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**State of Georgia**

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**Budget In Brief**  
**Amended FY 2007 and**  
**FY 2008**

# BUDGET IN BRIEF

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## AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2007 AND FISCAL YEAR 2008



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## OFFICE OF PLANNING AND BUDGET

**Sonny Perdue**  
Governor

**Trey Childress**  
Director

Dear Fellow Georgians:

The attached report provides detailed budgetary information for the State of Georgia for both the Amended Fiscal Year (AFY) 2007 budget and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 budget. Strong economic growth over the past four years has allowed the State of Georgia to continue investments in the areas of education, economic development, public safety and health care.

The introduction of this report includes a summary of budget highlights for both the AFY 2007 and the FY 2008 budget years. This provides the reader with an overview of expenditure changes in the major policy areas of Educated, Healthy, Safe, Growing and Best Managed Georgia. The remainder of the publication is divided into two sections, the financial summary information and more detailed department data. Financial summary information begins with an overview of state revenues by source and appropriation data. The final section of this publication includes detail appropriations of state funds for all departments of the state and presented at the program level.

The information is intended to provide Georgians with an understanding of the financial position of the state and the spending authorized by the most recent legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trey Childress".

Trey Childress  
Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

*AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER*

## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS BY POLICY AREA**

### **AMENDED FY 2007 AND FY 2008**

#### **EDUCATED GEORGIA**

Governor Perdue continues to place needed resources into education from Pre-K to higher education. This commitment to education is based on his belief that by preparing Georgians for the challenges of this new century they can realize the American dream of ever expanding opportunities and a better life.

This budget demonstrates the state's dedication to education by funding enrollment growth in all levels of education: Pre-K, K-12, and higher education. In addition, funds have been included to expand the graduation coach program from high school to middle school as part of the concerted state effort to reduce the number of high school dropouts.

Significant funds are also committed to major capital projects, to deal with the major enrollment growth in education. Facilities are recommended to insure that classrooms will be available for Georgia students from the time they enter kindergarten to the time they are pursuing college.

#### **EARLY CARE AND LEARNING**

\$6,428,932 in lottery funds for 1,586 additional Pre-K slots to fund enrollment growth for a total of 76,586 slots in Amended FY 2007.

\$11,872,902 in lottery funds for 3,000 additional slots, to fund enrollment growth for a total of 78,000 slots in FY 2008.

#### **STUDENT FINANCE**

##### **FY 2008**

\$158,912 to expand GAcollge411 marketing efforts and to provide 4 financial consultants to educate students, parents, counselors and graduation coaches about the resources available through GAcollge411. The goal of GAcollge411 is to increase access to college by helping students plan, apply, and pay for college.

\$3,280,000 to increase Tuition Equalization Grants (TEG) from \$1,000 to \$1,100 per award to assist

Georgian students attending private colleges and universities.

#### **K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

##### **Amended FY 2007**

\$164,000,802 to recognize a 2.65 percent increase in enrollment growth for the QBE mid-term adjustment for a total of 1,607,836 students in grades K-12.

\$5,215,684 in increased funding to provide a mid-term adjustment for school systems that increased their millage rates.

\$1,429,672 to provide funding to local school systems for children in foster care and \$4,011,247 in FY 2008.

\$1,256,593 to provide for a 10% salary increase for new teachers achieving National Board Certification.

##### **FY 2008**

\$31,499,444 in additional Equalization Grant funding to recognize the gap in wealth between school systems.

\$600,000 to fund minor repairs and renovations at 3 state schools.

\$454,165,000 in 20-year bonds for capital outlay construction in local school systems.

\$1,213,500 to increase classroom cards from \$10,000,000 to \$11,213,500 for additional teachers and provide 1 card per school media center. More than 105,000 teachers used these cards in FY 2007.

\$2,000,000 for planning grants, facility improvement, renovation and construction, and equipment purchases for charter schools.

\$1,250,000 to pay for a portion of college entrance exams for students who meet eligibility requirements.

\$2,404,116 for Advanced Placement (AP) exams to recognize an increase in the number of students tested. The Governor also recommends an increase

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS BY POLICY AREA

### AMENDED FY 2007 AND FY 2008

in PSAT funding for FY 2008 of \$169,152 (in addition to \$88,529 for Amended FY 2007.) It is anticipated that students will take 55,000 AP exams and 99,000 PSAT exams in FY 2007.

\$18,266,320 in additional funds to continue and expand the graduation coach program. This program began in FY 2007 as an innovative way to address the high school graduation rate. The graduation coaches identify students who are at risk of dropping out of school and develop strategies and interventions to help these students graduate from high school. The Governor recommends expanding the graduation coach program to middle schools.

#### UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

##### FY 2008

\$75,587,284 to recognize a 1.8 percent increase in credit hours, bringing the total number of hours generated to 6,631,556. The credit hours were generated by 259,945 students. Both numbers represent an all-time high for the University System of Georgia (USG).

\$247,135,000 in bonds is recommended for USG capital outlay projects. This recommendation includes a professional sciences center at Macon State College, School of Pharmacy building at the University of Georgia, a library for Georgia Gwinnett College and a health sciences building at Kennesaw State University.

\$500,000 is recommended to expand the course offerings at the University of Georgia-Griffin campus. Majors will include Special Education, Science Education and Adult Education. UGA-Griffin anticipates enrollment to grow to 175 students in FY 2008.

\$297,294 to increase the public library state grants formula based on an increase in state population.

\$190,000 to expand the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. The SBIR office assists high-tech start-up companies across the state in securing federal seed capital funding for product development. SBIR anticipates a high return on investment in the area of leveraged federal funds over the next few years from the increased outreach efforts.

\$700,000 for the Agricultural Experiment Station and \$300,000 for the Cooperative Extension Service is recommended to provide for ongoing maintenance and operating needs across the state.

\$10,000,000 additional funding for Georgia Gwinnett College (GGC) to assist with start up. GGC is the first new college in the University System of Georgia since 1970. It will enroll its first freshman class in FY 2008.

\$2,838,996 to expand Medical College of Georgia course offerings to the Athens area. Currently, Georgia ranks 37<sup>th</sup> in the nation for per capita physicians.

\$1,707,623 to fund the recruitment of 20 additional Eminent Cancer Scientists and Clinicians.

\$4,083,333 for the development of a digital dashboard to provide real-time data on the state of cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment in Georgia.

\$17,500,000 in cash and \$42,500,000 in bonds for Major Rehabilitation and Renovation (MRR) on USG's 35 campuses. The University System operates over 44,000,000 square feet.

\$10,000,000 to begin the Life Sciences Vaccine Initiative, a major thrust by the Georgia Research Alliance in establishing Georgia as a hub for vaccine research.

#### TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

##### FY 2008

\$650,000 to expand the fast track nursing initiative. This funding allows technical colleges with nursing programs to expand course offerings to neighboring colleges that do not have a nursing program. The program anticipates placing over 100 new nurses into the workforce.

\$94,940,000 in bonds is recommended for new construction projects and equipment for the technical college system capital outlay projects. This recommendation includes construction of health sciences buildings at both Athens Technical College and Columbus Technical College.

## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS BY POLICY AREA**

### **AMENDED FY 2007 AND FY 2008**

\$15,000,000 in bonds to construct 5 career academies to enhance quality educational opportunities for students to pursue postsecondary education and career pathways.

\$2,500,000 additional funds for adult literacy programs.

#### **HEALTHY GEORGIA**

Health care costs have become a growing component of state government spending. This budget allocates resources to preserve the security of health care coverage through the Medicaid and PeachCare programs. It is based on continuing efforts by the state in cost containment in both areas. These changes, which have saved over \$4.2 billion over five years, have allowed Georgia to continue adequate levels of health care services for Georgia's most needy population.

Also included is a funding increase in the State Health Benefit Plan, which provides health insurance coverage to active and retired teachers, state employees, and their dependents.

Changes in accounting standards require the state to report the actuarial liability for retiree health insurance benefits. This budget makes a large commitment toward this liability by placing \$100 million in a separate account to fund Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) for retiree healthcare for state employees.

Governor Perdue has continued to care for the most vulnerable members of our society by funding additional slots for the Mental Retardation Waiver Program, as well as, additional positions for the Community Care Service Program, which allows elderly clients to continue to live at home.

Georgia ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in the Southeast and 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally in vaccination coverage for children. The state's appropriation of funds to ensure that all children receive vaccines has increased Georgia's vaccination rate. Without this level of commitment there would be significant barriers to vaccination for Georgia's uninsured children.

Concerted efforts in the past four years have succeeded in reducing the recurrence of substantiated child maltreatment in the state. This

measure is often used as a standard by which state child welfare systems are compared. The current national standard as defined by the Administration for Children and Families is less than or equal to 6.1 percent. Georgia has succeeded in reducing this level over the past three years to 5.7 percent, 0.4 points below the national standard.

#### **COMMUNITY HEALTH**

Amended FY 2007

\$15,500,000 to provide for federal Disproportionate Share Hospital funds for private hospitals providing access to Georgia's uninsured citizens.

FY 2008

\$176,000,000 to fund increased costs in the State Health Benefit Plan, which provides health insurance coverage for active and retired teachers, state employees, and their dependents.

\$100,000,000 in state funds for future cost of retiree health care (Total Funds: \$147,000,000). These funds will be set aside in the Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) trust fund.

\$2,750,000 to provide for "new start" Community Health Centers and expansion of behavioral health services with existing Community Health Centers.

\$750,000 to complete the implementation of a statewide Electronic Medical Records system for Georgia's Federally Qualified Community Health Centers.

The Governor's PeachCare budget assumes full federal funding to ensure continuation of health benefits through FY 2008.

\$1,500,000 in tobacco settlement funds to establish a rural primary care access initiative.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Georgia has seen a rapid decrease in adult-only Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) clients. This decline results from dedicated efforts to increase employability through a variety of work assistance activities and a strong commitment to bridging the gap between initial employment and long-term career development. During FY 2006



## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS BY POLICY AREA**

### **AMENDED FY 2007 AND FY 2008**

several Georgia counties recorded instances of no active TANF clients. Georgia's TANF per capita adult-only caseload remains among the lowest in the nation.

#### **FY 2008**

\$11,438,747 to fund 1,330 waiver slots for the Mental Retardation Waiver Program (MRWP) waiting list. An additional 170 slots were funded with internal redirection for a total of 1,500 slots.

\$11,500,000 in bonds to fund needed maintenance repairs at hospitals and other facilities statewide.

\$7,200,000 to fund 83 forensic secure beds at the state hospitals.

\$7,000,000 for antiviral medications to treat pandemic flu.

\$2,700,000 to fund an additional 1,000 slots in the Non-Medicaid Home and Community Based Services program.

\$2,079,800 to fund 500 additional slots in the Community Care Services program.

#### **VETERANS SERVICE**

#### **FY 2008**

\$1,050,000 in bonds for the addition of an Alzheimer's Unit at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing home in Milledgeville to serve an additional 24 patients.

\$1,575,000 in bonds to provide the state match for Federal funds for the Life Safety and Building upgrades in Augusta (Total Funds: \$4,500,000).

#### **GROWING GEORGIA**

Georgia continues to be one of the fastest growing states in the nation with an increase of 2.5 percent between July 2005 and July 2006, the fastest growth in the South. Meeting the demands of an ever increasing population requires major investment in infrastructure maintenance and development. This budget provides a continued investment in transportation to improve highways around our rapidly growing cities and to spur

economic development around the state. Support for local road construction remains at record levels.

Growth demands that we continue to protect our environment and expand access to natural areas throughout the state. This budget funds additional positions at state parks and wildlife management areas to improve operating hours and customer service. There is also an investment of \$19 million to develop the "Go Fish Georgia," a major initiative of the Governor's to improve boating and fishing tourism in the state.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### **FY 2008**

\$6,575,000 in bonds to raise dikes and consolidate dredge disposal areas in the Savannah harbor, making room for additional dredge material so that container ships can continue to navigate the harbor. The Savannah harbor is home to the fastest growing major ports in the nation and contributes to Georgia's growing economy. The funding is a 35 percent state cost share with the Army Corps of Engineers.

\$70,000,000 in motor-fuel funded bonds for the Governor's Fast Forward program. Through the acceleration of existing projects, the program promotes short and long-term congestion relief, spurs economic development, adds capacity to Georgia's highways and includes critically needed improvements to make the existing highway network operate more efficiently.

\$107,787,879 in total motor fuel funds for local roads (Local Assistance Road Program, State Fund Construction – Off System, and State Fund Construction – Most Needed). This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest level of funding since FY 1999.

#### **GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

#### **FY 2008**

\$42,337,944 in grant funds to acquire lands for the preservation and protection of Georgia's critical and essential watersheds and wildlife habitats within the Governor's Land Conservation program.

## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS BY POLICY AREA**

### **AMENDED FY 2007 AND FY 2008**

\$20,000,000 in bonds to fund statewide water and sewer infrastructure loans for local communities through the Georgia Fund program.

\$3,120,000 in bonds to provide the state match for the federal Clean Water State Revolving Fund for water and sewer infrastructure loans for local communities.

\$4,880,000 in bonds to provide the state match for the federal Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for water and sewer infrastructure loans for local communities.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

\$4,100,000 to increase international marketing efforts, expand Asia and Canada global commerce initiatives, and add 5 positions to develop international trade and investment business opportunities for the state in FY 2008.

#### **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

\$1,311,000 in FY 2008 to assist the department in coordinating the decennial Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program for the U.S. Census Bureau in order to ensure that Georgians are accurately counted in the 2010 Census.

#### **AGRICULTURE**

FY 2008  
\$400,000 to implement online licensing for the more than 100 licenses and certificates the department issues. This will allow for greater efficiency and better customer service to regulated businesses.

\$109,928 to complete the automation of food safety and weights and measures inspections, begun in FY 2006. The automated inspection process allows for better data collection and more accurate reporting and enhances the efficiency of consumer protection services.

\$292,056 to provide 8 consumer protection inspectors in the areas of plant protection, food safety, meat inspection, and livestock/poultry, increasing the frequency of inspections and

ensuring safe and properly labeled consumer products.

#### **SAFE GEORGIA**

Ensuring the public's safety remains a high priority of this administration. Strong enforcement of the law requires the continued expansion of prison beds to deal with the increased number of criminals sent to prison. This budget continues to provide for increased bed-space and operating costs in the correctional system both for adults and for juvenile offenders. It also increases funding to provide rehabilitative services to youthful offenders and substance abuse treatment for parolees.

Building on last year's budget, additional funds are provided to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) to deal with methamphetamine related crimes, including an additional 15 agents for the state's year old Meth-Force.

In partnership, the GBI and the Department of Driver Services will establish the Georgia SecureID initiative to protect the integrity of Georgia's drivers' licenses.

#### **CORRECTIONS**

FY 2008  
\$15,264,673 for operating expenses and \$24,380,000 in bonds for 1,024 bed-space expansion including 192 beds at Wilcox State Prison and 256 beds each at Dooly State Prison, Macon State Prison, Smith State Prison and Valdosta State Prison.

\$10,000,000 in bonds for headquarters and training academy relocation to the Tift College campus in Forsyth, Monroe County.

\$720,000 for a boot camp substance abuse treatment program.

\$8,671,912 annualizes the operating cost of state prison bed expansions at Pelham Pre-release Center, Calhoun State Prison and Johnson State Prison as well as probation bed expansion at the Bainbridge Probation Substance Abuse Treatment Center.

## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS BY POLICY AREA**

### **AMENDED FY 2007 AND FY 2008**

\$10,600,000 to fund expenses associated with the Health Services Purchases contract with the Medical College of Georgia.

\$1,066,603 provides funding for mental health care supervision and licensure requirements as well as an increase in dentists.

#### **GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

FY 2008

\$845,791 to provide funding for the Child Safety Initiative to investigate child internet predators and child pornography cases. The one-time costs of \$302,262 associated with establishing this unit was funded in Amended FY 2007.

\$201,996 to establish the Georgia SecureID initiative in partnership with the Department of Driver Services.

\$1,349,132 for additional agents to the Meth-Force first funded in FY 2007. This doubles the GBI Meth-Force to a total of 30 agents who investigate methamphetamine-related crimes.

\$2,650,000 in bonds for the expansion of the Summerville medical examiners facility.

#### **JUVENILE JUSTICE**

FY 2008

\$3,214,409 for 67 additional Juvenile Probation and Parole Specialist positions to supervise and provide rehabilitative services to youth placed in community settings in lieu of secure facilities.

\$6,795,000 in bonds to develop an existing secure facility in the metro-Atlanta area into an 80-bed Youth Development Campus (YDC) facility, representing the only such facility north of Augusta.

\$1,385,000 to expand the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center After School Program to all YDC facilities (\$385,000), the “Think Exit at Entry” academic and employment counseling program (\$600,000), and substance abuse treatment programs at YDC facilities (\$400,000).

\$8,500,000 in bonds for statewide facility repairs, and minor construction and renovations.

#### **PARDONS AND PAROLES**

FY 2008

\$1,065,571 provides substance abuse treatment for parolees to further support successful parole completion. Of these funds \$992,619 provides for a residential substance abuse treatment option while an additional \$72,952 provides for substance abuse after care for parolees returning to the community.

\$796,240 funds the continuing development of the Clemency Online Navigation System (CONS), including 5 additional positions, which will convert paper driven processes into electronic data and images and will enhance parole decisions.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

\$1,248,000 for network connectivity to provide interoperable communication allowing public safety service and support providers statewide to communicate via voice and or data in FY 2008.

#### **DEFENSE**

FY 2008

\$1,120,000 to match \$1,680,000 in federal funding to serve an additional 100 students at the Fort Gordon Youth Challenge Academy.

\$3,070,000 in bonds to match \$32,151,000 in federal funding to construct a new joint headquarters facility for the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, State Defense Force and the Georgia Department of Defense.

\$500,000 to match \$1,500,000 in federal funding to make statewide Army National Guard armory renovations and improvements.

#### **BEST MANAGED STATE**

From the beginning of this administration one of the prime motivating forces has been the desire to place Georgia on a more efficient and effective foundation.

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS BY POLICY AREA

### AMENDED FY 2007 AND FY 2008

The State Accounting Office (SAO) has brought the state into the modern era with major initiatives in cash management and banking practices. To continue this process funds are being budgeted to transfer the Asset Management Program (AMP) from the Department of Administrative Services to SAO.

Additional improvements are budgeted for the Department of Driver Services to improve customer response times and turn the agency into a model of customer service. The budget also includes funds for the department's portion of the joint Georgia SecureID initiative with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to protect the integrity of Georgia drivers' licenses.

Improvements are also being made to the state's general information call center. These improvements are part of the Governor's vision to provide faster, friendlier, and easier access to state government information and services. The budget includes funding for additional customer service representatives and call center software. *Team Georgia, ready to serve!*

#### OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FY 2008

\$11,000,000 increase in the revenue estimate by to match federal funds for state disaster assistance. These funds are included in the appropriations for the Governor's Emergency Funds.

\$1,371,493 to continue the customer service initiative in the Office of Consumer Affairs, including 38 additional positions.

#### DRIVER SERVICES

FY 2008

\$537,860 for 10 additional investigator positions for the Georgia SecureID initiative to protect the integrity of Georgia drivers' licenses. An additional \$265,380 is included for one time start-up costs for the Georgia SecureID initiative.

\$1,352,437 for 26 positions, 2 motor vehicles, and operational costs for new Customer Service Centers in Loganville and Clayton.

\$487,961 to add 14 positions to the customer contact center in order to expand the operating hours and increase the percentage of calls being answered in three minutes or less to 85 percent.

\$2,867,500 for the implementation of an Electronic Document Imaging System.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

FY 2008

\$5,000,000 in cash and \$14,000,000 in bonds to develop the "Go Fish Georgia" education center, state park, bass trail, and fishing and recreation access to promote and improve boating and fishing tourism.

\$1,430,000 to fill 44 vacant positions in the state parks and wildlife management areas. This aligns with the Governor's customer service initiative, resulting in additional operating hours of state parks, enhanced customer service, and greater law enforcement protection in our counties and wildlife management areas.

\$680,000 to support the Environmental Protection Division's development of total maximum daily loads for specific pollutants on Lakes Lanier and Allatoona, leading to improved water quality and additional opportunities for economic development in the affected areas.

\$2,500,000 to fund capital improvements to the state parks facilities, including renovations of cottages and campgrounds.

\$1,350,000 to repair aging coastal boat ramps to improve and expand public access points.

#### REVENUE

FY 2008

\$4,000,000 in bonds and \$3,300,000 in cash to implement a Data Warehouse.

\$7,000,000 in bonds for the integration of core systems as part of the tax integration project.

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## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS BY POLICY AREA**

### **AMENDED FY 2007 AND FY 2008**

#### **STATE ACCOUNTING OFFICE**

FY 2008

\$1,705,000 to transfer from the Department of Administrative Services, the Asset Management Program (AMP) for its transition to a production unit.

\$1,500,000 to add 17 positions to support agency operations.

#### **FORESTRY COMMISSION**

FY 2008

\$3,360,000 in bonds to address ongoing facilities maintenance needs for the commission's county and district units, most of which were constructed in the 1950's and 1960's. These repairs will ensure that the buildings in which foresters and rangers work will be safe and well-suited to the duties of the commission.

\$979,622 to provide for equipment maintenance needs, due to wear and tear on equipment from the

moderate fire season of 2006. These funds will ensure that firefighting equipment is kept in excellent condition so that rangers can continue to respond to fires in a timely manner and contain them before they spread.

#### **LABOR**

\$9,935,000 in bonds to provide the state match to federal funds to acquire property, design, construct, and equip a new Vocational Rehabilitation Residence Hall at the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation in FY 2008.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

\$41,000,000 to place the state's self-funded workers' compensation fund on a firm financial basis. FY 2008 premiums will meet cash obligations and maintain current reserves.

## REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS BY EXECUTIVE ORDER

Several Appropriations in the original FY 2007 Appropriations Act were transferred to other agencies through Executive Orders signed by Governor Perdue. These transfers will explain differences in the original FY 2007 appropriations as shown in this publication as compared to those shown in the FY 2007 Budget in Brief. The transfers include:

### Revenue Adjustments

#### **Revenue Estimate**

The Governor increased the revenue estimate by \$11,000,000, from \$18,179,422,771 to \$18,190,422,771 to match federal funds for state disaster assistance. These funds are included in the appropriations for the Governor's Emergency Funds.

#### **Motor Fuel Funds**

Prior-year Motor Fuel Collections and Interests of \$62,081,605 are not reflected in HB 94. These are prior-year collections that should be reflected in the appropriations for the Department of Transportation pursuant to O.C.G.A., section 32-2-2(a). The funds have since been amended to the budget.

#### **Nursing Home Provider Fees**

Increase the Nursing Home Provider Fees by additional \$1,608,851 from collections and \$53,791 from interest earned above the original appropriation pursuant to Article 6A of Chapter 8 of Title 31. These funds are included in the appropriations for the Department of Community Health.

#### **Care Management Organization Fees**

Pursuant to O.C.G.A., Section 31-8-156, decrease the Care Management Organization Fees by \$34,524,124 that will not be collected by the Department of Community Health due to an over-projection.

#### **Mid-Year Adjustment Reserve**

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 45-1-93(a), the original Mid-Year Adjustment Reserve was increased by \$2,221,707.

### Transfers by Executive Order

#### **Georgia Civil War Commission**

\$100,000 in state general funds transferred the Civil War Commission from Department of Natural Resources to Department of Economic Development to foster cultural tourism.

#### **Wild Land Fires in Southeastern Georgia**

\$7,000,000 in unallotted state general funds from the Department of Revenue to Governor's Emergency Fund in Office of the Governor for paying expenses associated with fire fighting and recovery by the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

#### **Prosecuting Attorneys' Council**

\$828,758 in state general funds from the Department of Revenue to the Governor's Emergency Fund, to meet payroll demands through the end of FY 2007 for the District Attorneys of Georgia.

## SALARY ADJUSTMENTS IN HB 95 FOR FY 2008

Total state general funds in the amount of \$290,163,390 are appropriated for a salary adjustment for the Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branches. This amount is distributed to each department and is appropriated as follows:

### State Employees

1.) 3% - \$42,907,048 for employees of the Executive and Legislative Branches effective January 1, 2008.

2.) (a) Provide for the cost-of-living adjustment authorized by O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) for each state officer whose salary is set by Code Sections 45-7-4(a), in a percentage determined by the Office of Planning and Budget according to O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), with members of the General Assembly subject to the further provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) as to amount and effective date;

(b) To provide for increases of up to 3% for other department heads and officers whose salary is not set by statute;

(c) Subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), the amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of January 1, 2008.

3.) 0.5% - In addition to other numbered Items, for budget units with employees of the Executive Branch, calculated on an amount of total personal services as of the end of calendar year 2006 for an effective date of January 1, 2008, for market adjustments, performance incentives and equity adjustments.

4.) Before items 1 and 3 above, but not in lieu of them, \$7,544,270 to adjust salaries of certain employees in the job titles and departments shown in the "Summary of Identified Job Classifications" below. The employees are those within the listed job titles and agencies with salaries below 75% of the salary determined by the Commissioner of

Personnel Administration in December of 2006 to be the market midpoint rate for their job titles. The purpose is to adjust salaries of incumbents to 75% of such market midpoint rate, calculated for an effective date of January 1, 2008.

5.) \$5,000,000 to adjust salaries and salary plans for law enforcement officers in the Department of Public Safety, a general salary increase reflecting the appropriate continuation market benchmark salaries.

### Public Education

6.) 3% - \$186,540,281 for the following:

(a) Effective September 1, 2007, increase in the state base salary across the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education, in addition to the salary increases awarded to certificated personnel through normal progression on the teacher salary schedule for the State Board of Education. This includes teachers and administrators in state agencies whose salaries, by the authority of addenda to the Statewide Salary Plan, are determined from the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education; and

(b) For lunchroom workers and local school bus drivers a 3% increase in the state base salary, effective July 1, 2007;

7.) 3% - \$5,791,293 in lottery funds for teachers and other academic personnel within the Department of Early Care and Learning, effective September 1, 2007.

8.) 3% - \$23,913,101 for merit increases for Board of Regents faculty, non-academic personnel, and public librarians, effective January 1, 2008.

9.) 3% - \$4,494,714 for teachers and support personnel within the Department of Technical and Adult Education, effective January 1, 2008.

## SUMMARY OF IDENTIFIED JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

Departments/Agencies	Critical Job Classification Title
Banking and Finance, Department of	Financial Examiner Assistant Financial Examiner 1 Financial Examiner 2
Corrections, Department of	Food Service Supervisor Mental Health/Mental Retardation Counselor 2
Defense, Department of	Food Service Employee 1
Driver Services, Department of	Driver Examiner 1
Human Resources, Department of	Program Assistant Nurse Licensed Practical Inpatient Nursing Assist, Certified Nurse (Inpatient) Nursing Assist Lead, Certified Nurse Practitioner Nurse, Public Health Nurse Specialist, Public Health Nurse Licensed Practical, Public Health Nursing Supervisor, Public Health
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of	Crime Lab Scientist 2
Juvenile Justice, Department of	Food Service Employee 1 Administrative Operations Coordinator 2 Juvenile Detention Center Director 1 Nurse Practitioner
Natural Resources, Department of	Environmental Engineer 3 Environmental Engineer 2 Environmental Engineer 1
Public Safety, Department of	Motor Carrier Compliance Division Corporal Safety Officer 2 Communications Equipment Officer 2 Police Corporal
Revenue, Department of	Revenue Agent 1

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## SUMMARY OF IDENTIFIED JOB CLASSIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Departments/Agencies	Critical Job Classification Title
Transportation, Department of	Equipment Operator 3 Equipment Operator 2 Maintenance Equipment Operator Equipment Operator 1 Engineering Technician Engineer 2, Design Engineer 1, Design
Workers' Compensation, State Board of	Secretary, Legal

## VETOES BY THE GOVERNOR

### HB 94 FOR AMENDED FY 2007

**Section 40.3 pertaining to Homeowner Tax Relief Grants (HTRG)**, page 93, Lines 2854 through 2856 and 2859 through 2860:

This language increases the amount of the homeowners' tax relief grant to counties (HTRG) from \$432,290,501 as appropriated in the HB 1027 approved May 8, 2006, to \$567,703,126. Due to reduced revenue collections for the later half of FY 2007, less surplus funds will go into the state revenue shortfall reserve than had previously been anticipated. Vetoing this increase in the HTRG will have the effect of preserving additional funds for the

state revenue shortfall reserve. Additionally, amending the appropriation for HTRG via the mid-year budget presents significant constitutional and administrative hurdles, hampering the ability to effectively and efficiently deliver this form of tax relief to the intended beneficiaries. Without this increase, the original HTRG appropriation for FY 2007, properly appropriated, still returns \$432,290,501 to the homeowners of Georgia this year. Therefore, due in part to reduce state revenue collections and the need to build the state's revenue shortfall reserve, this language is vetoed.

### HB 95 FOR FY 2008

**Section 16, Department of Community Affairs**, page 43, items 60.2 and 60.3:

The General Assembly appropriates funds for specific projects through the Department of Community Affairs' Local Assistance Grants. Such grants are intended to be small but meaningful grants to local communities for certain projects. Such grants are not the appropriate method to include large grants to local communities. As the identified grants are significantly larger than the numerous other small but meaningful grants, these are vetoed.

**Section 21, Department of Early Care and Learning**, page 90, line 106.7 and part of line 106:

The General Assembly appropriated \$900,000 in state general funds to the Pre-Kindergarten program in order to provide funds to the Ferst Foundation for distribution of one book per month to children ages 0 to 5 years in participating counties. While reading to children is important, due to the failure to provide sufficient funding available to implement the program on a statewide basis and no consideration of need, the state general funds of \$900,000 in the Pre-Kindergarten program is vetoed.

**Section 22, Department of Economic Development**, page 95, lines 116, 116.1, 116.2, and 116.99:

The General Assembly appropriated \$633,685 state general funds for the purpose of providing operating funds for the Golf Hall of Fame. The Conference Committee agreed to provide \$500,000 for operations and \$75,000 for a feasibility study for a private/public partnership. These funds are in addition to \$58,685 currently provided for operating support. The amount appropriated represents an increase of over 980% and seems excessive given other needs in the state budget. Therefore, this program and the associated appropriation are vetoed.

**Section 34, Department of Natural Resources**, page 192, lines 274 and 274.2:

The General Assembly appropriated \$250,000 in state general funds for the Georgia State Games Commission. State funding for this program is not justified, as the intention of this funding is not consistent with the mission of the program. Therefore, this appropriation is vetoed.

**Section 46, Department of Transportation**, page 251, line 381.10 and part of line 381:

The General Assembly appropriated \$5,000,000 in state general funds for Local Road Assistance, specifically for the LARP program. Under my administration, LARP has been funded at record levels. In Fiscal Year 2006 funding for LARP

increased by 58% over funding in Fiscal Year 2005.

Even without the \$5,000,000 in state general funds, LARP will be funded at the second highest annual appropriation since 1990 (\$60,000,000 in motor fuel funds). The utilization of state general funds for LARP contradicts current policy. Therefore, the appropriation of state general funds of \$5,000,000 is vetoed.

**Section 49, State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 262, line 397.108:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$387,600 in debt service to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety specifically for the repair of the burn building and to build a new apparatus for students at the Georgia Fire Academy through the issuance of \$1,700,000 in 5-year bonds. In consideration of other priority items as expressed by the General Assembly and limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan, this project is not warranted. Therefore, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$387,600 is vetoed.

**Section 49, State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 263, line 397.206:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$427,150 in debt service to finance projects and facilities for the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission specifically for the purchase of land to develop a research park in Oconee County through the issuance of \$5,000,000 in 20-year bonds. Financing for this project should not be considered until a decision has been made regarding the viability of a research park and suitability of this location for economic development. Due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$427,150 is vetoed.

**Section 49, State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 263, line 397.207:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$599,291 in debt service to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation, specifically for rail lines for Lyerly to Rossville, Midville to Vidalia, and Waycross through the issuance of \$7,015,000 in 20-year bonds. Financing

for these rail projects should not be considered until processes for project selection have been reviewed and adequate justification is made for continued state investment. Due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, in the provisions relative to Section 49 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$599,291 is vetoed.

**Section 49, State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 263, line 397.208:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$3,417,200 in motor fuel funds for debt service to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation, specifically for the Buckhead, Midtown, and Atlanta Downtown Community Improvement Districts Peachtree Corridor through the issuance of \$40,000,000 in 20-year bonds. In order to issue bonds on a project, the state must have the property rights to the road. The projects identified are not on state routes and therefore cannot be funded using this method. In addition, motor fuel funds may only be used on road and bridge projects. In order to insure that congestion relief is paramount, the recommendations of the Governor's Congestion Mitigation Task Force must be taken into account as projects are prioritized. Currently, the projects identified are not part of the State Transportation Improvement Program, and funding such projects contradicts current policy by earmarking projects that are not part of the state plan. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state motor fuel funds of \$3,417,200 is vetoed.

**Section 49, State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 263, line 397.209:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$170,860 in debt service to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation, specifically for the construction of a welcome center for Tallulah Falls on the Rabun County side through the issuance of \$2,000,000 in 20-year bonds. In consideration of other priority items as expressed by the General Assembly and limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan, this language (page 263, line 397.209) in the provisions relative to Section 49 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$170,860 is vetoed.

**Section 49, State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 264, line 397.305:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$683,440 in debt service to finance educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the State Board of Education specifically for the design and construction of a charter school to be operated by the Cobb County School System. Historically, funding for a start-up charter school is not included in general obligation debt, and its inclusion here sets a costly precedent. Funding is available for operating and facility grants on a competitive basis for start-up charter schools through the Department of Education. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language (page 264, line 397.305) in the provisions relative to Section 49 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$683,440 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 267, line 397.515:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$427,150 to finance projects and facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, specifically, to renovate the Hinman Research Building and portions of its east and west Architecture Buildings at the Georgia Institute of Technology, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 capital budget priority list of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$427,150 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 267, line 397.516:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$162,317 to finance projects and facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, specifically, to fund infrastructure improvements on a local land gift, State University of West Georgia, through the issuance of not more than \$1,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 top ten of minor

projects on the capital budget priority list of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$162,317 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 267, line 397.518:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$85,430 to finance projects and facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, specifically, to renovate the Physical Education Building to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Georgia State University, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 capital budget priority list of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$85,340 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 267, line 397.520:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$341,720 to finance projects and facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, specifically, to renovate Nevins Hall, Valdosta State project, through the issuance of not more than \$4,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 top ten of minor projects on the capital budget priority list of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, his language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$341,720 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 269, line 397.563:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$213,575 to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Technical and Adult Education,

specifically to purchase land and a building for the Spalding County Campus, through the issuance of not more than \$2,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 capital budget priority list for the Department of Technical and Adult Education. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, his language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$213,575 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 269, line 397.564:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$415,617 to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Technical and Adult Education, specifically to design and construct Elbert County Campus Technical and Industrial Facility, Athens Area Technical College, through the issuance of not more than \$4,865,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. Funding for major projects is the priority for Fiscal Year 2008 for the Department of Technical and Adult Education, and this project is not included among the major projects. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$415,614 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 270, line 397.567:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$128,145 to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Technical and Adult Education, specifically to construct the Airframe and Power-Plant Maintenance School on the Thomson-McDuffie Regional Airport Property, Augusta Tech project, through the issuance of not more than \$1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. Funding for major projects is the priority for Fiscal Year 2008 for the Department of Technical and Adult Education, and this project is not included among the major projects. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$128,145 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 270, line 397.568:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$128,145 to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Technical and Adult Education, specifically to construct an auditorium on the Forsyth County campus, Lanier Technical College, through the issuance of not more than \$1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 capital budget priority list for the Department of Technical and Adult Education. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$128,145 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 270, line 397.569:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$426,722 to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Technical and Adult Education, specifically to construct a 25,600 sq.ft. building expansion on the Dawson County campus, Lanier Technical College, through the issuance of not more than \$4,995,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 capital budget priority list for the Department of Technical and Adult Education. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$426,723 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 270, line 397.571:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$42,715 to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Technical and Adult Education, specifically to construct a new hangar building and renovate an existing facility at Coosa Valley Technical College, through the issuance of not more than \$500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 capital budget priority list for the Department of Technical and Adult Education. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this

language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$42,715 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, pages 270 and 271, line 397.573:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$341,720 to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Technical and Adult Education, specifically to construct an automotive technology building at Southeastern Technical College, through the issuance of not more than \$4,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 capital budget priority list for the Department of Technical and Adult Education. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$341,720 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 271, line 397.575:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$598,010 to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Technical and Adult Education, specifically to fund minor repairs and renovations, through the issuance of not more than \$7,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. Funds within the Department of Technical and Adult Education state budget are sufficient to cover minor repairs and maintenance projects. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$598,010 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 271, line 397.576:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$85,430 to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Technical and Adult Education, specifically to construct an aviation technology/maintenance school at the Gilmer County Airport at Appalachian Technical College, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 capital budget priority list for the

Department of Technical and Adult Education. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$85,430 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 271, line 397.583:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$170,860 to finance projects and facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, specifically to design and construct the Fairplay Public Library, Douglas County, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 capital budget priority list of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$170,860 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 271, line 397.584:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$136,688 to finance projects and facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, specifically, to construct as part of the Okefenokee Regional Library System, Pierce County Public Library, through the issuance of not more than \$1,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 capital budget priority list of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$136,688 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, pages 271 and 272, line 397.585:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$170,860 to finance projects and facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, specifically to renovate as part of the Conyers-Rockdale County Library System, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in

principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 top three of public library projects on the capital budget priority list of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$170,860 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 272, line 397.586:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$161,889 to finance projects and facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, specifically funds for the Senoia Public Library and Grantville Public Library in the Troup-Harris-Coweta Regional Library System, through the issuance of not more than \$1,895,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This project is not included on the Fiscal Year 2008 top three of public library projects on the capital budget priority list of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$161,889 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 272, line 397.587:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$854,300 to finance projects and facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, specifically for the Georgia Military

College Preparatory School, through the issuance of not more than \$10,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. This appropriation does not fully fund the total cost of this project. Therefore, due to limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan and the reasons stated above, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$854,300 is vetoed.

**Section 49, General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**, page 273, line 397.705:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$170,860 to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture, specifically to construct and renovate all Farmers' Markets, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt for 20 years. In consideration of other priority items as expressed by the General Assembly and limitations on additional debt contained in the state's debt management plan this project is not recommended. Therefore, this language in the provisions relative to Section 49 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$170,860 is vetoed.

**Section 50, Federal Funds**, page 274:

This language essentially limits the application of federal funds received in excess of those contemplated in the Appropriations Act to supplant state funds. This language limits the state's ability to effectively utilize additional federal funds for highest priority needs as they become available throughout the fiscal year. This language in Section 50 is vetoed.