
	Total Change	**$74,570**

Facility Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,407)
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	446
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(96,831)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	15,786
	Total Change	**($83,006)**

Utilities Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,753)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	1,082
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,350
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(432,660)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	129,285
6.	Provide funds for one engineer.	134,661
7.	Provide funds for one financial analyst.	118,818
	Total Change	**($58,217)**

Public Service Commission

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$13,180,213	$124,138	$13,304,351	$13,180,213	($66,653)	$13,113,560
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$13,180,213**	**$124,138**	**$13,304,351**	**$13,180,213**	**($66,653)**	**$13,113,560**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,231,100	$0	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$0	$1,231,100
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$1,231,100**	**$0**	**$1,231,100**	**$1,231,100**	**$0**	**$1,231,100**
Total Funds	**$14,411,313**	**$124,138**	**$14,535,451**	**$14,411,313**	**($66,653)**	**$14,344,660**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Commission Administration (PSC)						
State General Funds	2,020,221	7,707	2,027,928	2,020,221	74,570	2,094,791
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,020,221**	**$7,707**	**$2,027,928**	**$2,020,221**	**$74,570**	**$2,094,791**
Facility Protection						
State General Funds	1,914,149	21,503	1,935,652	1,914,149	(83,006)	1,831,143
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,231,100	0	1,231,100	1,231,100	0	1,231,100
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,145,249**	**$21,503**	**$3,166,752**	**$3,145,249**	**($83,006)**	**$3,062,243**
Utilities Regulation						
State General Funds	9,245,843	94,928	9,340,771	9,245,843	(58,217)	9,187,626
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,245,843**	**$94,928**	**$9,340,771**	**$9,245,843**	**($58,217)**	**$9,187,626**

Public Service Commission
Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Commission Administration (PSC)	$1,923,732	$1,997,528	$2,020,221	$2,027,928	$2,094,791
Facility Protection	3,220,553	3,222,011	3,145,249	3,166,752	3,062,243
Utilities Regulation	9,093,000	9,180,778	9,245,843	9,340,771	9,187,626
SUBTOTAL	**$14,237,285**	**$14,400,317**	**$14,411,313**	**$14,535,451**	**$14,344,660**
Total Funds	**$14,237,285**	**$14,400,317**	**$14,411,313**	**$14,535,451**	**$14,344,660**
Less:					
Federal Funds	1,301,422	1,321,079	1,231,100	1,231,100	1,231,100
Other Funds	181,881	193,512			
SUBTOTAL	**$1,483,303**	**$1,514,591**	**$1,231,100**	**$1,231,100**	**$1,231,100**
State General Funds	12,753,982	12,885,725	13,180,213	13,304,351	13,113,560
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$12,753,982**	**$12,885,725**	**$13,180,213**	**$13,304,351**	**$13,113,560**

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

Roles and Responsibilities

The University System of Georgia (USG) is charged with providing higher education to Georgia residents. USG works to create a more educated Georgia through its core missions of instruction, research, and public service.

INSTRUCTION

USG's institutions are categorized into four sectors: research universities, comprehensive universities, state universities, and state colleges.

Access to higher education is critical to the economic development of the state. Students enroll in the hundreds of thousands at USG institutions every semester. USG institutions offer doctorate, first professional, masters, baccalaureate, and associate degree programs. USG institutions also offer various one-year and advanced certificate programs.

RESEARCH

Research is concentrated at four research universities: the University of Georgia, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, and Augusta University. Funding for research is derived from the funding formula, federal and private sponsored research, and special state programs, such as the Georgia Tech Research Institute.

The Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) is a research component of the Georgia Institute of Technology. GTRI uses science and engineering expertise to solve some of the toughest problems facing government and industry across the nation and around the globe.

PUBLIC SERVICE

The University System of Georgia offers direct service to farmers, businesses, industry, and communities through continuing education, public service institutes, and special services and organizations, such as the Enterprise Innovation Institute and Cooperative Extension Service.

The Enterprise Innovation Institute (EII) encourages industrial and economic development by providing an extension service that meets the technical and informational needs of industry and local development groups. EII also provides support for new technology companies.

The Cooperative Extension Service (CES) assists Georgia farmers through a network of county extension agents who share information and research developed through the Agricultural Experiment Stations. CES also offers useful and practical information to the people of Georgia on subjects related to natural resources, home economics, youth development, rural development, and family support.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Board of Regents also oversees the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) which provides guidance, consulting services, training, technology services, information, and materials and handles the disbursement of state and federal funds to meet the needs of hundreds of public libraries serving local communities throughout the state. In addition, GPLS operates the state's library for the blind and physically disabled.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission (GPTC) provides a nine-station television and 18-station radio network designed to meet the educational, cultural, and informational needs of Georgia residents. Additionally, GPTC provides electronically delivered classroom support for all Georgia learners.

The Georgia Military College (GMC) is a liberal arts college located in Milledgeville with satellite campuses throughout the state and an online campus. GMC also runs a preparatory school for grades K-12.

The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust was established to educate the citizens of Georgia on the consequences of hate and prejudice through lessons on the Holocaust. With a variety of programs, the Commission fosters tolerance, good citizenship, and character development among the young people of the state.

AUTHORITY

Titles 12, 20, 49, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Agricultural Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,272,423
2.	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	(180,000)
3.	Increase funds to match one-time matching funds ($726,804) for operational and equipment needs to support blueberry breeder research.	838,000
4.	Increase funds for improvements at Grand Farm.	1,600,000
	Total Change	**$3,530,423**

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Cooperative Extension Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$1,679,340
2.	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	(137,500)
3.	Increase funds for Research and Education Center infrastructure and facility upgrades, statewide.	6,000,000
	Total Change	**$7,541,840**

Enterprise Innovation Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$378,928
	Total Change	**$378,928**

Forestry Cooperative Extension

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$36,601
	Total Change	**$36,601**

Forestry Research

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$148,557
	Total Change	**$148,557**

Georgia Archives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$51,672
	Total Change	**$51,672**

Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$49,519
	Total Change	**$49,519**

Georgia Research Alliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Georgia Tech Research Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$5,429,866
	Total Change	**$5,429,866**

Marine Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$27,989
	Total Change	**$27,989**

Marine Resources Extension Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$71,049
	Total Change	**$71,049**

Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to expand the current partnership with Clark Atlanta University for prostate cancer research.	$100,000
	Total Change	**$100,000**

Public Libraries

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$721,255
2.	Increase funds for the Public Information Network for Electronic Services (PINES) program to offset the rising cost burden of providing increased access to library resources to residents throughout the state.	146,233
	Total Change	**$867,488**

Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$415,529
2.	Increase funds for one-time funding to establish a robotics academy at the Savannah campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology.	10,000,000
	Total Change	**$10,415,529**

Regents Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$81,814
2.	Recognize funds for the needs-based DREAMS scholarship program in the Georgia Student Finance Commission.	
3.	Reduce funds based on delayed implementation of alternative college admissions tests.	(15,000)
4.	Increase funds to support GALILEO access.	105,770
	Total Change	**$172,584**

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$94,732
	Total Change	**$94,732**

Teaching

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$93,646,888
	Total Change	**$93,646,888**

Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$77,508
	Total Change	**$77,508**

Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$456,436
	Total Change	**$456,436**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$6,459
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(3,722)
	Total Change	**$2,737**

Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$236,830
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(73,044)
	Total Change	**$163,786**

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Agricultural Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$78,152
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	10,084
3.	Increase funds for two College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences faculty members and one staff position to support sustainable bioeconomy through the University of Georgia's Synthetic Biology initiative.	450,000
5.	Increase funds to support the peanut breeding program and the cotton breeding program at the University of Georgia.	160,000
6.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	456,640
7.	Contract with the Department of Agriculture to address emerging pepper weevil threat. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	Yes
	Total Change	**$1,154,876**

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Cooperative Extension Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$107,700
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	7,171
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	5,228
4.	Increase funds for five agriculture and natural resources county extension agents. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	345,115
5.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	841,921
	Total Change	**$1,307,135**

Enterprise Innovation Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$14,772
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	106
3.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	85,863
	Total Change	**$100,741**

Forestry Cooperative Extension

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,971
2.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	16,294
	Total Change	**$18,265**

Forestry Research

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,178
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	491
3.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	35,847
	Total Change	**$40,516**

Georgia Archives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$3,367
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	593
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,679
4.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	15,809
	Total Change	**$21,448**

Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,560
2.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	21,451
	Total Change	**$26,011**

Georgia Research Alliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$960
2.	Provide additional funds to Georgia Research Alliance (GRA) member institutions and expand membership to two additional institutions. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,671,918
3.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	6,305
4.	Increase funds for one-time state matching funds for two Eminent Scholar endowments.	2,000,000
	Total Change	**$5,679,183**

Georgia Tech Research Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,346
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	10,697
3.	Increase funds for research on post-harvest technology to support the peanut industry. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	500,000
4.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	32,288
	Total Change	**$547,331**

Marine Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,952
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	655
3.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	9,433
	Total Change	**$12,040**

Marine Resources Extension Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,320
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	590
3.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	24,008
	Total Change	**$28,918**

Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Public Libraries

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$96,695
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	549
3.	Increase funds for the Public Information Network for Electronic Services (PINES) program in order to lower the rising cost burden of providing increased access to library resources to residents throughout the state. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	584,931
4.	Increase funds for the public libraries' formula based on an increase in the state population.	458,862
5.	Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.	169,200
6.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	23,955
	Total Change	**$1,334,192**

Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$31,647
2.	Recognize existing funds ($375,000) and increase funds to establish the Institute of Civic Thought and Leadership at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Total Funds: $1,750,000).	1,375,000
3.	Increase funds to establish an applied reading center that will design professional development programming for teachers and literacy coaches, to include assessment of competencies prior to professional learning and model teacher preparation programs.	5,500,000
4.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	217,974
5.	Reduce funds for the next-generation battery lab at the Georgia Institute of Technology.	(500,000)
6.	Increase funds to strengthen research infrastructure and expand clinical trial capacity at the Georgia Cancer Center at Augusta University. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	8,333,333
7.	Increase funds to research polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) removal and remediation. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	200,000
8.	Increase funds for security and amenities at the State Botanical Garden. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	1,000,000
	Total Change	**$16,157,954**

Regents Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$8,206
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	23,096
3.	Increase funds to support increased costs of the Georgia Library Learning Online (GALILEO) system.	243,035
4.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	35,317
5.	Transfer funds for state participation in regional crisis recovery network at the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to support student mental health from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement to the Board of Regents to be included with SREB payments.	10,000
6.	Increase funds for SREB slots in out-of-state optometry programs.	32,135
	Total Change	**$351,789**

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$2,823
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	1,043
3.	Eliminate one-time funds for a dock electrical supply line replacement.	(193,072)
4.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	14,343
	Total Change	**($174,863)**

Teaching

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$4,063,949
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	939,181
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	133,554
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	313,494
5.	Increase funds to reflect a 4.95% increase in enrollment ($216,513,365) and a 0.56% increase in square footage ($2,096,877).	218,610,242
6.	Reduce funds for campus coordinators to reflect consolidation of East Georgia State College and Georgia Southern University.	(179,134)
7.	Reduce funds and study the current funding formula to consider online course efficiencies and state fund earnings for non-Georgia resident students.	(34,238,317)
8.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	34,964,011
9.	Eliminate start-up funds for Augusta University and Georgia Southern University medical school expansion.	(4,692,816)
10.	Provide advance funding for the University of Georgia School of Medicine based on Group 5 credit hour earnings.	9,548,154
	Total Change	**$229,462,318**

Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$7,007
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	274
3.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	42,582
	Total Change	**$49,863**

Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,755
2.	Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	5,221
	Total Change	**$6,976**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,352
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	701
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(22,329)
	Total Change	**($18,276)**

Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$11,478
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	123
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,504
4.	Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.	14,581
	Total Change	**$29,686**

Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$15,680
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	3,589
3.	Increase formula funds for enrollment, training, and experience.	28,713
4.	Increase funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member-per-month (PMPM) rate for eligible employees from $1,885 to $1,935 effective July 1, 2026.	35,400
	Total Change	**$83,382**

Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$34,868
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	1,036
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	8,487
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(438,268)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	130,963
	Total Change	**($262,914)**

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Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$3,600,383,387	$123,264,132	$3,723,647,519	$3,600,383,387	$255,956,571	$3,856,339,958
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$3,600,383,387**	**$123,264,132**	**$3,723,647,519**	**$3,600,383,387**	**$255,956,571**	**$3,856,339,958**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,204,301,725	$0	$2,204,301,725	$2,204,301,725	$0	$2,204,301,725
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$2,204,301,725**	**$0**	**$2,204,301,725**	**$2,204,301,725**	**$0**	**$2,204,301,725**
Other Funds	$5,014,832,925	$0	$5,014,832,925	$5,014,832,925	$0	$5,014,832,925
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$5,014,832,925**	**$0**	**$5,014,832,925**	**$5,014,832,925**	**$0**	**$5,014,832,925**
Total Funds	**$10,819,518,037**	**$123,264,132**	**$10,942,782,169**	**$10,819,518,037**	**$255,956,571**	**$11,075,474,608**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Agricultural Experiment Station						
State General Funds	55,392,661	3,530,423	58,923,084	55,392,661	1,154,876	56,547,537
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	46,453,199	0	46,453,199	46,453,199	0	46,453,199
Other Funds	38,020,201	0	38,020,201	38,020,201	0	38,020,201
TOTAL FUNDS	**$139,866,061**	**$3,530,423**	**$143,396,484**	**$139,866,061**	**$1,154,876**	**$141,020,937**
Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract						
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	991,572	0	991,572	991,572	0	991,572
Other Funds	8,628,831	0	8,628,831	8,628,831	0	8,628,831
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,620,403**	**$0**	**$9,620,403**	**$9,620,403**	**$0**	**$9,620,403**
Cooperative Extension Service						
State General Funds	52,136,614	7,541,840	59,678,454	52,136,614	1,307,135	53,443,749
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	11,140,781	0	11,140,781	11,140,781	0	11,140,781
Other Funds	29,713,277	0	29,713,277	29,713,277	0	29,713,277
TOTAL FUNDS	**$92,990,672**	**$7,541,840**	**$100,532,512**	**$92,990,672**	**$1,307,135**	**$94,297,807**
Enterprise Innovation Institute						
State General Funds	13,089,185	378,928	13,468,113	13,089,185	100,741	13,189,926
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	12,500,000	0	12,500,000	12,500,000	0	12,500,000
Other Funds	6,100,000	0	6,100,000	6,100,000	0	6,100,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$31,689,185**	**$378,928**	**$32,068,113**	**$31,689,185**	**$100,741**	**$31,789,926**
Forestry Cooperative Extension						
State General Funds	1,131,781	36,601	1,168,382	1,131,781	18,265	1,150,046
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,003,095	0	1,003,095	1,003,095	0	1,003,095
Other Funds	1,089,486	0	1,089,486	1,089,486	0	1,089,486
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,224,362**	**$36,601**	**$3,260,963**	**$3,224,362**	**$18,265**	**$3,242,627**
Forestry Research						
State General Funds	3,302,080	148,557	3,450,637	3,302,080	40,516	3,342,596
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	5,328,944	0	5,328,944	5,328,944	0	5,328,944
Other Funds	11,780,836	0	11,780,836	11,780,836	0	11,780,836
TOTAL FUNDS	**$20,411,860**	**$148,557**	**$20,560,417**	**$20,411,860**	**$40,516**	**$20,452,376**
Georgia Archives						
State General Funds	4,567,521	51,672	4,619,193	4,567,521	21,448	4,588,969

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	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Other Funds	1,176,115	0	1,176,115	1,176,115	0	1,176,115
TOTAL FUNDS	**$5,743,636**	**$51,672**	**$5,795,308**	**$5,743,636**	**$21,448**	**$5,765,084**
Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center						
State General Funds	2,013,318	49,519	2,062,837	2,013,318	26,011	2,039,329
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	199,458	0	199,458	199,458	0	199,458
Other Funds	1,999,550	0	1,999,550	1,999,550	0	1,999,550
TOTAL FUNDS	**$4,212,326**	**$49,519**	**$4,261,845**	**$4,212,326**	**$26,011**	**$4,238,337**
Georgia Research Alliance						
State General Funds	5,138,976	0	5,138,976	5,138,976	5,679,183	10,818,159
TOTAL FUNDS	**$5,138,976**	**$0**	**$5,138,976**	**$5,138,976**	**$5,679,183**	**$10,818,159**
Georgia Tech Research Institute						
State General Funds	7,534,889	5,429,866	12,964,755	7,534,889	547,331	8,082,220
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	665,160,311	0	665,160,311	665,160,311	0	665,160,311
Other Funds	379,613,855	0	379,613,855	379,613,855	0	379,613,855
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,052,309,055**	**$5,429,866**	**$1,057,738,921**	**$1,052,309,055**	**$547,331**	**$1,052,856,386**
Marine Institute						
State General Funds	1,177,550	27,989	1,205,539	1,177,550	12,040	1,189,590
Other Funds	461,183	0	461,183	461,183	0	461,183
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,638,733**	**$27,989**	**$1,666,722**	**$1,638,733**	**$12,040**	**$1,650,773**
Marine Resources Extension Center						
State General Funds	1,806,088	71,049	1,877,137	1,806,088	28,918	1,835,006
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,278,001	0	1,278,001	1,278,001	0	1,278,001
Other Funds	1,921,999	0	1,921,999	1,921,999	0	1,921,999
TOTAL FUNDS	**$5,006,088**	**$71,049**	**$5,077,137**	**$5,006,088**	**$28,918**	**$5,035,006**
Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics						
State General Funds	37,328,820	100,000	37,428,820	37,328,820	0	37,328,820
TOTAL FUNDS	**$37,328,820**	**$100,000**	**$37,428,820**	**$37,328,820**	**$0**	**$37,328,820**
Public Libraries						
State General Funds	52,671,821	867,488	53,539,309	52,671,821	1,334,192	54,006,013
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	4,082,311	0	4,082,311	4,082,311	0	4,082,311
TOTAL FUNDS	**$56,754,132**	**$867,488**	**$57,621,620**	**$56,754,132**	**$1,334,192**	**$58,088,324**
Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives						
State General Funds	35,567,095	10,415,529	45,982,624	35,567,095	16,157,954	51,725,049
TOTAL FUNDS	**$35,567,095**	**$10,415,529**	**$45,982,624**	**$35,567,095**	**$16,157,954**	**$51,725,049**
Regents Central Office						
State General Funds	11,385,591	172,584	11,558,175	11,385,591	351,789	11,737,380
Other Funds	320,000	0	320,000	320,000	0	320,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,705,591**	**$172,584**	**$11,878,175**	**$11,705,591**	**$351,789**	**$12,057,380**
Skidaway Institute of Oceanography						
State General Funds	3,423,225	94,732	3,517,957	3,423,225	(174,863)	3,248,362
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	3,811,440	0	3,811,440	3,811,440	0	3,811,440
Other Funds	3,061,472	0	3,061,472	3,061,472	0	3,061,472
TOTAL FUNDS	**$10,296,137**	**$94,732**	**$10,390,869**	**$10,296,137**	**($174,863)**	**$10,121,274**
Teaching						

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	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
State General Funds	3,282,472,916	93,646,888	3,376,119,804	3,282,472,916	229,462,318	3,511,935,234
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,451,294,435	0	1,451,294,435	1,451,294,435	0	1,451,294,435
Other Funds	4,494,754,298	0	4,494,754,298	4,494,754,298	0	4,494,754,298
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,228,521,649**	**$93,646,888**	**$9,322,168,537**	**$9,228,521,649**	**$229,462,318**	**$9,457,983,967**
Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station						
State General Funds	5,346,504	77,508	5,424,012	5,346,504	49,863	5,396,367
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,058,178	0	1,058,178	1,058,178	0	1,058,178
Other Funds	2,191,822	0	2,191,822	2,191,822	0	2,191,822
TOTAL FUNDS	**$8,596,504**	**$77,508**	**$8,674,012**	**$8,596,504**	**$49,863**	**$8,646,367**
Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital						
State General Funds	600,851	456,436	1,057,287	600,851	6,976	607,827
Other Funds	34,000,000	0	34,000,000	34,000,000	0	34,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$34,600,851**	**$456,436**	**$35,057,287**	**$34,600,851**	**$6,976**	**$34,607,827**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust						
State General Funds	627,460	2,737	630,197	627,460	(18,276)	609,184
TOTAL FUNDS	**$627,460**	**$2,737**	**$630,197**	**$627,460**	**($18,276)**	**$609,184**
Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College						
State General Funds	3,939,264	0	3,939,264	3,939,264	29,686	3,968,950
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,939,264**	**$0**	**$3,939,264**	**$3,939,264**	**$29,686**	**$3,968,950**
Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School						
State General Funds	6,457,184	0	6,457,184	6,457,184	83,382	6,540,566
TOTAL FUNDS	**$6,457,184**	**$0**	**$6,457,184**	**$6,457,184**	**$83,382**	**$6,540,566**
Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission						
State General Funds	13,271,993	163,786	13,435,779	13,271,993	(262,914)	13,009,079
TOTAL FUNDS	**$13,271,993**	**$163,786**	**$13,435,779**	**$13,271,993**	**($262,914)**	**$13,009,079**

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Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Agricultural Experiment Station	$141,586,364	$156,157,011	$139,866,061	$143,396,484	$141,020,937
Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract	9,845,719	10,542,631	9,620,403	9,620,403	9,620,403
Cooperative Extension Service	89,124,097	89,677,154	92,990,672	100,532,512	94,297,807
Enterprise Innovation Institute	32,285,908	33,932,607	31,689,185	32,068,113	31,789,926
Forestry Cooperative Extension	3,055,769	3,368,629	3,224,362	3,260,963	3,242,627
Forestry Research	18,812,416	19,208,287	20,411,860	20,560,417	20,452,376
Georgia Archives	5,372,327	5,404,060	5,743,636	5,795,308	5,765,084
Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center	6,576,670	6,357,674	4,212,326	4,261,845	4,238,337
Georgia Research Alliance	9,615,171	5,132,260	5,138,976	5,138,976	10,818,159
Georgia Tech Research Institute	852,762,078	936,858,901	1,052,309,055	1,057,738,921	1,052,856,386
Marine Institute	1,509,896	1,531,673	1,638,733	1,666,722	1,650,773
Marine Resources Extension Center	5,029,590	5,468,042	5,006,088	5,077,137	5,035,006
Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics	44,983,862	46,036,856	37,328,820	37,428,820	37,328,820
Public Libraries	53,444,778	59,185,997	56,754,132	57,621,620	58,088,324
Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives	34,990,133	35,274,331	35,567,095	45,982,624	51,725,049
Regents Central Office	11,645,321	11,852,054	11,705,591	11,878,175	12,057,380
Skidaway Institute of Oceanography	9,328,255	11,828,615	10,296,137	10,390,869	10,121,274
Teaching	8,618,287,867	9,076,847,759	9,228,521,649	9,322,168,537	9,457,983,967
Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station	8,393,538	9,520,598	8,596,504	8,674,012	8,646,367
Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital	33,450,831	33,275,188	34,600,851	35,057,287	34,607,827
SUBTOTAL	**$9,990,100,590**	**$10,557,460,327**	**$10,795,222,136**	**$10,918,319,745**	**$11,051,346,829**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust	$450,362	$729,437	$627,460	$630,197	$609,184
Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College	3,849,591	3,940,215	3,939,264	3,939,264	3,968,950
Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School	5,631,535	5,919,180	6,457,184	6,457,184	6,540,566
Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission	13,615,702	13,273,968	13,271,993	13,435,779	13,009,079
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$23,547,190**	**$23,862,800**	**$24,295,901**	**$24,462,424**	**$24,127,779**
Total Funds	**$10,013,647,780**	**$10,581,323,127**	**$10,819,518,037**	**$10,942,782,169**	**$11,075,474,608**
Less:					
Federal Funds	2,042,668,405	2,259,075,040	2,204,301,725	2,204,301,725	2,204,301,725
Federal COVID Funds	41,155,190	18,213,665			
Other Funds	4,626,629,928	4,898,102,004	5,014,832,925	5,014,832,925	5,014,832,925
Prior Year State Funds	2,074,275	700,000			
SUBTOTAL	**$6,712,527,798**	**$7,176,090,709**	**$7,219,134,650**	**$7,219,134,650**	**$7,219,134,650**
State General Funds	3,301,119,982	3,405,232,417	3,600,383,387	3,723,647,519	3,856,339,958
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$3,301,119,982**	**$3,405,232,417**	**$3,600,383,387**	**$3,723,647,519**	**$3,856,339,958**

Department of Revenue

Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Revenue was created in 1938 to serve as the lead agency for administering the state's tax laws and collecting and processing state revenue. The Department has seven major divisions: Alcohol and Tobacco, Tax Compliance, Legal Affairs and Tax Policy, Local Government Services, Motor Vehicle Division, Special Investigations, and Taxpayer Services.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO

The Alcohol and Tobacco division is composed of two sections: The Law Enforcement section enforces all laws and regulations pertaining to the manufacture, possession, transportation, and sale of legal and illegal alcoholic beverages and tobacco products. The Licenses and Permits section is charged with receiving, processing, and collecting excise tax reports on alcohol and tobacco products. This section is also responsible for alcohol and tobacco applications, registrations, and keg decals.

TAX COMPLIANCE

The Compliance division is responsible for ensuring taxpayer compliance with Georgia's tax laws. The division oversees the department's regional offices within the state and is comprised of two units. The audit unit uses a staff of professional tax specialists to perform nationwide tax audits. The compliance unit ensures compliance with filing deadlines, registration, the collection of delinquent accounts, monitoring special event taxes, and the oversight of private collection agencies.

LEGAL AFFAIRS AND TAX POLICY

This division provides in-house guidance for the Department, analyzes tax and regulatory legislation, and issues written guidance to assist taxpayers in complying with Georgia's tax laws. The division also serves as liaison with the Office of the Attorney General and the Georgia Tax Tribunal.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

The Local Government Services division assists local tax officials with the administration of property tax laws, the distribution of sales tax to local authorities, the administration of the Unclaimed Property Act, and the valuation of public utility property for tax purposes.

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

The Motor Vehicle division issues license plates, Georgia certificates of title, and records liens and security interest information of registered vehicles. The division also operates a call center to assist taxpayers.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Special Investigations division investigates potential criminal violations involving tax fraud, theft, and motor vehicle title and registration fraud. This section also enforces motor fuel and motor carrier laws.

TAXPAYER SERVICES

The Taxpayer Services division performs frontline processing of all tax documents and paper check payments. Division staff review and make corrections and adjustments to returns of all tax types. The division manages the online taxpayer services and functions of the Georgia Tax Center system and operates a call center to respond to taxpayer inquiries. The division interacts with the tax preparation software industry to ensure system compatibility for taxpayer filing use and provides outreach and training to tax professionals to promote compliance with the tax laws of Georgia.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The State Board of Equalization is attached to the Department of Revenue for administrative purposes only. The board appoints hearing officers that evaluate appeals by local governing authorities on issues relating to the Revenue Commissioner's disapproval of county tax digests.

AUTHORITY

Title 3, 40, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DOR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$161,475
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(90,416)
	Total Change	**$71,059**

Forestland Protection Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	($7,600)
	Total Change	**($7,600)**

Homeowner Tax Relief Grants (HTRG)

1.	Increase funds for the Homeowner Tax Relief Grant (HTRG) program to allow for the maximum exemption on the assessed home value as authorized in the Georgia Constitution Article VII, Section IIA for each qualifying homestead for the tax year beginning January 1, 2026.	$850,000,000
	Total Change	**$850,000,000**

Industry Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$150,710
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(62,496)
	Total Change	**$88,214**

Local Government Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$111,956
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(26,180)
	Total Change	**$85,776**

Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$228,218
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(96,356)
3.	Increase funds for a software upgrade to the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).	6,500,000
	Total Change	**$6,631,862**

Office of Special Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$62,437
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(24,784)
	Total Change	**$37,653**

Tax Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$852,588
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(366,002)
3.	Increase funds for a software upgrade to the Integrated Tax System (ITS).	12,500,000
	Total Change	**$12,986,586**

Tax Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$55,978
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(32,674)
	Total Change	**$23,304**

Taxpayer Services

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$391,846
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(155,776)
3.	Utilize $1,170,000,000 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.	Yes
	Total Change	**$236,070**

Department of Revenue
Program Budgets

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DOR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($32,416)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(36,409)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	2,120
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(542,501)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	175,310
	Total Change	**($433,896)**

Forestland Protection Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,725)
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(45,599)
3.	Provide funds based on projected expenditures to avoid a shortfall.	1,000,000
	Total Change	**$951,676**

Industry Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($22,406)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(34,341)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	26,197
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,446
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(374,980)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	124,583
	Total Change	**($279,501)**

Local Government Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($9,386)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(10,995)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	927
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(157,083)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	90,904

6.	Reduce funds for the Fireworks Trust Fund to reflect FY2025 collections of Fireworks Excise Tax pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).	(34,335)
7.	Eliminate funds for local reimbursement for a one-time timber severance tax pursuant to the passage of HB223 (2025 Session).	(17,300,000)
	Total Change	**($17,419,968)**

Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($34,545)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(193,524)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	6,113
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(578,132)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	180,795
6.	Increase funds for the maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).	213,815
7.	Increase funds to reflect an increase in postage for motor vehicle registration and licensing production.	102,546
8.	Increase funds for two criminal investigator positions and equipment to address fraud and abuse related to temporary operating permits (TOPs) and dealer tags pursuant to the passage of SB 293 (2026 Session).	315,000
	Total Change	**$12,068**

Office of Special Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,885)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(18,697)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	10,825
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	798
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(148,700)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	48,808
	Total Change	**($115,851)**

Tax Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($131,221)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(250,489)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	10,072
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(2,196,015)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	702,818
6.	Increase funds for the maintenance and support of the Integrated Tax System (ITS).	225,128
	Total Change	**($1,639,707)**

Tax Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($11,715)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(9,491)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	789
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(196,047)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	65,219
	Total Change	**($151,245)**

Taxpayer Services

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($55,849)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(109,856)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	4,471
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(934,652)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	300,932
	Total Change	**($794,954)**

Department of Revenue

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$240,354,432	$870,152,924	$1,110,507,356	$240,354,432	($19,837,043)	$220,517,389
Tobacco Settlement Funds	433,783	0	433,783	433,783	0	433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	2,674,971	0	2,674,971	2,674,971	(34,335)	2,640,636
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$243,463,186**	**$870,152,924**	**$1,113,616,110**	**$243,463,186**	**($19,871,378)**	**$223,591,808**
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant	$370,147	$0	$370,147	$370,147	$0	$370,147
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	687,912	0	687,912	687,912	0	687,912
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$1,058,059**	**$0**	**$1,058,059**	**$1,058,059**	**$0**	**$1,058,059**
Other Funds	$2,247,671	$0	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$0	$2,247,671
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$2,247,671**	**$0**	**$2,247,671**	**$2,247,671**	**$0**	**$2,247,671**
Total Funds	**$246,768,916**	**$870,152,924**	**$1,116,921,840**	**$246,768,916**	**($19,871,378)**	**$226,897,538**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DOR)						
State General Funds	14,348,537	71,059	14,419,596	14,348,537	(433,896)	13,914,641
TOTAL FUNDS	**$14,348,537**	**$71,059**	**$14,419,596**	**$14,348,537**	**($433,896)**	**$13,914,641**
Forestland Protection Grants						
State General Funds	33,989,695	(7,600)	33,982,095	33,989,695	951,676	34,941,371
TOTAL FUNDS	**$33,989,695**	**($7,600)**	**$33,982,095**	**$33,989,695**	**$951,676**	**$34,941,371**
Homeowner Tax Relief Grants (HTRG)						
State General Funds	0	850,000,000	850,000,000	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	**$0**	**$850,000,000**	**$850,000,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Industry Regulation						
State General Funds	9,487,273	88,214	9,575,487	9,487,273	(279,501)	9,207,772
Tobacco Settlement Funds	433,783	0	433,783	433,783	0	433,783
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant	370,147	0	370,147	370,147	0	370,147
Other Funds	485,887	0	485,887	485,887	0	485,887
TOTAL FUNDS	**$10,777,090**	**$88,214**	**$10,865,304**	**$10,777,090**	**($279,501)**	**$10,497,589**
Local Government Services						
State General Funds	21,862,042	85,776	21,947,818	21,862,042	(17,385,633)	4,476,409
Fireworks Trust Funds	2,674,971	0	2,674,971	2,674,971	(34,335)	2,640,636
Other Funds	420,000	0	420,000	420,000	0	420,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$24,957,013**	**$85,776**	**$25,042,789**	**$24,957,013**	**($17,419,968)**	**$7,537,045**
Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA						
State General Funds	9,169,007	0	9,169,007	9,169,007	0	9,169,007
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,169,007**	**$0**	**$9,169,007**	**$9,169,007**	**$0**	**$9,169,007**
Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling						
State General Funds	46,275,032	6,631,862	52,906,894	46,275,032	12,068	46,287,100
TOTAL FUNDS	**$46,275,032**	**$6,631,862**	**$52,906,894**	**$46,275,032**	**$12,068**	**$46,287,100**
Office of Special Investigations						
State General Funds	5,984,179	37,653	6,021,832	5,984,179	(115,851)	5,868,328
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	416,081	0	416,081	416,081	0	416,081

Department of Revenue

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
TOTAL FUNDS	**$6,400,260**	**$37,653**	**$6,437,913**	**$6,400,260**	**($115,851)**	**$6,284,409**
Tax Compliance						
State General Funds	66,839,660	12,986,586	79,826,246	66,839,660	(1,639,707)	65,199,953
Other Funds	1,341,784	0	1,341,784	1,341,784	0	1,341,784
TOTAL FUNDS	**$68,181,444**	**$12,986,586**	**$81,168,030**	**$68,181,444**	**($1,639,707)**	**$66,541,737**
Tax Policy						
State General Funds	4,866,429	23,304	4,889,733	4,866,429	(151,245)	4,715,184
TOTAL FUNDS	**$4,866,429**	**$23,304**	**$4,889,733**	**$4,866,429**	**($151,245)**	**$4,715,184**
Taxpayer Services						
State General Funds	27,532,578	236,070	27,768,648	27,532,578	(794,954)	26,737,624
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	271,831	0	271,831	271,831	0	271,831
TOTAL FUNDS	**$27,804,409**	**$236,070**	**$28,040,479**	**$27,804,409**	**($794,954)**	**$27,009,455**

Department of Revenue

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DOR)	$15,334,122	$14,217,454	$14,348,537	$14,419,596	$13,914,641
Forestland Protection Grants	29,578,821	25,408,167	33,989,695	33,982,095	34,941,371
Homeowner Tax Relief Grants (HTRG)	850,000,899	2,605,699		850,000,000	
Industry Regulation	10,521,303	10,889,373	10,777,090	10,865,304	10,497,589
Local Government Services	9,292,300	10,242,874	24,957,013	25,042,789	7,537,045
Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA	9,169,007	8,634,113	9,169,007	9,169,007	9,169,007
Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling	41,582,423	43,268,457	46,275,032	52,906,894	46,287,100
Office of Special Investigations	6,679,103	6,821,118	6,400,260	6,437,913	6,284,409
Tax Compliance	64,076,933	65,190,730	68,181,444	81,168,030	66,541,737
Tax Policy	4,928,869	4,564,279	4,866,429	4,889,733	4,715,184
Taxpayer Services	27,573,329	27,839,207	27,804,409	28,040,479	27,009,455
SUBTOTAL	**$1,068,737,109**	**$219,681,471**	**$246,768,916**	**$1,116,921,840**	**$226,897,538**
Total Funds	**$1,068,737,109**	**$219,681,471**	**$246,768,916**	**$1,116,921,840**	**$226,897,538**
Less:					
Federal Funds	1,581,373	1,788,049	1,058,059	1,058,059	1,058,059
Other Funds	5,409,513	5,844,398	2,247,671	2,247,671	2,247,671
Prior Year State Funds	850,000,899	2,605,699			
SUBTOTAL	**$856,991,785**	**$10,238,146**	**$3,305,730**	**$3,305,730**	**$3,305,730**
State General Funds	208,166,278	206,270,047	240,354,432	1,110,507,356	220,517,389
Tobacco Settlement Funds	433,783	433,783	433,783	433,783	433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	3,145,263	2,739,494	2,674,971	2,674,971	2,640,636
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$211,745,324**	**$209,443,324**	**$243,463,186**	**$1,113,616,110**	**$223,591,808**

Secretary of State

Roles and Responsibilities

The Secretary of State is the keeper of the Great Seal of Georgia and custodian of the state flag. The Office of the Secretary of State provides many services for the public, businesses, state agencies, and local governments by regulating and licensing corporations and individuals attaining professional business credentials; administering federal, state, and local elections; and monitoring the securities industry. The office is comprised of six divisions, which include: Corporations, Elections, Investigations, Office Administration, Professional Licensing Boards, and Securities. As a regulatory agency, Secretary of State offers education and examinations, issues licenses, collects fees, investigates complaints or violations of the law, and orders reprimands.

REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES

As a regulatory agency, the office offers education and examinations, issues licenses, collects fees for licenses, investigates complaints or violations of the law, and orders reprimands.

The Securities division is responsible for regulating securities and has the authority to adopt necessary rules to monitor the securities industry, including registration of securities brokers, dealers, and firms. The division registers cemeteries, and regulates perpetual care cemeteries, charitable organizations, and paid solicitors.

The Corporations division serves as custodian of filings for foreign and domestic charters, nonprofit organizations, and other types of corporate entity activities. In addition, the division registers and renews trademarks and service marks.

The Professional Licensing Boards division manages numerous occupational and professional regulatory boards. The duties include reviewing and approving applications to practice, scheduling examinations, issuing licenses, maintaining records, investigating violations, and resolving complaints.

STATE ELECTIONS ACTIVITY

The Office of the Secretary of State supervises and monitors all activities related to officials and elections. These activities include overseeing voter registration and maintaining voter rolls; training all local election officials in proper election procedures; coordinating and monitoring all municipal, state, county, and federal elections within the state of Georgia; certifying the qualifications of all candidates; and the preparation of all ballots and elections forms and materials. The office is also responsible for the certification and authorization of all election results within Georgia.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

The Office Administration division contains the general administrative support functions of accounting, purchasing, budgeting, human resources, and information technology. The Administrative Procedures section is responsible for administering the rules promulgation process pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act for the State.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Georgia Real Estate Commission ensures professional competency among real estate licensees and appraisers and promotes a fair and honest market environment for practitioners and their customers and clients in real estate transactions in Georgia.

The Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission is responsible for regulating licenses, developing a distribution network, developing procedures for inspections, and establishing requirements and procedures to ensure quality control and oversight of low Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) oil production in Georgia.

The Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board administers the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors to ensure professional competency and safeguard life, health, and property in engineering and land surveying practice in Georgia.

The State Election Board is responsible for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to Georgia elections and election law, and the investigation of any violations thereof to keep Georgia elections safe and secure.

AUTHORITY

Titles 10, 14, 16, 21, 28, 43-45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; Public Law 93-443, 1993; Resolution Act 11, Georgia Laws 1993.

Secretary of State
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Corporations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$66,743
	Total Change	**$66,743**

Elections

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$60,284
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(30,642)
3.	Provide funds to utilize text-based ballot scanning technology for vote tabulation for compliance with SB 189 (2024 Session).	1,800,000
4.	Provide funds for a hand recount of ballots in statewide elections in the 2026 election cycle.	5,000,000
5.	Provide funds for grants to county election offices.	15,000,000
	Total Change	**$21,829,642**

Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$77,508
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(37,706)
	Total Change	**$39,802**

Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$58,131
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(20,472)
	Total Change	**$37,659**

Special Project - Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB324 (2024 Session).

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Professional Licensing Boards

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$226,065
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(68,720)
	Total Change	**$157,345**

Securities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$21,530
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(7,588)
	Total Change	**$13,942**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Real Estate Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$30,142
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(17,374)
	Total Change	**$12,768**

Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(9,444)
	Total Change	**$7,780**

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(9,608)
	Total Change	**$5,463**

State Elections Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(3,968)
3.	Reduce funds to align budget with projected expenditures. (CC:No)	
	Total Change	**$338**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Corporations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Elections

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$200
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	(15,130)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	3,017
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(183,856)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	65,739
6.	Eliminate one-time funds for precinct card mailings due to passage of SB 424 (2024 Session).	(4,640)
	Total Change	**($134,670)**

Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($18,617)
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,832
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(226,232)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	73,854
	Total Change	**($169,163)**

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Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,108)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	353
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,832
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(122,827)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	100,395
	Total Change	**($30,355)**

Special Project - Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB324 (2024 Session).

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$2,029
	Total Change	**$2,029**

Professional Licensing Boards

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($33,931)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	148
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	8,405
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(412,322)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	163,647
	Total Change	**($274,053)**

Securities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,747)
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	754
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(45,529)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	29,832
	Total Change	**($18,690)**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Real Estate Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,889
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(1,501)
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(104,243)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	31,585
	Total Change	**($67,270)**

Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$116
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	6,151
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(56,662)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	24,106
	Total Change	**($26,289)**

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($57,647)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	14,345
3.	Increase funds for one safety and compliance specialist and human resources and financial services fees. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	209,083
	Total Change	**$165,781**

State Elections Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($23,802)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	9,578
	Total Change	**($14,224)**

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Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$35,895,388	$22,171,482	$58,066,870	$35,895,388	($566,904)	$35,328,484
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$35,895,388**	**$22,171,482**	**$58,066,870**	**$35,895,388**	**($566,904)**	**$35,328,484**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$98,227	$0	$98,227	$98,227	$0	$98,227
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$98,227**	**$0**	**$98,227**	**$98,227**	**$0**	**$98,227**
Other Funds	$18,655,500	$0	$18,655,500	$18,655,500	$0	$18,655,500
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$18,655,500**	**$0**	**$18,655,500**	**$18,655,500**	**$0**	**$18,655,500**
Total Funds	**$54,649,115**	**$22,171,482**	**$76,820,597**	**$54,649,115**	**($566,904)**	**$54,082,211**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Corporations						
State General Funds	0	66,743	66,743	0	0	0
Other Funds	15,000,000	0	15,000,000	15,000,000	0	15,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$15,000,000**	**$66,743**	**$15,066,743**	**$15,000,000**	**$0**	**$15,000,000**
Elections						
State General Funds	8,297,307	21,829,642	30,126,949	8,297,307	(134,670)	8,162,637
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	98,227	0	98,227	98,227	0	98,227
Other Funds	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$8,445,534**	**$21,829,642**	**$30,275,176**	**$8,445,534**	**($134,670)**	**$8,310,864**
Investigations						
State General Funds	4,373,179	39,802	4,412,981	4,373,179	(169,163)	4,204,016
TOTAL FUNDS	**$4,373,179**	**$39,802**	**$4,412,981**	**$4,373,179**	**($169,163)**	**$4,204,016**
Office Administration (SOS)						
State General Funds	3,476,378	37,659	3,514,037	3,476,378	(30,355)	3,446,023
Other Funds	5,500	0	5,500	5,500	0	5,500
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,481,878**	**$37,659**	**$3,519,537**	**$3,481,878**	**($30,355)**	**$3,451,523**
Special Project - Office Administration (SOS)						
State General Funds	250,000	0	250,000	250,000	2,029	252,029
TOTAL FUNDS	**$250,000**	**$0**	**$250,000**	**$250,000**	**$2,029**	**$252,029**
Professional Licensing Boards						
State General Funds	10,628,027	157,345	10,785,372	10,628,027	(274,053)	10,353,974
Other Funds	2,500,000	0	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	2,500,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$13,128,027**	**$157,345**	**$13,285,372**	**$13,128,027**	**($274,053)**	**$12,853,974**
Securities						
State General Funds	1,179,844	13,942	1,193,786	1,179,844	(18,690)	1,161,154
Other Funds	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,179,844**	**$13,942**	**$2,193,786**	**$2,179,844**	**($18,690)**	**$2,161,154**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Real Estate Commission						
State General Funds	3,133,354	12,768	3,146,122	3,133,354	(67,270)	3,066,084
Other Funds	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	0	100,000

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Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,233,354**	**$12,768**	**$3,246,122**	**$3,233,354**	**($67,270)**	**$3,166,084**
Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission						
State General Funds	1,806,873	7,780	1,814,653	1,806,873	(26,289)	1,780,584
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,806,873**	**$7,780**	**$1,814,653**	**$1,806,873**	**($26,289)**	**$1,780,584**
State Elections Board						
State General Funds	1,389,283	338	1,389,621	1,389,283	(14,224)	1,375,059
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,389,283**	**$338**	**$1,389,621**	**$1,389,283**	**($14,224)**	**$1,375,059**
Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board						
State General Funds	1,361,143	5,463	1,366,606	1,361,143	165,781	1,526,924
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,361,143**	**$5,463**	**$1,366,606**	**$1,361,143**	**$165,781**	**$1,526,924**

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Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Corporations	$8,935,939	$15,021,552	$15,000,000	$15,066,743	$15,000,000
Elections	18,287,356	8,009,365	8,445,534	30,275,176	8,310,864
Special Project - Elections	958,277				
Investigations	3,839,170	4,400,802	4,373,179	4,412,981	4,204,016
Office Administration (SOS)	3,400,329	3,572,362	3,481,878	3,519,537	3,451,523
Special Project - Office Administration (SOS)			250,000	250,000	252,029
Professional Licensing Boards	12,726,875	11,786,789	13,128,027	13,285,372	12,853,974
Securities	2,618,286	2,795,479	2,179,844	2,193,786	2,161,154
SUBTOTAL	**$50,766,232**	**$45,586,349**	**$46,858,462**	**$69,003,595**	**$46,233,560**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Real Estate Commission	$3,057,881	$3,109,973	$3,233,354	$3,246,122	$3,166,084
Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission	1,408,686	1,684,280	1,806,873	1,814,653	1,780,584
State Elections Board	481,146	2,609,259	1,389,283	1,389,621	1,375,059
Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board	794,527	1,317,672	1,361,143	1,366,606	1,526,924
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$5,742,240**	**$8,721,184**	**$7,790,653**	**$7,817,002**	**$7,848,651**
Total Funds	**$56,508,472**	**$54,307,533**	**$54,649,115**	**$76,820,597**	**$54,082,211**
Less:					
Federal Funds	4,638,038	174,500	98,227	98,227	98,227
Other Funds	16,782,064	19,711,372	18,655,500	18,655,500	18,655,500
SUBTOTAL	**$21,420,102**	**$19,885,872**	**$18,753,727**	**$18,753,727**	**$18,753,727**
State General Funds	35,088,371	34,421,660	35,895,388	58,066,870	35,328,484
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$35,088,371**	**$34,421,660**	**$35,895,388**	**$58,066,870**	**$35,328,484**

Georgia Student Finance Commission

Roles and Responsibilities

The Georgia Student Finance Commission is responsible for administering the state's student financial aid programs, including the Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally (HOPE) Scholarship Program, the Dual Enrollment program, and other educational scholarships, grants, and loans that are supported by lottery and state general fund appropriations. The Commission also administers the GAfutures website, providing students with college educational planning and financing information and services.

The Commission's companion entities include the Georgia Student Finance Authority and Georgia Education Savings Authority. Together, these entities provide administration, oversight, and funding for state and federal scholarship, grant, and loan programs and work to promote and increase access to education to Georgians.

GEORGIA EDUCATION SAVINGS AUTHORITY

The Georgia Education Savings Authority, a nonprofit public corporation of the state, is responsible for administering the Promise Scholarship program. The Promise Scholarship is an education scholarship program that provides eligible students the opportunity to use public funds for qualified non-public education expenses in kindergarten through 12th grade.

GEORGIA STUDENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

The Georgia Student Finance Authority, a nonprofit public corporation of the state, is responsible for providing student financial aid to eligible Georgians through loan, scholarship, and grant assistance programs as prescribed by the General Assembly.

The Authority has the responsibility of performing all management, supervisory, clerical, and administrative functions required by the Education Savings Authority and the Commission. The Authority also provides administrative and operational support services at no cost to the state for the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (GNPEC), which is attached for administrative purposes.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (GNPEC), a state regulatory agency, serves Georgia citizens by authorizing and regulating the operation of nonpublic, proprietary postsecondary colleges and schools. GNPEC's primary mission is to ensure that each authorized nonpublic college or school doing business in Georgia is educationally sound and financially stable.

Additionally, GNPEC serves as Georgia's coordinating agency for the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) and oversees the management of the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund (TGTF), which is designed to provide reimbursement or teach out arrangements for students who are attending institutions that close.

AUTHORITY

Official Code of Georgia Annotated 20-3-230 et seq., 20-3-250 et seq., 20-2B-1 et seq., and 20-3-310 et seq.

Georgia Student Finance Commission

Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Commission Administration (GSFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$238,983
	Total Change	**$238,983**

College Completion Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

DREAMS Needs-Based Scholarship

1.	Add funds for state match for endowment ($300,000,000) and scholarship funds ($25,000,000) for the needs-based DREAMS Scholarship program.	$325,000,000
	Total Change	**$325,000,000**

Dual Enrollment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to meet projected need.	$18,446,537
	Total Change	**$18,446,537**

Engineer Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

Recommended Change:

1.	Decrease funds to meet projected need.	($160,000)
2.	Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.	(378,453)
	Total Change	**($538,453)**

Georgia Military College Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.	$439,652
	Total Change	**$439,652**

Georgia Student Finance Commission
Program Budgets

HERO Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.	($280,000)
	Total Change	**($280,000)**

HOPE High School Equivalency Exam

Purpose: 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.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

HOPE Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to meet projected need.	$927,063
	Total Change	**$927,063**

HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to meet projected need.	$11,279,267
	Total Change	**$11,279,267**

Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.	($1,100,000)
	Total Change	**($1,100,000)**

North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.	$554,815
	Total Change	**$554,815**

North Georgia ROTC Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Promise Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.

Recommended Change:

1.	Decrease funds to meet projected need based on eligible applications for the 2025-2026 academic year.	($85,961,368)
	Total Change	**($85,961,368)**

Public Service Memorial Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need.	($540,000)
	Total Change	**($540,000)**

REACH Georgia Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Service Cancelable Loans

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need for the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program.	($3,200,000)
2.	Reduce funds and utilize reserves to meet the projected need for the Georgia Medical Examiner Loan Repayment Program.	(140,000)
	Total Change	**($3,340,000)**

Tuition Equalization Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Utilize existing funds ($1,885,174) to meet projected need.	Yes
	Total Change	**$0**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$17,224
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(8,972)
	Total Change	**$8,252**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Commission Administration (GSFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$2,585
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	19,392
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,200
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(454,595)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	123,738
	Total Change	**($307,680)**

College Completion Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to support updated eligibility requirements pursuant to HB 38 (2025 Session).	$1,000,000
	Total Change	**$1,000,000**

Dual Enrollment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to meet projected need.	$21,267,725
	Total Change	**$21,267,725**

Engineer Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Foster Care Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide postsecondary education grants to eligible students who are current or former foster youth.

Recommended Change:

1.	Provide funds to establish the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship pursuant to SB85 (2025 Session).	$2,500,000
	Total Change	**$2,500,000**

Georgia Military College Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.	$756,237
	Total Change	**$756,237**

HERO Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

HOPE High School Equivalency Exam

Purpose: 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.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

HOPE Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to meet projected need.	$3,178,440
	Total Change	**$3,178,440**

HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to meet projected need.	$41,508,914
	Total Change	**$41,508,914**

Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce fund to meet projected need.	($500,000)
	Total Change	**($500,000)**

North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to meet projected need to provide three scholars per congressional district.	$671,954
	Total Change	**$671,954**

North Georgia ROTC Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Promise Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.

Recommended Change:

1.	Align funds to meet prior year utilization and provide funding for 80% growth.	($41,016,057)
	Total Change	**($41,016,057)**

Public Service Memorial Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet projected need.	($290,000)
	Total Change	**($290,000)**

REACH Georgia Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Service Cancelable Loans

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to meet the projected need for the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program.	($2,700,000)
2.	Utilize existing surplus funds from the Peace Officers Loan Repayment Program ($2,000,000) and increase funds for the Behavioral Health Professions Service Cancelable Loan Program to meet the projected need for behavioral health professionals. ($6,000,000 Total Funds) (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	4,000,000
3.	Increase funds for veterinary student loan repayment. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	300,000
	Total Change	**$1,600,000**

Tuition Equalization Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to meet projected need.	$3,992,903
	Total Change	**$3,992,903**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$2,756
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(52,107)
	Total Change	**($49,351)**

Georgia Student Finance Commission

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$295,364,875	$107,689,435	$403,054,310	$295,364,875	($11,066,589)	$284,298,286
Lottery Funds	1,099,446,339	157,445,313	1,256,891,652	1,099,446,339	45,379,674	1,144,826,013
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$1,394,811,214**	**$265,134,748**	**$1,659,945,962**	**$1,394,811,214**	**$34,313,085**	**$1,429,124,299**
Other Funds	$5,197,899	$0	$5,197,899	$5,197,899	($32,524)	$5,165,375
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$5,197,899**	**$0**	**$5,197,899**	**$5,197,899**	**($32,524)**	**$5,165,375**
Total Funds	**$1,400,009,113**	**$265,134,748**	**$1,665,143,861**	**$1,400,009,113**	**$34,280,561**	**$1,434,289,674**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Commission Administration (GSFC)						
Lottery Funds	11,098,270	238,983	11,337,253	11,098,270	(307,680)	10,790,590
Other Funds	158,200	0	158,200	158,200	(32,524)	125,676
TOTAL FUNDS	**$11,256,470**	**$238,983**	**$11,495,453**	**$11,256,470**	**($340,204)**	**$10,916,266**
College Completion Grants						
Lottery Funds	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	10,000,000	1,000,000	11,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$10,000,000**	**$0**	**$10,000,000**	**$10,000,000**	**$1,000,000**	**$11,000,000**
DREAMS Needs-Based Scholarship						
State General Funds	0	180,000,000	180,000,000	0	0	0
Lottery Funds	0	145,000,000	145,000,000	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	**$0**	**$325,000,000**	**$325,000,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Dual Enrollment						
State General Funds	108,732,275	18,446,537	127,178,812	108,732,275	21,267,725	130,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$108,732,275**	**$18,446,537**	**$127,178,812**	**$108,732,275**	**$21,267,725**	**$130,000,000**
Engineer Scholarship						
State General Funds	1,260,000	(538,453)	721,547	1,260,000	0	1,260,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,260,000**	**($538,453)**	**$721,547**	**$1,260,000**	**$0**	**$1,260,000**
Foster Care Scholarship						
State General Funds	0	0	0	0	2,500,000	2,500,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$2,500,000**	**$2,500,000**
Georgia Military College Scholarship						
State General Funds	1,082,916	439,652	1,522,568	1,082,916	756,237	1,839,153
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,082,916**	**$439,652**	**$1,522,568**	**$1,082,916**	**$756,237**	**$1,839,153**
HERO Scholarship						
State General Funds	280,000	(280,000)	0	280,000	0	280,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$280,000**	**($280,000)**	**$0**	**$280,000**	**$0**	**$280,000**
HOPE High School Equivalency Exam						
Lottery Funds	500,000	0	500,000	500,000	0	500,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$500,000**	**$0**	**$500,000**	**$500,000**	**$0**	**$500,000**
HOPE Grant						
Lottery Funds	93,789,605	0	93,789,605	93,789,605	0	93,789,605
TOTAL FUNDS	**$93,789,605**	**$0**	**$93,789,605**	**$93,789,605**	**$0**	**$93,789,605**
HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools						
Lottery Funds	88,239,188	927,063	89,166,251	88,239,188	3,178,440	91,417,628
TOTAL FUNDS	**$88,239,188**	**$927,063**	**$89,166,251**	**$88,239,188**	**$3,178,440**	**$91,417,628**
HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools						

Georgia Student Finance Commission
Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Lottery Funds	895,819,276	11,279,267	907,098,543	895,819,276	41,508,914	937,328,190
TOTAL FUNDS	**$895,819,276**	**$11,279,267**	**$907,098,543**	**$895,819,276**	**$41,508,914**	**$937,328,190**
Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant						
State General Funds	2,600,000	(1,100,000)	1,500,000	2,600,000	(500,000)	2,100,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,600,000**	**($1,100,000)**	**$1,500,000**	**$2,600,000**	**($500,000)**	**$2,100,000**
North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants						
State General Funds	3,037,740	554,815	3,592,555	3,037,740	671,954	3,709,694
TOTAL FUNDS	**$3,037,740**	**$554,815**	**$3,592,555**	**$3,037,740**	**$671,954**	**$3,709,694**
North Georgia ROTC Grants						
State General Funds	1,113,750	0	1,113,750	1,113,750	0	1,113,750
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,113,750**	**$0**	**$1,113,750**	**$1,113,750**	**$0**	**$1,113,750**
Promise Scholarship						
State General Funds	141,016,057	(85,961,368)	55,054,689	141,016,057	(41,016,057)	100,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$141,016,057**	**($85,961,368)**	**$55,054,689**	**$141,016,057**	**($41,016,057)**	**$100,000,000**
Public Service Memorial Grant						
State General Funds	540,000	(540,000)	0	540,000	(290,000)	250,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$540,000**	**($540,000)**	**$0**	**$540,000**	**($290,000)**	**$250,000**
REACH Georgia Scholarship						
State General Funds	6,370,000	0	6,370,000	6,370,000	0	6,370,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$6,370,000**	**$0**	**$6,370,000**	**$6,370,000**	**$0**	**$6,370,000**
Service Cancelable Loans						
State General Funds	5,120,000	(3,340,000)	1,780,000	5,120,000	1,600,000	6,720,000
Other Funds	3,178,830	0	3,178,830	3,178,830	0	3,178,830
TOTAL FUNDS	**$8,298,830**	**($3,340,000)**	**$4,958,830**	**$8,298,830**	**$1,600,000**	**$9,898,830**
Tuition Equalization Grants						
State General Funds	23,157,067	0	23,157,067	23,157,067	3,992,903	27,149,970
Other Funds	1,278,261	0	1,278,261	1,278,261	0	1,278,261
TOTAL FUNDS	**$24,435,328**	**$0**	**$24,435,328**	**$24,435,328**	**$3,992,903**	**$28,428,231**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission						
State General Funds	1,055,070	8,252	1,063,322	1,055,070	(49,351)	1,005,719
Other Funds	582,608	0	582,608	582,608	0	582,608
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,637,678**	**$8,252**	**$1,645,930**	**$1,637,678**	**($49,351)**	**$1,588,327**

Georgia Student Finance Commission
Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Commission Administration (GSFC)	$10,266,152	$10,898,204	$11,256,470	$11,495,453	$10,916,266
College Completion Grants	10,964,618	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	11,000,000
DREAMS Needs-Based Scholarship				325,000,000	
Dual Enrollment	88,527,343	109,317,943	108,732,275	127,178,812	130,000,000
Engineer Scholarship	1,260,000	1,160,000	1,260,000	721,547	1,260,000
Foster Care Scholarship					2,500,000
Georgia Military College Scholarship	1,082,916	1,314,928	1,082,916	1,522,568	1,839,153
HERO Scholarship	330,000	248,769	280,000		280,000
HOPE High School Equivalency Exam	189,404	259,913	500,000	500,000	500,000
HOPE Grant	63,636,818	66,310,413	93,789,605	93,789,605	93,789,605
HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools	70,433,214	71,919,695	88,239,188	89,166,251	91,417,628
HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools	800,122,934	847,487,402	895,819,276	907,098,543	937,328,190
Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant	955,830	2,300,000	2,600,000	1,500,000	2,100,000
Low Interest Loans (INACTIVE)	16,976,720				
North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants	3,037,740	3,319,750	3,037,740	3,592,555	3,709,694
North Georgia ROTC Grants	1,113,750	789,000	1,113,750	1,113,750	1,113,750
Promise Scholarship			141,016,057	55,054,689	100,000,000
Public Service Memorial Grant	658,902	609,904	540,000		250,000
REACH Georgia Scholarship	6,370,000	6,370,000	6,370,000	6,370,000	6,370,000
Service Cancelable Loans	3,279,337	10,464,833	8,298,830	4,958,830	9,898,830
Tuition Equalization Grants	20,983,854	24,125,134	24,435,328	24,435,328	28,428,231
SUBTOTAL	**$1,100,189,532**	**$1,166,895,888**	**$1,398,371,435**	**$1,663,497,931**	**$1,432,701,347**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission	$1,476,754	$1,589,420	$1,637,678	$1,645,930	$1,588,327
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$1,476,754**	**$1,589,420**	**$1,637,678**	**$1,645,930**	**$1,588,327**
Total Funds	**$1,101,666,286**	**$1,168,485,308**	**$1,400,009,113**	**$1,665,143,861**	**$1,434,289,674**
Less:					
Other Funds	21,056,078	10,959,769	5,197,899	5,197,899	5,165,375
SUBTOTAL	**$21,056,078**	**$10,959,769**	**$5,197,899**	**$5,197,899**	**$5,165,375**
State General Funds	126,431,796	150,777,045	295,364,875	403,054,310	284,298,286
Lottery Funds	954,178,411	1,006,748,494	1,099,446,339	1,256,891,652	1,144,826,013
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$1,080,610,207**	**$1,157,525,539**	**$1,394,811,214**	**$1,659,945,962**	**$1,429,124,299**

Teachers Retirement System

Roles and Responsibilities

The Teachers Retirement System (TRS) collects employee and employer contributions, invests accumulated funds, and disburses retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries. As required by Georgia law, the system is examined on an annual basis by an independent actuarial firm that specializes in pension and retirement plans. The firm prepares a yearly valuation on the contingent assets and liabilities of the system, thus revealing its ability to meet future obligations. In addition, an independent accounting firm audits the system annually.

Administration of the system is ultimately the responsibility of the TRS Board of Trustees, while daily management of system operations is the responsibility of the executive director. The executive director is appointed by the board and serves at the pleasure of its 10 members as follows:

- State Auditor, ex officio
- State Treasurer, ex officio
- Two classroom teachers (both active members of TRS but not employees of the Board of Regents) appointed by the Governor
- One school administrator (an active member of TRS but not an employee of the Board of Regents) appointed by the Governor
- One Board of Regents employee (an active member of TRS) appointed by the Board of Regents
- One trustee (an active member of TRS but not an employee of the Board of Regents) appointed by the Governor
- One trustee appointed by the Governor
- One retired TRS member elected by the trustees
- One Georgia citizen (who is not a TRS member and is experienced in the investment of money) elected by the trustees

MEMBERSHIP

All individuals employed half-time or more in covered positions of the state's public-school systems, regional libraries, county libraries, and regional educational service agencies are required to be TRS members as a condition of employment. Similarly, employees in covered positions of the University System of Georgia are required to be TRS members unless eligible for participation in an optional retirement plan administered by the University System's Board of Regents. Covered positions include teachers, administrators, supervisors, clerks, teacher aides, secretaries, public school nurses, and paraprofessionals. Also eligible for TRS membership are certain employees of the State Department of Education and the Technical College System of Georgia, along with public school lunchroom, maintenance, warehouse, and transportation managers and supervisors.

INVESTMENTS

The Investment Services Division handles day-to-day investment transactions. Securities lending and portfolio officers, securities and investment analysts, and investment assistants are all part of the TRS investment team. Six members of the TRS Board of Trustees, along with the executive director, comprise the Investment Committee. Committee members convene with the Chief Investment Officer of the Investment Services Division and hear recommendations from outside investment advisors at monthly meetings. Investment recommendations made by the committee require approval by the entire board.

COLA FUNDS FOR LOCAL SYSTEM RETIREES

Teachers who retired prior to July 1, 1978 from a local retirement system (Atlanta City Schools, Chatham County Schools, Fulton County Schools, and Rome City Schools) receive a post-retirement cost of living adjustment (COLA) to their monthly benefit whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retire under TRS.

FLOOR FUNDS FOR LOCAL SYSTEM RETIREES

Any teacher who has retired from a local retirement system (Atlanta City Schools, Chatham County Schools, Fulton County Schools, and Rome City Schools) shall receive a minimum allowance upon retirement of not less than $17.00 per month for each year of creditable service, not to exceed 40 years of service.

AUTHORITY

Title 47 Chapter 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Local/Floor COLA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for benefits.	($36,000)
	Total Change	**($36,000)**

System Administration (TRS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Local/Floor COLA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for benefits.	($36,000)
	Total Change	**($36,000)**

System Administration (TRS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

Recommended Change:

1.	Provide funds pending passage of SB 150 (2026 Session) as required by the actuary.	Yes
	Total Change	**$0**

Teachers Retirement System

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$62,000	($36,000)	$26,000	$62,000	($36,000)	$26,000
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$62,000**	**($36,000)**	**$26,000**	**$62,000**	**($36,000)**	**$26,000**
Other Funds	$62,092,673	$0	$62,092,673	$62,092,673	$0	$62,092,673
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$62,092,673**	**$0**	**$62,092,673**	**$62,092,673**	**$0**	**$62,092,673**
Total Funds	**$62,154,673**	**($36,000)**	**$62,118,673**	**$62,154,673**	**($36,000)**	**$62,118,673**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Local/Floor COLA						
State General Funds	62,000	(36,000)	26,000	62,000	(36,000)	26,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$62,000**	**($36,000)**	**$26,000**	**$62,000**	**($36,000)**	**$26,000**
System Administration (TRS)						
Other Funds	62,092,673	0	62,092,673	62,092,673	0	62,092,673
TOTAL FUNDS	**$62,092,673**	**$0**	**$62,092,673**	**$62,092,673**	**$0**	**$62,092,673**

Teachers Retirement System

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Local/Floor COLA	$59,856	$52,371	$62,000	$26,000	$26,000
System Administration (TRS)	49,561,166	51,235,402	62,092,673	62,092,673	62,092,673
SUBTOTAL	**$49,621,022**	**$51,287,773**	**$62,154,673**	**$62,118,673**	**$62,118,673**
Total Funds	**$49,621,022**	**$51,287,773**	**$62,154,673**	**$62,118,673**	**$62,118,673**
Less:					
Other Funds	49,561,166	51,235,402	62,092,673	62,092,673	62,092,673
SUBTOTAL	**$49,561,166**	**$51,235,402**	**$62,092,673**	**$62,092,673**	**$62,092,673**
State General Funds	59,856	52,371	62,000	26,000	26,000
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$59,856**	**$52,371**	**$62,000**	**$26,000**	**$26,000**

Technical College System of Georgia

Roles and Responsibilities

The Quality Basic Education Act (QBE) of 1985 created a separate State Board of Postsecondary Vocational Education within the Department of Education to promote the economic growth and development of Georgia by providing leadership, direction, and state-level management of public postsecondary technical schools, programs, and services. In 1987, the new board was created as an agency separate from the Department of Education to provide guidance to public technical institutes operated by the state or by local boards of education. The board was renamed the State Board of Technical and Adult Education in 1988 to govern the newly created Department of Technical and Adult Education (DTAE). In 2008, the agency was renamed the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG).

The Department is divided into six programs: Technical Education, Adult Education, Workforce Development, Economic Development and Customized Services, Quick Start, and Administration.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

TCSG oversees technical colleges offering more than 600 programs of technical and general instruction. These programs provide opportunities for students to learn new skills or upgrade existing skills to keep pace with rapidly-changing technology and competition in a world market. Students attending technical colleges have the option of short-term programs as well as courses of study leading to certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees. These programs can range in duration from a few weeks to two years serving more than 100,000 students each year.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education program, through its network of service delivery areas throughout the state, promotes and provides adult basic education and literacy programs, including high school equivalency programs. The program is the primary fiscal agent for the U.S. Department of Education adult literacy funds. It is also the largest adult education provider for other state agencies and facilitates collaboration among state and local entities to improve literacy efforts for adults needing basic English literacy or specialized skills instruction.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Workforce Development program utilizes federal Title I Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds to address the employment and training needs of dislocated workers, low-income adults, and youth to meet the employability and workforce needs of the state’s businesses and industries. The State Workforce Development Board oversees services administered through local workforce development areas across the state.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CUSTOMIZED SERVICES

The Economic Development program provides customized services for existing businesses in the state. The program offers on-demand, customized training designed to meet the needs of local industries, including incumbent worker training, new employee training, and leadership development.

QUICK START

The Quick Start program provides employee training services to new and expanding industries as well as existing industries at no cost. Quick Start plays a key role in the state's business recruitment and retention efforts by serving as a state training incentive. Supported by TCSG’s network of technical colleges, Quick Start has provided training for new jobs in virtually every technology required by Georgia’s manufacturing and service sectors.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration program fulfills overall administrative roles for the central office and the technical colleges. These activities include budgeting, accounting, purchasing, asset management, personnel, information technology, research, public information, legal services, planning, and evaluation.

AUTHORITY

Titles 20 and 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Technical College System of Georgia
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Adult Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$669,583
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(125,132)
	Total Change	**$544,451**

Departmental Administration (TCSG)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$105,497
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(75,498)
3.	Increase funds for workforce development training.	75,000
	Total Change	**$104,999**

Economic Development and Customized Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$363,857
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(12,530)
	Total Change	**$351,327**

Quick Start

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$152,863
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(110,514)
	Total Change	**$42,349**

Technical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$11,189,141
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(3,163,786)
	Total Change	**$8,025,355**

Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Workforce Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$546,862
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(30,826)
3.	Eliminate funds for one unfilled workforce development position.	(225,000)
4.	Provide funds to update Georgia career navigator website.	6,000,000
	Total Change	**$6,291,036**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Adult Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$3,455
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	32,475
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(750,794)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	190,689
	Total Change	**($524,175)**

Departmental Administration (TCSG)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$835
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	8,575
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(452,992)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	101,747
	Total Change	**($341,835)**

Technical College System of Georgia
Program Budgets

Economic Development and Customized Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$2,850
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	1,617
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(75,177)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	18,591
	Total Change	**($52,119)**

Quick Start

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$1,952
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	12,552
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	326
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(663,085)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	98,701
	Total Change	**($549,554)**

Technical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$117,775
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	837,616
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	83,445
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	1,494
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(18,982,715)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	5,610,285
7.	Increase funds to reflect a 9.4% increase in enrollment ($33,594,041) and a 0.9% increase in square footage ($553,441).	34,147,482
8.	Provide one-time funds for start-up costs associated with aviation welding programming at Southern Crescent Technical College to support the aerospace community in the region. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	950,000
9.	Increase funds for equipment needs at Central Georgia Technical College to support Georgia's healthcare workforce and reflect project completion. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	5,000,000
10.	Increase funds for support services. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	150,000
	Total Change	**$27,915,382**

Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a 1.8% decrease in enrollment for high-cost programs.	($748,416)
	Total Change	**($748,416)**

Workforce Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$255
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	3,501
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(184,959)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	41,276
5.	Eliminate funds for one unfilled workforce development position.	(225,000)
6.	Increase funds for the High Demand Apprenticeship Program (HDAP) for additional slots across the state.	500,000
	Total Change	**$135,073**

Technical College System of Georgia

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$538,302,828	$15,359,517	$553,662,345	$538,302,828	$25,834,356	$564,137,184
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$538,302,828**	**$15,359,517**	**$553,662,345**	**$538,302,828**	**$25,834,356**	**$564,137,184**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$252,624,151	$0	$252,624,151	$252,624,151	$0	$252,624,151
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$252,624,151**	**$0**	**$252,624,151**	**$252,624,151**	**$0**	**$252,624,151**
Other Funds	$528,471,854	$0	$528,471,854	$528,471,854	$0	$528,471,854
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$528,471,854**	**$0**	**$528,471,854**	**$528,471,854**	**$0**	**$528,471,854**
Total Funds	**$1,319,398,833**	**$15,359,517**	**$1,334,758,350**	**$1,319,398,833**	**$25,834,356**	**$1,345,233,189**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Adult Education						
State General Funds	19,088,372	544,451	19,632,823	19,088,372	(524,175)	18,564,197
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	33,233,713	0	33,233,713	33,233,713	0	33,233,713
Other Funds	5,430,696	0	5,430,696	5,430,696	0	5,430,696
TOTAL FUNDS	**$57,752,781**	**$544,451**	**$58,297,232**	**$57,752,781**	**($524,175)**	**$57,228,606**
Departmental Administration (TCSG)						
State General Funds	8,623,596	104,999	8,728,595	8,623,596	(341,835)	8,281,761
TOTAL FUNDS	**$8,623,596**	**$104,999**	**$8,728,595**	**$8,623,596**	**($341,835)**	**$8,281,761**
Economic Development and Customized Services						
State General Funds	3,375,358	351,327	3,726,685	3,375,358	(52,119)	3,323,239
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	14,416,366	0	14,416,366	14,416,366	0	14,416,366
Other Funds	32,398,564	0	32,398,564	32,398,564	0	32,398,564
TOTAL FUNDS	**$50,190,288**	**$351,327**	**$50,541,615**	**$50,190,288**	**($52,119)**	**$50,138,169**
Quick Start						
State General Funds	21,552,619	42,349	21,594,968	21,552,619	(549,554)	21,003,065
Other Funds	3,332,059	0	3,332,059	3,332,059	0	3,332,059
TOTAL FUNDS	**$24,884,678**	**$42,349**	**$24,927,027**	**$24,884,678**	**($549,554)**	**$24,335,124**
Workforce Development						
State General Funds	9,770,675	6,291,036	16,061,711	9,770,675	135,073	9,905,748
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	136,035,512	0	136,035,512	136,035,512	0	136,035,512
Other Funds	94,326	0	94,326	94,326	0	94,326
TOTAL FUNDS	**$145,900,513**	**$6,291,036**	**$152,191,549**	**$145,900,513**	**$135,073**	**$146,035,586**
Technical Education						
State General Funds	444,181,110	8,025,355	452,206,465	444,181,110	27,915,382	472,096,492
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	68,938,560	0	68,938,560	68,938,560	0	68,938,560
Other Funds	487,216,209	0	487,216,209	487,216,209	0	487,216,209
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,000,335,879**	**$8,025,355**	**$1,008,361,234**	**$1,000,335,879**	**$27,915,382**	**$1,028,251,261**
Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project						
State General Funds	31,711,098	0	31,711,098	31,711,098	(748,416)	30,962,682
TOTAL FUNDS	**$31,711,098**	**$0**	**$31,711,098**	**$31,711,098**	**($748,416)**	**$30,962,682**

Technical College System of Georgia

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Adult Education	$47,119,925	$51,861,212	$57,752,781	$58,297,232	$57,228,606
Departmental Administration (TCSG)	8,378,771	8,613,287	8,623,596	8,728,595	8,281,761
Economic Development and Customized Services	34,453,898	36,115,091	50,190,288	50,541,615	50,138,169
Quick Start	78,249,136	24,478,639	24,884,678	24,927,027	24,335,124
Technical Education	850,227,557	870,579,337	1,000,335,879	1,008,361,234	1,028,251,261
Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project		7,421,050	31,711,098	31,711,098	30,962,682
Workforce Development	87,304,621	102,957,002	145,900,513	152,191,549	146,035,586
SUBTOTAL	**$1,105,733,908**	**$1,102,025,618**	**$1,319,398,833**	**$1,334,758,350**	**$1,345,233,189**
Total Funds	**$1,105,733,908**	**$1,102,025,618**	**$1,319,398,833**	**$1,334,758,350**	**$1,345,233,189**
Less:					
Federal Funds	159,479,919	178,608,691	252,624,151	252,624,151	252,624,151
Federal COVID Funds	12,833,591	951,672			
Other Funds	399,409,940	433,633,243	528,471,854	528,471,854	528,471,854
SUBTOTAL	**$571,723,450**	**$613,193,606**	**$781,096,005**	**$781,096,005**	**$781,096,005**
State General Funds	534,010,457	488,832,012	538,302,828	553,662,345	564,137,184
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$534,010,457**	**$488,832,012**	**$538,302,828**	**$553,662,345**	**$564,137,184**

Department of Transportation

Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Transportation plans, constructs, maintains, and improves Georgia's roads and bridges and provides planning and financial support for other modes of transport. Proceeds from the state's motor fuel taxes are constitutionally designated solely for use on Georgia's roads and bridges.

The Department is governed by a board comprised of members from each of the state's congressional districts elected by each district's state representatives and senators. The board in turn appoints a commissioner. The director of the Planning Division is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state House of Representatives and Senate Transportation Committees.

PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

The Department plans, maintains, and improves the roads and bridges of the state highway system. Through the Planning Division, the Department develops a state transportation improvement program and state-wide strategic transportation plan. The Department performs location and environmental studies, conducts mapping and photogrammetric surveys, acquires rights-of-way necessary to construct and maintain highways, supervises all construction and maintenance activities let to contract, ensures the quality of materials used in construction, and conducts research to improve planning and engineering methods.

The Department is also responsible for maintenance and repairs to the roads and bridges of the state highway system. The existing road network is preserved and safety is improved by supervising major reconstruction and resurfacing or rehabilitation projects; performing certain heavy and specialized maintenance, such as emergency repairs, spot improvements, and safety modifications; performing routine maintenance, such as patching pavement, repairing shoulders, maintaining drainage, mowing rights-of-way, erecting and maintaining warning and directional signs, and inspecting roadside parks and rest areas; maintaining state welcome centers and rest areas; and issuing permits for special vehicles such as overweight carriers.

INFORMATION AND TRAVELER SERVICES

The Department provides critical information and services concerning transportation to government agencies and the public. Data collected include truck weight, traffic volume, and speed. The Department also maintains an inventory of the public road system and produces the official state transportation map along with county maps.

The NaviGAtor system, Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO), and Coordinated Highway Assistance & Maintenance Program (CHAMP) provide critical services and information to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the state's highways. The NaviGAtor system uses video cameras, road sensors, weather stations, and other technology to collect data and control traffic. HERO units respond to traffic incidents on metro Atlanta freeways to minimize any impact on traffic flow. CHAMP units operate outside of the metro Atlanta area and provide incident response, roadway maintenance, motorist assistance, and support emergency response.

MULTIMODAL SERVICES

Multimodal services are comprised of transit, airport aid, rail, and port and waterways services. Transit services preserves and enhances the state's urban and rural public transit program by providing technical assistance and administering the state's allocation of Federal Transit Administration funds including the state's match.

Airport Aid provides financial assistance to cities and counties for airport planning, construction, approach aids, maintenance, and other services as needed. It also maintains the state airport system plan; publishes a state aeronautical chart and airport directory; and lends management and technical assistance to local governments to develop, maintain, and improve air service.

Rail services work to acquire and rehabilitate state-owned rail lines to ensure freight rail service is a safe, efficient, and viable transportation option throughout the state. This effort provides cities, counties, and municipalities the opportunity to offer an efficient transportation alternative to promote economic development in their communities.

Ports and Waterways services are responsible for the provision and maintenance of land, dikes, and control works necessary for storage of dredge materials removed from the Savannah Harbor and River Navigation Channel. Navigation dredging is performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the dredged materials are placed inside designated storage areas prepared by the Department.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The State Road and Tollway Authority operates tolled transportation facilities and acts as the transportation financing arm for the state.

The Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (ATL) provides coordinated transit planning and funding for the metro Atlanta region. This includes developing the ATL Regional Transit Plan, identifying and prioritizing the projects and initiatives required to develop region-wide transit and operating the Xpress commuter bus service.

AUTHORITY

Titles 6, 12, 13, 32, 40, 45, 46, 48, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Capital Construction Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.	$36,984,549
2.	Increase funds for SR 316 interchange conversions.	185,000,000
3.	Increase funds for the rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges.	100,000,000
4.	Increase funds to redirect motor fuel savings from the reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan.	3,004,354
	Total Change	**$324,988,903**

Capital Maintenance Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay for maintenance projects.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Program Delivery Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$2,432,890
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,805,440)
	Total Change	**$627,450**

Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$51,672
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(16,298)
	Total Change	**$35,374**

Departmental Administration (DOT)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges and to provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$809,528
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(770,170)
	Total Change	**$39,358**

Department of Transportation
Program Budgets

Airport Aid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$6,459
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(3,080)
3.	Increase funds for Airport Aid.	11,000,000
	Total Change	**$11,003,379**

Transit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$49,519
2.	Redirect Transportation Trust Funds to the Rail program to match Federal Funds for the State Safety Oversight program of MARTA.	(332,871)
	Total Change	**($283,352)**

Rail

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$15,071
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(6,602)
3.	Redirect Transportation Trust Funds from the Transit program to match Federal Funds for the State Safety Oversight program of MARTA.	332,871
4.	Increase funds for repairs, replacements, and upgrades to state-owned shortline rail.	8,390,000
	Total Change	**$8,731,340**

Ports and Waterways

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$4,306
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(3,992)
	Total Change	**$314**

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the State Funded Construction - Local Road Assistance Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for local maintenance improvement grants to the statutorily required level of 10% of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.	$7,168,861
	Total Change	**$7,168,861**

Local Road Assistance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects.	$250,000,000
	Total Change	**$250,000,000**

Planning

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$64,590
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(22,142)
	Total Change	**$42,448**

Routine Maintenance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$3,998,121
2.	Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased maintenance costs.	21,892,461
	Total Change	**$25,890,582**

Traffic Management and Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$695,419
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(390,304)
3.	Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased contract and traffic signal equipment costs.	6,769,540
	Total Change	**$7,074,655**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the extension and bi-directional expansion of I-75 express lanes in Clayton and Henry counties.	$1,684,866,462
2.	Review performance of vendor contracts related to PeachPass and provide a report to the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee by September 1, 2026.	Yes
	Total Change	**$1,684,866,462**

Payments to Atlanta- Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Capital Construction Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.	$80,759,240
2.	Increase Transportation Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle fees.	14,039,579
3.	Redirect motor fuel funds to reflect changes in the employer contribution rates for the State Health Benefit Plan and the Employees' Retirement System.	11,766,810
	Total Change	**$106,565,629**

Capital Maintenance Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay for maintenance projects.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

Program Delivery Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$248,967
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(10,832,638)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,060,764
4.	Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for multiyear upgrade for project tracking database.	2,734,007
	Total Change	**($5,788,900)**

Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,248
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(97,793)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	14,520
	Total Change	**($81,025)**

Department of Transportation
Program Budgets

Departmental Administration (DOT)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges and to provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$106,205
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(43,087)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	4,286
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	581,263
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(4,621,017)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	845,520
7.	Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased monthly telecommunication rates and IT maintenance support.	2,819,999
	Total Change	**($306,831)**

Airport Aid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($18,482)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	8,318
3.	Increase funds for airport aid.	10,000,000
4.	No portion of the Georgia Department of Transportation's Airport Aid funding shall be available to airports that use Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) for levying landing fees or other charged services when the aircraft weighs less than 12,500 pounds.	Yes
	Total Change	**$9,989,836**

Transit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of Hired Transport Fees and allocate $350,000 to Columbus-Muscogee County for transit services.	$3,874,376
2.	Increase Transportation Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle fees.	523,252
3.	Utilize existing funds ($33,928) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (CC:Yes)	Yes
	Total Change	**$4,397,628**

Rail

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($39,608)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	12,555
3.	Reduce funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of locomotive diesel fuel sales tax pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-8-78.	(1,363,379)

4.	Increase Transportation Trust Funds to reflect FY 2025 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle fees.	332,871
5.	Increase funds for targeted freight congestion relief along key intermodal corridors impacting inland ports.	1,000,000
	Total Change	**($57,561)**

Ports and Waterways

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	($23,949)
2.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	5,751
	Total Change	**($18,198)**

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the State Funded Construction - Local Road Assistance Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for local maintenance and improvement grants to the statutorily required level of 10% of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.	$13,575,170
	Total Change	**$13,575,170**

Local Road Assistance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

Recommended Change:

1.	Eliminate one-time state general funds for pedestrian improvements in the Cumberland Community Improvement District and roadway safety improvements.	($5,500,000)
	Total Change	**($5,500,000)**

Planning

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the state-wide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,053
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(132,849)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	22,718
	Total Change	**($107,078)**

Routine Maintenance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	$2,851,903

2.	Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased maintenance costs.	33,540,924
	Total Change	**$36,392,827**

Traffic Management and Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$53,822
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(2,341,828)
3.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	463,890
4.	Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased contractual agreement costs.	6,694,540
	Total Change	**$4,870,424**

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase Transportation Trust Funds for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority for two employees and contracted support to fulfill statutory requirement of reviewing Transportation Improvement Program projects.	$625,000
2.	Reduce funds to reflect Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bond debt requirements.	(700)
3.	Utilize existing funds ($4,487) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	Yes
	Total Change	**$624,300**

Payments to Atlanta- Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

Recommended Change:

1.	Utilize existing funds ($46,151) to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System.	Yes
	Total Change	**$0**

Department of Transportation

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$45,150,783	$2,247,370,363	$2,292,521,146	$45,150,783	$4,081,206	$49,231,989
Motor Fuel Funds	2,374,878,046	72,815,411	2,447,693,457	2,374,878,046	141,080,637	2,515,958,683
Transportation Trust Funds	238,271,141	0	238,271,141	238,271,141	15,520,002	253,791,143
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	38,005,357	0	38,005,357	38,005,357	3,874,376	41,879,733
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$2,696,305,327**	**$2,320,185,774**	**$5,016,491,101**	**$2,696,305,327**	**$164,556,221**	**$2,860,861,548**
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning and Construction	$1,499,466,641	$0	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$0	$1,499,466,641
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	112,290,905	0	112,290,905	112,290,905	0	112,290,905
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$1,611,757,546**	**$0**	**$1,611,757,546**	**$1,611,757,546**	**$0**	**$1,611,757,546**
Other Funds	$175,979,549	$0	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$0	$175,979,549
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$175,979,549**	**$0**	**$175,979,549**	**$175,979,549**	**$0**	**$175,979,549**
Total Funds	**$4,484,042,422**	**$2,320,185,774**	**$6,804,228,196**	**$4,484,042,422**	**$164,556,221**	**$4,648,598,643**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Capital Construction Projects						
State General Funds	0	285,000,000	285,000,000	0	0	0
Motor Fuel Funds	988,192,130	39,988,903	1,028,181,033	988,192,130	92,526,050	1,080,718,180
Transportation Trust Funds	140,735,735	0	140,735,735	140,735,735	14,039,579	154,775,314
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning and Construction	930,452,699	0	930,452,699	930,452,699	0	930,452,699
Other Funds	122,300,430	0	122,300,430	122,300,430	0	122,300,430
TOTAL FUNDS	**$2,181,680,994**	**$324,988,903**	**$2,506,669,897**	**$2,181,680,994**	**$106,565,629**	**$2,288,246,623**
Capital Maintenance Projects						
Motor Fuel Funds	260,588,167	0	260,588,167	260,588,167	0	260,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	44,157,476	0	44,157,476	44,157,476	0	44,157,476
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning and Construction	281,600,000	0	281,600,000	281,600,000	0	281,600,000
Other Funds	350,574	0	350,574	350,574	0	350,574
TOTAL FUNDS	**$586,696,217**	**$0**	**$586,696,217**	**$586,696,217**	**$0**	**$586,696,217**
Program Delivery Administration						
State General Funds	0	2,432,890	2,432,890	0	0	0
Motor Fuel Funds	142,904,450	(1,805,440)	141,099,010	142,904,450	(5,788,900)	137,115,550
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning and Construction	53,642,990	0	53,642,990	53,642,990	0	53,642,990
Other Funds	1,098,619	0	1,098,619	1,098,619	0	1,098,619
TOTAL FUNDS	**$197,646,059**	**$627,450**	**$198,273,509**	**$197,646,059**	**($5,788,900)**	**$191,857,159**
Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting						
State General Funds	0	51,672	51,672	0	0	0
Motor Fuel Funds	3,180,059	(16,298)	3,163,761	3,180,059	(81,025)	3,099,034
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning and Construction	9,043,897	0	9,043,897	9,043,897	0	9,043,897
TOTAL FUNDS	**$12,223,956**	**$35,374**	**$12,259,330**	**$12,223,956**	**($81,025)**	**$12,142,931**

Department of Transportation
Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DOT)						
State General Funds	0	809,528	809,528	0	0	0
Motor Fuel Funds	93,103,898	(770,170)	92,333,728	93,103,898	(306,831)	92,797,067
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning and Construction	10,839,823	0	10,839,823	10,839,823	0	10,839,823
Other Funds	398,970	0	398,970	398,970	0	398,970
TOTAL FUNDS	**$104,342,691**	**$39,358**	**$104,382,049**	**$104,342,691**	**($306,831)**	**$104,035,860**
Airport Aid						
State General Funds	30,000,000	11,003,379	41,003,379	30,000,000	9,989,836	39,989,836
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	46,509,284	0	46,509,284	46,509,284	0	46,509,284
Other Funds	6,233	0	6,233	6,233	0	6,233
TOTAL FUNDS	**$76,515,517**	**$11,003,379**	**$87,518,896**	**$76,515,517**	**$9,989,836**	**$86,505,353**
Transit						
State General Funds	0	49,519	49,519	0	0	0
Transportation Trust Funds	14,313,521	(332,871)	13,980,650	14,313,521	523,252	14,836,773
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	38,005,357	0	38,005,357	38,005,357	3,874,376	41,879,733
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	65,015,306	0	65,015,306	65,015,306	0	65,015,306
Other Funds	702,000	0	702,000	702,000	0	702,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$118,036,184**	**($283,352)**	**$117,752,832**	**$118,036,184**	**$4,397,628**	**$122,433,812**
Rail						
State General Funds	8,252,142	8,398,469	16,650,611	8,252,142	(390,432)	7,861,710
Transportation Trust Funds	0	332,871	332,871	0	332,871	332,871
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	616,315	0	616,315	616,315	0	616,315
Other Funds	88,239	0	88,239	88,239	0	88,239
TOTAL FUNDS	**$8,956,696**	**$8,731,340**	**$17,688,036**	**$8,956,696**	**($57,561)**	**$8,899,135**
Ports and Waterways						
State General Funds	1,398,641	314	1,398,955	1,398,641	(18,198)	1,380,443
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,398,641**	**$314**	**$1,398,955**	**$1,398,641**	**($18,198)**	**$1,380,443**
Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants						
Motor Fuel Funds	247,644,281	7,168,861	254,813,142	247,644,281	13,575,170	261,219,451
TOTAL FUNDS	**$247,644,281**	**$7,168,861**	**$254,813,142**	**$247,644,281**	**$13,575,170**	**$261,219,451**
Local Road Assistance Administration						
State General Funds	5,500,000	250,000,000	255,500,000	5,500,000	(5,500,000)	0
Motor Fuel Funds	4,346,461	0	4,346,461	4,346,461	0	4,346,461
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning and Construction	51,655,917	0	51,655,917	51,655,917	0	51,655,917
Other Funds	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	6,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$67,502,378**	**$250,000,000**	**$317,502,378**	**$67,502,378**	**($5,500,000)**	**$62,002,378**
Planning						
State General Funds	0	64,590	64,590	0	0	0
Motor Fuel Funds	2,907,406	(22,142)	2,885,264	2,907,406	(107,078)	2,800,328
Transportation Trust Funds	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	2,000,000

Department of Transportation
Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning and Construction	22,772,795	0	22,772,795	22,772,795	0	22,772,795
TOTAL FUNDS	**$27,680,201**	**$42,448**	**$27,722,649**	**$27,680,201**	**($107,078)**	**$27,573,123**
Routine Maintenance						
State General Funds	0	3,998,121	3,998,121	0	0	0
Motor Fuel Funds	562,829,445	21,892,461	584,721,906	562,829,445	36,392,827	599,222,272
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning and Construction	11,577,366	0	11,577,366	11,577,366	0	11,577,366
Other Funds	19,500,000	0	19,500,000	19,500,000	0	19,500,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**$593,906,811**	**$25,890,582**	**$619,797,393**	**$593,906,811**	**$36,392,827**	**$630,299,638**
Traffic Management and Control						
State General Funds	0	695,419	695,419	0	0	0
Motor Fuel Funds	69,181,749	6,379,236	75,560,985	69,181,749	4,870,424	74,052,173
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning and Construction	79,527,354	0	79,527,354	79,527,354	0	79,527,354
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	150,000	0	150,000	150,000	0	150,000
Other Funds	25,534,484	0	25,534,484	25,534,484	0	25,534,484
TOTAL FUNDS	**$174,393,587**	**$7,074,655**	**$181,468,242**	**$174,393,587**	**$4,870,424**	**$179,264,011**
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority						
State General Funds	0	1,684,866,462	1,684,866,462	0	0	0
Transportation Trust Funds	27,854,078	0	27,854,078	27,854,078	624,300	28,478,378
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning and Construction	48,353,800	0	48,353,800	48,353,800	0	48,353,800
TOTAL FUNDS	**$76,207,878**	**$1,684,866,462**	**$1,761,074,340**	**$76,207,878**	**$624,300**	**$76,832,178**
Payments to Atlanta- Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority						
Transportation Trust Funds	9,210,331	0	9,210,331	9,210,331	0	9,210,331
TOTAL FUNDS	**$9,210,331**	**$0**	**$9,210,331**	**$9,210,331**	**$0**	**$9,210,331**

Department of Transportation

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Capital Construction Projects	$3,308,397,913	$3,546,676,107	$2,181,680,994	$2,506,669,897	$2,288,246,623
Capital Maintenance Projects	485,442,444	498,027,091	586,696,217	586,696,217	586,696,217
Program Delivery Administration	178,496,897	190,644,994	197,646,059	198,273,509	191,857,159
Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting	18,358,499	11,980,905	12,223,956	12,259,330	12,142,931
Departmental Administration (DOT)	105,425,338	114,880,870	104,342,691	104,382,049	104,035,860
Freight Infrastructure Projects		165,758,679			
Airport Aid	77,581,822	166,894,590	76,515,517	87,518,896	86,505,353
Transit	109,276,563	109,092,982	118,036,184	117,752,832	122,433,812
Rail	39,749,995	25,875,957	8,956,696	17,688,036	8,899,135
Ports and Waterways	1,365,041	3,845,676	1,398,641	1,398,955	1,380,443
Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants	207,202,756	217,543,681	247,644,281	254,813,142	261,219,451
Local Road Assistance Administration	245,696,143	233,329,401	67,502,378	317,502,378	62,002,378
Planning	43,313,973	40,505,255	27,680,201	27,722,649	27,573,123
Routine Maintenance	621,690,287	803,061,913	593,906,811	619,797,393	630,299,638
Traffic Management and Control	133,626,693	161,884,991	174,393,587	181,468,242	179,264,011
SUBTOTAL	**$5,575,624,364**	**$6,290,003,092**	**$4,398,624,213**	**$5,033,943,525**	**$4,562,556,134**
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority	$93,551,259	$122,668,128	$76,207,878	$1,761,074,340	$76,832,178
Payments to Atlanta- Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority	13,128,506	9,210,331	9,210,331	9,210,331	9,210,331
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	**$106,679,765**	**$131,878,459**	**$85,418,209**	**$1,770,284,671**	**$86,042,509**
Total Funds	**$5,682,304,129**	**$6,421,881,551**	**$4,484,042,422**	**$6,804,228,196**	**$4,648,598,643**
Less:					
Federal Funds	2,119,369,640	2,061,562,860	1,611,757,546	1,611,757,546	1,611,757,546
Federal COVID Funds	19,318,836	1,485,509			
Other Funds	242,293,429	395,862,194	175,979,549	175,979,549	175,979,549
Prior Year State Funds	908,071,881	1,116,389,036			
SUBTOTAL	**$3,289,053,786**	**$3,575,299,599**	**$1,787,737,095**	**$1,787,737,095**	**$1,787,737,095**
State General Funds	273,756,200	472,321,013	45,150,783	2,292,521,146	49,231,989
Motor Fuel Funds	1,895,199,747	2,120,564,620	2,374,878,046	2,447,693,457	2,515,958,683
Transportation Trust Funds	200,743,713	223,127,765	238,271,141	238,271,141	253,791,143
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	23,550,681	30,568,554	38,005,357	38,005,357	41,879,733
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$2,393,250,341**	**$2,846,581,952**	**$2,696,305,327**	**$5,016,491,101**	**$2,860,861,548**

Department of Veterans Service

Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Veterans Service (DVS) serves Georgia veterans, their dependents, and beneficiaries in all matters pertaining to veterans' affairs. Since all veterans' benefits must be applied for, the major activities of the department generally consist of informing veterans and their families about available state and federal benefits and directly assisting and advising them in obtaining those benefits to which they are entitled.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

The Department provides veterans assistance through an appeals staff, field offices, information division, and central office. The appeals staff assists veterans who are appealing decisions on claims made by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The 56 field offices, located throughout the state, provide direct assistance to veterans at the local level. Department field officers provide counsel and assistance in gathering documentation and information required to process a claim. The Information Division keeps Georgia veterans informed about issues and their possible impact. The Central Office manages and supports all administrative requirements.

STATE VETERANS NURSING HOMES

The Department operates two state veterans nursing homes. The Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville is a 250-bed facility licensed to provide skilled nursing care to eligible Georgia war veterans. It consists of three skilled nursing care buildings and a transitional support facility.

The Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Augusta is a 192-bed skilled nursing care facility located adjacent to Augusta University and the VA Charlie Norwood Medical Center. In addition to providing care for eligible Georgia war veterans, the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home serves as a teaching facility to acquaint medical and allied health students with medical conditions and diseases that confront the elderly.

GEORGIA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES

The Department operates two state veterans memorial cemeteries, which are part of the nation's National Cemetery System. The Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Milledgeville, which opened in 2001, will eventually be a final resting place for more than 100,000 Georgia veterans, their spouses, and their authorized dependents. The Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glennville, which opened in March of 2008, will eventually be a final resting place for more than 36,000 Georgia veterans, their spouses, and their authorized dependents.

VETERANS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

As the state-approving agency for the federally sponsored Veterans Education Assistance Program (GI Bill), the department is responsible for approving and supervising all institutions (including public and private schools and establishments offering on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs) in Georgia that participate in this program. In addition to approving these institutions, DVS also inspects them regularly to ensure that all criteria for continued approval are met. This function is 100% federally funded and is staffed with eight employees.

GOVERNING AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The seven-member Veterans Service Board appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate, governs DVS. The day-to-day operation of the department is the responsibility of a Commissioner who is appointed by the Board for a four-year term.

AUTHORITY

Article IV, Section V, Paragraph I, The Constitution of the State of Georgia; Title 38 Chapter 4, Official Code of Georgia Annotated; Chapter 36, Title 38, United States Code.

Department of Veterans Service

Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DVS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$34,448
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(16,946)
	Total Change	**$17,502**

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$30,142
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(9,554)
3.	Provide funds to create new veterans cemetery in Augusta, Richmond County pursuant to HR 77 (2021 Session).	800,000
	Total Change	**$820,588**

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$421,988
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(1,432)
3.	Redirect funds from the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes program due to the delayed implementation of 40 new beds to the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery program for the upfront design costs of a new cemetery in Augusta with complete federal reimbursement for design and construction.	(360,000)
4.	Increase funds to promote excellence, for quality improvements, and additional staffing capacity at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	1,000,000
	Total Change	**$1,060,556**

Veterans Benefits

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$245,442
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(74,196)
3.	Provide funds for technology platform for community service referral.	2,614,598
4.	Increase funds to provide evidence-based rehabilitation services for Georgia military veterans and service members with traumatic brain injuries and mental health concerns.	250,000
5.	Increase funds to eliminate homelessness among Georgia veterans.	5,000,000
6.	Increase funds for mental health clinic for military families.	500,000
	Total Change	**$8,535,844**

Department of Veterans Service
Program Budgets

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Departmental Administration (DVS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,669
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(11,534)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	599
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(101,676)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	33,886
	Total Change	**($76,056)**

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,505
2.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	460
3.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(57,320)
4.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	18,404
5.	Increase funds for a director for the new veterans cemetery in Augusta.	102,000
6.	Transfer funds from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Veterans Service for one-time funding of debris cleanup.	200,000
	Total Change	**$265,049**

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 21.91% to 22.32%.	$25,780
2.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	226
3.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(5,894)
4.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	486
5.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(8,595)
6.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,726
7.	Increase funds to match increased federal funds to maintain existing bed count.	455,159
8.	Increase funds to promote excellence, for quality improvements, and additional staffing capacity to open all beds at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	2,500,000
	Total Change	**$2,969,888**

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Veterans Benefits

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$11,688
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(4,045)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	3,692
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(445,178)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	147,486
6.	Increase funds for Field Operations and Appeals positions to meet the Department of Administrative Services' minimum salary guidelines.	258,776
7.	Increase funds for one position for the new Savannah Tech VECTR Center.	60,986
8.	Increase funds for a technology platform for community service referral.	1,500,000
9.	Increase funds to annualize legislative priority of eliminating veteran homelessness. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	2,500,000
	Total Change	**$4,033,405**

Department of Veterans Service

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$33,144,535	$10,434,490	$43,579,025	$33,144,535	$7,192,286	$40,336,821
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$33,144,535**	**$10,434,490**	**$43,579,025**	**$33,144,535**	**$7,192,286**	**$40,336,821**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$24,210,246	$0	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$0	$24,210,246
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	**$24,210,246**	**$0**	**$24,210,246**	**$24,210,246**	**$0**	**$24,210,246**
Other Funds	$3,465,491	$0	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$0	$3,465,491
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$3,465,491**	**$0**	**$3,465,491**	**$3,465,491**	**$0**	**$3,465,491**
Total Funds	**$60,820,272**	**$10,434,490**	**$71,254,762**	**$60,820,272**	**$7,192,286**	**$68,012,558**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DVS)						
State General Funds	4,241,773	17,502	4,259,275	4,241,773	(76,056)	4,165,717
TOTAL FUNDS	**$4,241,773**	**$17,502**	**$4,259,275**	**$4,241,773**	**($76,056)**	**$4,165,717**
Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery						
State General Funds	1,051,037	820,588	1,871,625	1,051,037	265,049	1,316,086
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	327,896	0	327,896	327,896	0	327,896
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,378,933**	**$820,588**	**$2,199,521**	**$1,378,933**	**$265,049**	**$1,643,982**
Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes						
State General Funds	18,114,399	1,060,556	19,174,955	18,114,399	2,969,888	21,084,287
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	23,128,424	0	23,128,424	23,128,424	0	23,128,424
Other Funds	3,465,491	0	3,465,491	3,465,491	0	3,465,491
TOTAL FUNDS	**$44,708,314**	**$1,060,556**	**$45,768,870**	**$44,708,314**	**$2,969,888**	**$47,678,202**
Veterans Benefits						
State General Funds	9,737,326	8,535,844	18,273,170	9,737,326	4,033,405	13,770,731
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	753,926	0	753,926	753,926	0	753,926
TOTAL FUNDS	**$10,491,252**	**$8,535,844**	**$19,027,096**	**$10,491,252**	**$4,033,405**	**$14,524,657**

Department of Veterans Service

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Departmental Administration (DVS)	$3,288,013	$3,126,205	$4,241,773	$4,259,275	$4,165,717
Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery	2,404,276	8,405,694	1,378,933	2,199,521	1,643,982
Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes	39,819,608	44,485,446	44,708,314	45,768,870	47,678,202
Veterans Benefits	16,986,204	17,600,659	10,491,252	19,027,096	14,524,657
SUBTOTAL	**$62,498,101**	**$73,618,004**	**$60,820,272**	**$71,254,762**	**$68,012,558**
Total Funds	**$62,498,101**	**$73,618,004**	**$60,820,272**	**$71,254,762**	**$68,012,558**
Less:					
Federal Funds	24,368,878	33,136,320	24,210,246	24,210,246	24,210,246
Federal COVID Funds	6,117,505	6,108,819			
Other Funds	4,483,109	3,018,639	3,465,491	3,465,491	3,465,491
SUBTOTAL	**$34,969,492**	**$42,263,778**	**$27,675,737**	**$27,675,737**	**$27,675,737**
State General Funds	27,528,609	31,354,226	33,144,535	43,579,025	40,336,821
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$27,528,609**	**$31,354,226**	**$33,144,535**	**$43,579,025**	**$40,336,821**

State Board of Workers' Compensation

Roles and Responsibilities

WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

Most Georgia employees are covered by the state's workers' compensation law. Since passage of this law, employees may now gain benefits from employers when injured on the job. The law ensures employees certain benefits paid to them as a result of on-the-job injuries. The same law also provides employers with a form of limited liability from these injuries.

The state's workers' compensation law applies to all employers that have at least three full-time, part-time, or seasonal employees. Some categories of workers are exempt, however, including federal employees, railroad workers, farmers, domestic servants, business partners, independent contractors, and some corporate officers.

The State Board of Workers' Compensation was created to oversee the workers' compensation law. The board may create rules, regulations, and policies to enforce this area of law. The board is also vested with the responsibility of conducting training seminars that educate employers, employees, insurers, self-insurers, physicians, and rehabilitation suppliers about workers' compensation law changes and other related issues.

If either the employer or an employee involved in a workers' compensation claim wishes to contest the facts involved in the case, an administrative law judge under the board or a board mediator may be used to settle the issue. Either party disagreeing with this ruling may appeal the decision through the appellate division, state superior or appellate courts; however, that avenue may only be used to debate points of law, not facts of a case.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The board consists of three directors, one of whom is the chair, and all are appointed by the Governor. The directors promulgate workers' compensation regulations and develop workers' compensation policy. They also hear appeals of administrative law judges' decisions and render rulings on appeals, as well as approve and submit budget requests for the agency.

The executive director/chief operating officer oversees the operations of the board. The executive director also provides management supervision, makes presentations to various groups as requested, assists the directors as needed, and acts as peer review of medical services.

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Division mediates appropriate issues, issues orders, and makes presentations to various groups as requested.

The Appellate Division researches cases that are appealed to the board, recommends appropriate action, receives and processes documents regarding appealed cases, and sets calendars for appellate hearings.

The Claims Processing Division includes data entry, documents processing, and file room units. These units are responsible for coding and quality input of claims data, processing correspondence, and coordinating the transfer, retention, and destruction of all claims files.

The Enforcement Division investigates incidents of non-compliance and incidents alleging fraud, maintains information on employers' insurance coverage, and makes presentations to various groups regarding fraud/compliance.

The Legal Division is responsible for conducting hearings in contested cases and ruling on motions. The Division schedules and holds hearings for those claims in which an evidentiary hearing was requested by a party, or in cases where mediation conference was either inappropriate or did not result in resolution of the pending issues.

The Managed Care and Rehabilitation Division processes requests for rehabilitation services, performs quality assurance reviews of rehabilitation suppliers, holds conferences to resolve disputes, reviews and approves rehabilitation plans, reviews applications of managed care organizations, and registers rehabilitation suppliers.

The Settlements Division reviews and processes stipulated settlements and requests for advances.

The Information Technology Services Division provides innovative, contemporary, and accessible technology in computing, media, telephone services, and training to enable staff to meet their goals as a state agency.

AUTHORITY

Chapter 9 of Title 34, Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

State Board of Workers' Compensation

Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$185,158
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(117,808)
	Total Change	**$67,350**

Board Administration (SBWC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

Recommended Change:

1.	Increase funds to provide a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 to full-time, regular state employees.	$43,060
2.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264% effective May 1, 2026.	(29,712)
	Total Change	**$13,348**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($71,019)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(2,566)
3.	Provide funds to enhance the retirement benefit for select POST certified law enforcement officers who are members of the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS) by increasing employer contribution to the savings plan.	3,254
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(706,843)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	224,757
	Total Change	**($552,417)**

Board Administration (SBWC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($17,911)
2.	Reflect an adjustment in telecommunications and infrastructure rates for the Georgia Technology Authority.	(18,775)
3.	Reflect an adjustment for GA@Work billings to meet projected expenditures.	7,005
4.	Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the employer contribution rate for the State Health Benefit Plan from 29.454% to 20.264%.	(178,267)
5.	Increase funds to reflect an additional 2.92% increase in the employer contribution for the Employees' Retirement System. (See Intent Language Considered Non-Binding by the Governor.)	56,276
	Total Change	**($151,672)**

State Board of Workers' Compensation

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$21,730,780	$80,698	$21,811,478	$21,730,780	($704,089)	$21,026,691
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$21,730,780**	**$80,698**	**$21,811,478**	**$21,730,780**	**($704,089)**	**$21,026,691**
Other Funds	$373,832	$0	$373,832	$373,832	$0	$373,832
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	**$373,832**	**$0**	**$373,832**	**$373,832**	**$0**	**$373,832**
Total Funds	**$22,104,612**	**$80,698**	**$22,185,310**	**$22,104,612**	**($704,089)**	**$21,400,523**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws						
State General Funds	15,120,939	67,350	15,188,289	15,120,939	(552,417)	14,568,522
Other Funds	308,353	0	308,353	308,353	0	308,353
TOTAL FUNDS	**$15,429,292**	**$67,350**	**$15,496,642**	**$15,429,292**	**($552,417)**	**$14,876,875**
Board Administration (SBWC)						
State General Funds	6,609,841	13,348	6,623,189	6,609,841	(151,672)	6,458,169
Other Funds	65,479	0	65,479	65,479	0	65,479
TOTAL FUNDS	**$6,675,320**	**$13,348**	**$6,688,668**	**$6,675,320**	**($151,672)**	**$6,523,648**

State Board of Workers' Compensation

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws	$13,869,972	$14,958,646	$15,429,292	$15,496,642	$14,876,875
Board Administration (SBWC)	6,427,391	6,990,443	6,675,320	6,688,668	6,523,648
SUBTOTAL	**$20,297,363**	**$21,949,089**	**$22,104,612**	**$22,185,310**	**$21,400,523**
Total Funds	**$20,297,363**	**$21,949,089**	**$22,104,612**	**$22,185,310**	**$21,400,523**
Less:					
Other Funds	728,510	780,729	373,832	373,832	373,832
SUBTOTAL	**$728,510**	**$780,729**	**$373,832**	**$373,832**	**$373,832**
State General Funds	19,568,852	21,168,359	21,730,780	21,811,478	21,026,691
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$19,568,852**	**$21,168,359**	**$21,730,780**	**$21,811,478**	**$21,026,691**

Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission
Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

Capital Projects Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

Recommended Change:

1.	Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Provide for additional major rehabilitation and renovation projects, statewide.	$33,483,011
2.	Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design and construct the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering building, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County.	88,200,000
3.	Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design the School of Nursing at the University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.	5,600,000
4.	Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equip the School of Medicine, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.	11,430,000
5.	Technical College System of Georgia: Provide for additional major rehabilitation and renovation projects, statewide.	48,000,000
6.	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of: Provide funds for a 40-bed forensic restoration facility at East Central Regional Hospital, Augusta, Richmond County.	20,740,730
7.	Community Supervision, Department of: Replace 75 vehicles, statewide.	4,500,000
8.	Corrections, Department of: Design and construction to replace locking controls, statewide.	84,596,895
9.	Corrections, Department of: Design and construct fire alarm replacement, perimeter security and lighting, thermal cameras, and CCTV, statewide.	84,661,607
10.	Corrections, Department of: Design for Walker State Prison Kitchen renovation, Rock Spring, Walker County.	921,000
11.	Corrections, Department of: Replace six buses and three vans, statewide.	2,980,000
12.	Corrections, Department of: Replace and outfit 252 vehicles, statewide.	9,275,000
13.	Corrections, Department of: Purchase a warden house at Emanuel Women's Facility, Swainsboro, Emanuel County.	285,000
14.	Corrections, Department of: Purchase food and farm equipment, statewide.	2,944,923
15.	Defense, Department of: Design and construction of a readiness center, Monroe, Walton County.	28,000,000
16.	Defense, Department of: Site improvements and renovations for a readiness center, Forest Park, Clayton County.	4,000,000
17.	Investigations, Georgia Bureau of: Additional design and construction of the Region 10 Investigative Office and Crime Scene Garage, Conyers, Rockdale County.	50,000,000
18.	Investigations, Georgia Bureau of: Replace and outfit 40 vehicles, statewide.	2,520,000
19.	Investigations, Georgia Bureau of: Provide funds for equipment, installation and training associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability.	4,285,000
20.	Juvenile Justice, Department of: Replace Muscogee YDC CCTV system, Columbus, Muscogee County.	600,000
21.	Juvenile Justice, Department of: Facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.	2,833,800
22.	Regents, Board of: Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip the Arts and Sciences Renovation, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County	5,000,000
23.	Public Safety, Department of: Replace and outfit 215 vehicles, statewide.	13,025,000
24.	Public Safety, Department of: Design, construct, and equip a new K-9 training facility at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters, Atlanta, Fulton County.	15,000,000
25.	Peace Officer Standards and Training Council: Replace three vehicles, Austell, Cobb County.	105,000
26.	Public Safety Training Center: Repair the wastewater treatment plant, Forsyth, Monroe County.	4,587,000
27.	Public Safety Training Center: Repair the Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) maneuver training areas, Forsyth, Monroe County.	750,000
28.	Public Safety Training Center: Provide funds for equipment, installation, and training associated with a new statewide public safety radio network to achieve statewide interoperability.	124,000
29.	Driver Services, Department of: Replace timeclock and ticketing equipment for Customer Service Centers, statewide.	1,000,000
30.	Driver Services, Department of: Purchase facility hardening equipment to improve security in Customer Service Centers, statewide.	1,000,000
31.	Driver Services, Department of: Replace and repair counters in Customer Service Centers, statewide.	430,000
32.	Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority: Replace HVAC units, Perry, Houston County.	2,487,926
33.	Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority: Riverwalk repairs at the Savannah Convention Center, Savannah, Chatham County.	5,000,000

34.	Forestry Commission, State: Design and construct a mass timber county unit, Madison, Morgan County.	2,636,180
35.	Foresty Commission, State: Replace open cab tractors with environmental cabs, statewide.	10,000,000
36.	Natural Resources, Department of: Infrastructure improvements and renovations for the North Georgia Mountain Authority at Unicoi State Park, Helen, White County.	1,750,000
37.	Natural Resources, Department of: Replace one helicopter for search and rescue operations, statewide.	10,400,000
38.	Natural Resources, Department of: Provide funds for facility improvements and renovations at fish hatcheries, statewide	3,000,000
39.	Natural Resources, Department of: Replacement of gangways, statewide.	1,500,000
40.	Stone Mountain Memorial Association: Design and rehabilitation of the dam at Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain, Dekalb County.	610,440
41.	Stone Mountain Memorial Association: Provide funds for monument maintenance needs, Stone Mountain, Dekalb County.	2,000,000
42.	Georgia World Congress Center Authority: Provide funds for phase one of electrical system equipment replacement, Atlanta, Fulton County.	12,000,000
43.	Regents, Board of: Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip the retrofit of the 301 Building to establish the College of Optometry, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County.	29,800,000
44.	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of: Increase funds for one-time funding to begin design and construction of new Georgia Regional Hospital -Atlanta to address mental health and forensic bed capacity.	409,000,000
45.	Public Safety, Department of: Increase funds for one-time funding to design, construct, and equip Post 19 to reflect enhanced mission and increased construction costs, Swainsboro, Emanuel County.	1,350,000
46.	Public Safety, Department of: Increase funds for one-time funding for matching funds to design, construct, and equip a new state patrol facility for Waycross Post 22, Waycross, Ware County.	1,350,000
47.	Georgia Public Library System: Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the renovation for the Long County Public Library, Ludowici, Long County.	1,900,000
48.	Technical College System of Georgia: Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for one college and career academy.	1,500,000
49.	Regents, Board of: Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for the renovation for the Criminal Justice Learning Lab and Public Safety Facility, Albany State University, Albany, Dougherty County.	3,900,000
50.	Regents, Board of: Increase funds for one-time funding for construction for renovation of the Technology-Enhanced Learning Center, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Carroll County.	5,000,000
51.	Corrections, Department of: Redirect $25,000,000 in existing funds for prison design (HB67, 2025 Session) and increase funds to construct one new modular correctional unit and two transition centers to expand bed capacity.	125,000,000
52.	Eliminate unutilized project funds.	(3,500,000)
53.	Natural Resources, Department of: Redirect $15,000,000 of FY 2025 funds authorized for land acquisition at Paulding and Dawson Forests to be used for land acquisition at Pine Log Mountain, White, Bartow County.	Yes
	Total Change	**$1,157,562,512**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

Capital Projects Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds for one-time projects appropriated in the FY 2026 budget (HB 68, 2025 Session).	($715,736,336)
	Total Change	**($715,736,336)**

Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$715,736,336	$1,157,562,512	$1,873,298,848	$715,736,336	($715,736,336)	$0
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$715,736,336**	**$1,157,562,512**	**$1,873,298,848**	**$715,736,336**	**($715,736,336)**	**$0**
Total Funds	**$715,736,336**	**$1,157,562,512**	**$1,873,298,848**	**$715,736,336**	**($715,736,336)**	**$0**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Capital Projects Fund						
State General Funds	715,736,336	1,157,562,512	1,873,298,848	715,736,336	(715,736,336)	0
TOTAL FUNDS	**$715,736,336**	**$1,157,562,512**	**$1,873,298,848**	**$715,736,336**	**($715,736,336)**	**$0**

Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Capital Projects Fund	$1,527,012,775	$1,317,069,548	$715,736,336	$1,873,298,848	
SUBTOTAL	**$1,527,012,775**	**$1,317,069,548**	**$715,736,336**	**$1,873,298,848**	
Total Funds	**$1,527,012,775**	**$1,317,069,548**	**$715,736,336**	**$1,873,298,848**	
Less:					
SUBTOTAL					
State General Funds	1,527,012,775	1,317,069,548	715,736,336	1,873,298,848	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$1,527,012,775**	**$1,317,069,548**	**$715,736,336**	**$1,873,298,848**	

Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

Program Budgets

Amended FY 2026 Budget Changes

GO Bonds Issued

1.	Increase funds for debt service.	
2.	Reduce motor fuel funds for debt service and transfer savings to the Department of Transportation.	(1,126,803)
3.	Utilize $3,743,080 in remaining proceeds from a Fiscal Year 2023 20-year bond issued for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for rehabilitation of the Lake Trahlyta Dam at Vogel State Park to complete prioritized dam repairs at Vogel State Park, Little Ocmulgee State Park, or other DNR maintained dams.	Yes
	Total Change	**($1,126,803)**

GO Bonds New

1.	No change.	$0
	Total Change	**$0**

FY 2027 Budget Changes

GO Bonds Issued

1.	Reduce funds for debt service to reflect savings associated with debt retirement and defeasance.	($42,386,997)
2.	Transfer motor fuel funds to the Department of Transportation to reflect debt service savings on road and bridge bond issuances.	(5,328,939)
3.	Redirect $13,355,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2024 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing education facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB 19, Bond #376.101) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.)	Yes
4.	Redirect $5,010,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2023 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth (HB 911, Bond #2) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.	Yes
5.	Redirect $5,990,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 81, Bond #353.101) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.	Yes
6.	Redirect $2,270,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance (HB 81, Bond #353.102) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.	Yes
7.	Redirect $1,605,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth (HB 81, Bond #353.103) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.	Yes
8.	Redirect $4,141,654 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2022 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 81, Bond #353.101) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.	Yes
9.	Redirect $1,465,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.	Yes
10.	Redirect $1,014,128 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2027 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.	Yes
11.	Redirect $2,840,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY 2021 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB 793, Bond #1) to be used for the FY 2025 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.	Yes
	Total Change	**($47,715,936)**

GO Bonds New

1.	Increase funds for debt service.	$91,153,187
	Total Change	**$91,153,187**

Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	$965,529,934	$0	$965,529,934	$965,529,934	$48,766,190	$1,014,296,124
Motor Fuel Funds	101,564,756	(1,126,803)	100,437,953	101,564,756	(5,328,939)	96,235,817
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$1,067,094,690**	**($1,126,803)**	**$1,065,967,887**	**$1,067,094,690**	**$43,437,251**	**$1,110,531,941**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,007,384	$0	$12,007,384	$12,007,384	$0	$12,007,384
TOTAL FEDERAL RECOVERY FUNDS	**$12,007,384**	**$0**	**$12,007,384**	**$12,007,384**	**$0**	**$12,007,384**
Total Funds	**$1,079,102,074**	**($1,126,803)**	**$1,077,975,271**	**$1,079,102,074**	**$43,437,251**	**$1,122,539,325**

	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2027 Budget
GO Bonds Issued						
State General Funds	965,529,934	0	965,529,934	965,529,934	(42,386,997)	923,142,937
Motor Fuel Funds	101,564,756	(1,126,803)	100,437,953	101,564,756	(5,328,939)	96,235,817
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	12,007,384	0	12,007,384	12,007,384	0	12,007,384
TOTAL FUNDS	**$1,079,102,074**	**($1,126,803)**	**$1,077,975,271**	**$1,079,102,074**	**($47,715,936)**	**$1,031,386,138**
GO Bonds New						
State General Funds	0	0	0	0	91,153,187	91,153,187
TOTAL FUNDS	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$91,153,187**	**$91,153,187**

Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2024 Expenditures	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Budget	Amended FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
GO Bonds Issued	$1,142,695,409	$1,200,907,637	$1,079,102,074	$1,077,975,271	$1,031,386,138
GO Bonds New	77,284,842				91,153,187
SUBTOTAL	**$1,219,980,251**	**$1,200,907,637**	**$1,079,102,074**	**$1,077,975,271**	**$1,122,539,325**
Total Funds	**$1,219,980,251**	**$1,200,907,637**	**$1,079,102,074**	**$1,077,975,271**	**$1,122,539,325**
Less:					
Federal Recovery Funds	14,629,278	13,394,234	12,007,384	12,007,384	12,007,384
Prior Year State Funds	38,542,632	20,734,840			
SUBTOTAL	**$53,171,910**	**$34,129,074**	**$12,007,384**	**$12,007,384**	**$12,007,384**
State General Funds	1,062,283,124	1,052,747,076	965,529,934	965,529,934	1,014,296,124
Motor Fuel Funds	104,525,217	114,031,487	101,564,756	100,437,953	96,235,817
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	**$1,166,808,341**	**$1,166,778,563**	**$1,067,094,690**	**$1,065,967,887**	**$1,110,531,941**

General Obligation Bonds
Appropriations for FY 2027

	Bond Projects	Bond Term	Authorized Principal	Debt Service
Educated Georgia				
	414-Education, Department of			
1.	Fund Capital Outlay Program -Regular for local school construction, statewide.	20	104,385,000	9,666,051
2.	Fund Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance for local school construction, statewide.	20	39,305,000	3,639,643
3.	Fund Capital Outlay Project-Low Wealth for school construction, statewide.	20	15,455,000	1,431,133
4.	Fund Capital Outlay Project Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide.	20	46,090,000	4,267,934
5.	Purchase vocational and agriculture education equipment, statewide.	5	8,035,000	1,921,972
6.	Major repairs and renovations for state schools, statewide.	20	1,275,000	118,065
	Subtotal 414-Education, Department of		$214,545,000	$21,044,798
	472-Regents, University System of Georgia Board of			
1.	Purchase equipment for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Building, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Lumpkin County.	5	4,900,000	1,172,080
2.	Purchase equipment for the Science and Ag Hill Modernization Phase III - Poultry Science Building Renovation, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.	5T	3,000,000	751,200
3.	Purchase equipment and demolition for the replacement of Natural Sciences Laboratory Facilities, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Sumter County.	5	2,600,000	621,920
4.	Purchase equipment for the renovation of the Harry Downs Building for Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County.	5	1,500,000	358,800
5.	Purchase equipment for the renovation of the Lakeview Nursing and Dental Hygiene building, Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Floyd County.	5	1,300,000	310,960
6.	Fund construction for the Science & Ag Hill Modernization, Phase IV (Biological Sciences - North Wing), University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.	5T	34,500,000	8,638,800
7.	Fund design for the One Arsenal Place renovation, Columbus State University, Columbus, Muscogee County.	5T	1,600,000	400,640
8.	Fund design for the Strickland Hall renovation - Gainesville, University of North Georgia, Gainesville, Hall County.	5	1,000,000	239,200
9.	Fund design, construction, and equipment for the renovations for Student Success and Construction Management program facilities, Kennesaw State University, Marietta, Cobb County.	20T	10,000,000	1,057,000
10.	Fund construction and equipment for the Davison Hall - Complete Interior Buildout, Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Peach County.	20T	8,800,000	930,160
11.	Fund design and construction for the Groseclose Building deferred renewal, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County.	20T	5,000,000	528,500
12.	Fund design and construction for the Cochran Campus domestic water system replacement, Middle Georgia State University, Cochran, Bleckley County.	20	5,000,000	463,000
13.	Fund design, construction, and equipment for the Building #1050 renovation, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.	20T	5,000,000	528,500
14.	Fund design, construction, and equipment for the renovation of University Center Building 1, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Lowndes County.	20	5,000,000	463,000
15.	Fund design, construction, and equipment for the renovation of University Center Building 1, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Lowndes County.	20	4,900,000	453,740
16.	Fund design and construction for the replacement of the fire alarm system - Interdisciplinary Research Building - Augusta University, Augusta, Richmond County.	20T	4,400,000	465,080
17.	Fund design and construction for the Campuswide HVAC Renewal, Georgia Southern University East Georgia Campus, Swainsboro, Emanuel County.	20	4,200,000	388,920
18.	Fund construction for the Campus Infrastructure Phase III, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County.	20	3,500,000	324,100
19.	Fund design, construction, and equipment for the Smith Library renovation, South Georgia State College, Douglas, Coffee County.	20	3,000,000	277,800
20.	Fund R&D talent, equipment and innovation and entrepreneurship, Georgia Research Alliance, statewide. (See Intent Language Consider Non-Binding by the Governor.)	5T	15,700,000	3,931,280
21.	Fund construction of the renovation of the Westtown Library, Dougherty County Public Library System, Albany, Dougherty County.	20	900,000	83,340
22.	Fund construction of the Parks Memorial Library, Chattahoochee Valley Libraries, Richland, Stewart County.	20	900,000	83,340

	Bond Projects	Bond Term	Authorized Principal	Debt Service
23.	Fund design for the renovation of the Student Success and Career Services building, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Tift County.	5	900,000	215,280
24.	Fund construction of student support, engagement and wellness facility, Savannah State University, Savannah, Chatham County.	20	42,810,000	3,964,206
	Subtotal 472-Regents, University System of Georgia Board of		$170,410,000	$26,650,846
	968-Georgia Military College			
1.	Fund renovations for Junior College James E. Baugh Barracks, Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	20	550,000	50,930
2.	Fund replacement for Sibley-Cone Library fire alarm system, Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	20	110,000	10,186
3.	Fund repair for Jenkins Hall stucco, Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	20	285,000	26,391
4.	Fund replacement and repair for College Academic Building roof, Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	20	165,000	15,279
	Subtotal 968-Georgia Military College		$1,110,000	$102,786
	977-Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission			
1.	Fund upgrade for cybersecurity infrastructure, Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, statewide.	20T	560,000	59,192
2.	Fund transmission and RF systems (Phase II), Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, statewide.	20T	790,000	83,503
3.	Fund repainting of tall broadcast towers, Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, statewide.	20T	740,000	78,218
4.	Fund establishment of disaster recovery and off-site data archive storage facility, Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, Warm Springs, Meriwether County.	20T	660,000	69,762
	Subtotal 977-Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission		$2,750,000	$290,675
	415-Technical College System of Georgia			
1.	Purchase equipment for refresh, statewide.	5T	9,000,000	2,253,600
2.	Purchase equipment for renovation and expansion of Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron Academic Complex, Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta, Fulton County.	5T	4,455,000	1,115,532
3.	Purchase equipment for Building B Simulated Training Hospital, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Covington, Newton County.	5T	1,570,000	393,128
4.	Purchase equipment for Automotive Building Expansion, Gwinnett Technical College, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County.	5T	1,435,000	359,324
5.	Purchase equipment for Building A Renovation Phase II, West Georgia Technical College, Lagrange, Troup County.	5T	565,000	141,476
6.	Fund construction for Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Technology Building, Augusta Technical College, Grovetown, Columbia County.	20T	26,560,000	2,807,392
7.	Fund design for Aviation Campus Building Expansion, Savannah Technical College, Savannah, Chatham County.	5T	1,325,000	331,780
8.	Fund design for North Fulton Campus Building 2, Gwinnett Technical College, Alpharetta, Fulton County.	5T	2,260,000	565,904
9.	Fund design and construction for Industrial Technologies Renovation/Replacement - Phase 2, Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Rome, Floyd County.	20T	13,345,000	1,410,567
10.	Fund design and construction for Manufacturing & Diesel Lab Renovation, Chattahoochee Technical College, Acworth, Bartow County.	20T	8,820,000	932,274
11.	Fund design for Automotive/EV Renovation and Expansion, Ogeechee Technical College, Statesboro, Bulloch County.	5T	1,025,000	256,660
12.	Fund design, construction and equipment for Diesel Lab Addition, Oconee Fall Line Technical College, Sandersville, Washington County.	20T	5,000,000	528,500
13.	Fund design and construction for one college and career academy, statewide.	20	3,000,000	277,800
	Subtotal 415-Technical College System of Georgia		$78,360,000	$11,373,937
	Subtotal: Educated Georgia		**$467,175,000**	**$59,463,042**
Healthy Georgia				
	218-Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency			
1.	Replace the HVAC system at Roosevelt Hall, Roosevelt Warm Springs, Meriwether County.	20	2,400,000	222,240
	Subtotal 218-Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency		$2,400,000	$222,240

General Obligation Bonds
Appropriations for FY 2027

	Bond Projects	Bond Term	Authorized Principal	Debt Service
	405-Public Health, Department of			
1.	Fund improvements and renovations to district offices and public health laboratories, statewide.	20	1,155,000	106,953
	Subtotal 405-Public Health, Department of		$1,155,000	$106,953
	488-Veterans Service, Department of			
1.	Fund improvements and renovations at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	20	1,835,000	169,921
2.	Elevator repairs at the Georgia War Veterans Home, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	20	220,000	20,372
	Subtotal 488-Veterans Service, Department of		$2,055,000	$190,293
	Subtotal: Healthy Georgia		**$5,610,000**	**$519,486**
Safe Georgia				
	467-Corrections, Department of			
1.	Fund mechanical, electrical, and plumbing repairs at Pulaski State Prison, Hawkinsville, Pulaski County.	20	42,520,000	3,937,352
2.	Major repairs and renovations for state prison, statewide.	20	50,000,000	4,630,000
	Subtotal 467-Corrections, Department of		$92,520,000	$8,567,352
	411-Defense, Department of			
1.	Fund facility maintenance and repairs, statewide.	20	4,000,000	370,400
2.	Fund site improvements and renovations for six readiness centers, statewide.	20	12,000,000	1,111,200
	Subtotal 411-Defense, Department of		$16,000,000	$1,481,600
	471-Investigation, Georgia Bureau of			
1.	Construct new security improvements at Headquarters, Decatur, DeKalb County.	20	5,000,000	463,000
2.	Fund furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Central Medical Examiner Building, Dry Branch, Bibb County.	5	5,000,000	1,196,000
3.	Fund major repairs and renovations, statewide.	20	2,730,000	252,798
4.	Fund minor repairs and renovations, statewide.	5	1,100,000	263,120
5.	Replace crime lab equipment, statewide.	5	2,000,000	478,400
	Subtotal 471-Investigation, Georgia Bureau of		$15,830,000	$2,653,318
	461-Juvenile Justice, Department of			
1.	Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.	5	14,625,000	3,498,300
2.	Fund major repairs and renovations, statewide.	5	5,970,000	1,428,024
3.	Fund secure facility Wi-Fi expansion, statewide.	5	2,055,000	491,556
	Subtotal 461-Juvenile Justice, Department of		$22,650,000	$5,417,880
	466-Public Safety, Department of			
1.	Fund major maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide.	20	1,405,000	130,103
2.	Fund aviation maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide.	5	600,000	143,520
3.	Replace 400 tasers, statewide.	5	2,335,000	558,532
4.	Design and construct a new state patrol facility for LaFayette Post 41, LaFayette, Walker County.	20	1,500,000	138,900
5.	Fund furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Swainsboro Post, Emanuel County.	5	115,000	27,508
6.	Fund furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Sylvania Post, Screven County.	5	115,000	27,508
	Subtotal 466-Public Safety, Department of		$6,070,000	$1,026,071
	290-Public Safety Training Center			
1.	Repair dormitory building, Forsyth, Monroe County.	5	260,000	62,192
2.	Construct a new Urban Driving Track, Forsyth, Monroe County.	5	3,490,000	834,808
3.	Replace four fire investigation training structures, Forsyth, Monroe County.	5	420,000	100,464

	Bond Projects	Bond Term	Authorized Principal	Debt Service
4.	Repair and replace core network upgrades and HVAC, Forsyth, Monroe County.	5	920,000	220,064
	Subtotal 290-Public Safety Training Center		$5,090,000	$1,217,528
	Subtotal: Safe Georgia		**$158,160,000**	**$20,363,749**
Responsible and Efficient Government				
	440-Labor, Department of			
1.	Fund demolition, design, and construction of the Central Complex parking lot and warehouse building, Atlanta, Fulton County.	20	6,730,000	623,198
2.	Fund major repairs and renovations, statewide.	20	940,000	87,044
	Subtotal 440-Labor, Department of		$7,670,000	$710,242
	Subtotal: Responsible and Efficient Government		**$7,670,000**	**$710,242**
Growing Georgia				
	402-Agriculture, Department of			
1.	Construct the new regulatory laboratory at Atlanta Farmers Market, Forest Park, Clayton County.	20	30,455,000	2,820,133
2.	Fund renovations and equipment at Tifton Laboratory for recommissioning, Tifton, Tift County.	5	985,000	235,612
3.	Fund replacement of 48 vehicles, statewide.	5	2,280,000	545,376
	Subtotal 402-Agriculture, Department of		$33,720,000	$3,601,121
	928-Georgia Environmental Finance Authority			
1.	Fund state match for the federal Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Programs, statewide.	20	33,200,000	3,074,320
	Subtotal 928-Georgia Environmental Finance Authority		$33,200,000	$3,074,320
	420- Forestry Commission, State			
1.	Fund replacement of vehicles and trailers, statewide.	5	1,750,000	418,600
2.	Fund major repairs and renovations for offices, truck sheds, and crew rooms, statewide.	20	1,680,000	155,568
3.	Construct a truck shed and crew room, Douglas, Coffee County.	20	1,075,000	99,545
	Subtotal 420- Forestry Commission, State		$4,505,000	$673,713
	462-Natural Resources, Department of			
1.	Fund replacement of vehicles and emergency equipment, statewide.	5	4,940,000	1,181,648
2.	Fund facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.	20	16,910,000	1,565,866
	Subtotal 462-Natural Resources, Department of		$21,850,000	$2,747,514
	Subtotal: Growing Georgia		**$93,275,000**	**$10,096,668**
	Total: Bonds		**$731,890,000**	**$91,153,187**

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