

Talking Points on the FY2013 General Budget (Senate Version)

Legislative Branch

- Agreed with the House and added the Senate portion of cuts for a 2% overall reduction to the legislature.
- Disagreed with the House on adding \$200,000 for a contract for fiscal notes to the Office of Planning and Budget, and instead added \$100,000 in the Department of Audits for this contract to ensure that the legislature retains adequate oversight and communication on fiscal note preparation (#11.3, 164.9).

Judicial Branch

- In the Accountability Courts program, agreed with the House to transfer \$2,263,559 for accountability court grants to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council program and to add a total of \$429,877 for staff, operations, and conferences (#14.2, 14.3, 14.4).
- Agreed with the House to add \$234,500 for the Resource Center (#19.1).
- Adjusted language for two new Superior Court judgeships to be located in Middle and Bell-Forsyth Circuits (#27.5).
- Zeroed out the \$250,000 House increase in funds for senior judges to direct Accountability Courts, and restored the \$50,000 that the House cut from senior judges in circuits with Accountability Courts (#27.6, 27.7). Agreed with the House to add \$100,000 for basic senior judges (#27.8).

Prosecuting Attorneys

- Added \$349,150 for deferred promotions for District Attorneys approved in FY2009 and withheld due to budgetary shortfall (#23.3).
- Adjusted language for the locations of Assistant District Attorneys to reflect the newly approved judgeships since the release of the House budget (#23.4).

Department of Administrative Services and Attached Agencies

- Agreed with the Governor and House to move statewide human resources support from the State Personnel Administration to the Department of Administrative Services (#30.98, 32.1, 32.98).
- Agreed with the Governor and House to transfer funds and personnel back to the Department of Public Safety, Department of Natural Resources and Forestry Commission from the Aviation Authority and utilize remaining funds for an aviation charter contract (#37.1, 37.95, 37.96, 37.97, 37.98).
- Agreed with the House to increase funds for the implementation of the Georgia Tax Court, but recognized additional projected costs for operations of the court (#40.8).

Department of Agriculture and Attached Agencies

- Adjusted the House addition to the Department of Agriculture from \$200,000 to \$150,000 for personnel to assist farmers with implementing the federal H1B/H2A Guest Worker Program (45.14).
- Added \$600,000 to the Agricultural Experiment Station for specialized crop scientists to address new threats to crop production.. (277.5).
- Restored funding cut from the Cooperative Extension Service in order to preserve the current level of personnel and services for county extension efforts and the state's 4H program (279.4).

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

- Agreed with the Governor and the House to add \$5.6 million in Adult Forensic Services to provide for an additional 40-bed unit and \$450,000 to provide for three additional floating forensic evaluators (#54.5, 54.6).
- Agreed with the House to transfer \$2.5 million in Social Services Block grant funds and provide \$802,165 in additional state funding to the Adult Addictive Diseases Services program to lessen the effects of the TANF supplemental grant loss (#52.7,52.8).
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to add \$29.7 million as part of the settlement agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Justice.
- Agreed with the Governor and House to add almost \$5.3 million to fund 150 new waiver slots for the NOW (New Options Waiver) and COMP (Comprehensive) waivers and to annualize the cost of 100 waiver slots added in the FY2012 general budget (#53.9).
- Agreed with the Governor and House to add \$4.2 million for developmental disabilities consumers in the community and \$20.3 million for mental health consumers in the community (#53.8, 55.10).
- Agreed with the House to provide \$250,000 each in additional funding for the Marcus Autism Center (#58.4) and the NAMI Opening Doors to Recovery Project (#55.14).
- Added \$75,000 to the Matthew Reardon Autism Center in Savannah (#58.5).
- Agreed with the House to direct the department to prioritize services in accordance with Georgia's safety net obligations to ensure privately insured individuals do not occupy state funded beds (#55.15).

Department of Community Affairs and attached agencies

- Agreed with the House to reduce \$77,500 for Regional Commissions (#67.10).
- Agreed with the House to eliminate contract funds for Appalachian Community Enterprise (#76.9).
- Increased funds for a total of \$10.6 million for the OneGeorgia Authority to assist in rural economic development (#79.1).

Department of Community Health and attached agencies

- Returned to the Governor's recommended increase of \$1,663,396 for Medicaid billing in order to continue the federally mandated ICD-10 conversion project without interruption (#80.13).
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to add \$1,150,000 for the distribution of federal Medicaid Incentive Program payments to providers adopting electronic health records (#81.8).
- Agreed with the House to add \$693,750 for housing resources for medical students completing third- and fourth-year core clerkships and rural and primary care electives (#81.11).

- Agreed with the House to add \$500,000 for start-up of new Federally Qualified Community Health Centers (FQHCs) in Whitfield and Randolph counties. Increased funds by another \$500,000 for startup of FQHCs in Butts and Macon counties, for a total increase of \$1,000,000 (#81.12).
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to add \$2,041,500 to round copays down to the nearest whole or half dollar in Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid; and PeachCare (#84.2, 85.5, 86.6).
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to increase funds by \$5,078,579 to remove the .5% provider rate cut in Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid; and PeachCare (#84.3, 85.6, 86.7).
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to add \$16,944,301 to reflect a decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 65.95% to 65.71% in Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled and Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid (#84.4, 85.4).
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to add \$26,255,205 for projected growth in Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid; and PeachCare (#84.5, 85.2, 86.2).
- Agreed with the House to reflect the Nursing Home Provider Fee increase and add \$3,959,503 to update the nursing home reimbursement rates to the 2010 cost report (#84.7). Added \$1,500,000 to update the nursing home fair rental value system to account for the RS Means Construction Index (#84.12).
- Agreed with the House to add \$810,101 for 50 Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) slots (#84.10).
- Added \$100,000 to develop a quality incentive payment program for the SOURCE program (#84.13).
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to add \$82,188,929 in Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid and PeachCare to maintain 12 months of care management organization (CMO) capitation payments (#85.1, 86.1)
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to restore \$77,555,551 to Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid (#85.3).
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to add \$8,027,728 in PeachCare to cover the transition of eligible individuals from the State Health Benefit Plan (#86.3).
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to add \$475,979 in PeachCare to reflect the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate from 76.17% to 76.00% (#86.4).
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to add \$4,688,225 in PeachCare for a provider rate increase to ensure provider access for children of state employees newly eligible and enrolled in PeachCare (#86.5).
- Disagreed with the Governor and the House on eliminating the bariatric surgery benefit in the State Health Benefit Plan, and instead directed the Department to restore the benefit for Plan Year 2013 (#87.4).
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to reflect savings of \$32,000,000 in the State Health Benefit Plan due to the transition of eligible members to PeachCare (#87.6).
- Agreed with the Governor and the House to reflect \$68,956,408 in state, federal and agency fund contributions to the State Health Benefit Plan (#87.16).
- Agreed with the House to direct the Department to identify additional plan design and revenue strategies in the State Health Benefit Plan to cover projected FY2013 expense, and not to increase employee premiums by more than 10% (#87.17).

- Disagreed with the Governor and the House attempt to implement direct billing for employer contributions for certificated personnel in the State Health Benefit Plan, and instead directed the Department to issue a study not later than January 2013 detailing the state, federal, and local funds impact of this policy (#87.18).
- Agreed with the House to add \$185,895 for nine new residents at Houston Medical Center (#90.3).
- Agreed with the House to add \$853,265 for "bridge funds" to support new Primary Care Graduate Medical Education expansion programs for the Southwest Georgia Consortium and Gwinnett Medical Center (#90.4).
- Transferred \$1,200,000 for the Health Professions Initiative for graduate medical education from the Board of Regents to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Graduate Medical Education Program (#90.5).
- Agreed with the House to restore \$417,454 to the Mercer School of Medicine operating grant (#91.1).
- Agreed with the House to add \$800,000 to the Mercer School of Medicine operating grant to continue class size expansion and to align per capita funding to other Georgia medical schools (#91.2).
- Agreed with the House to restore a total of \$1,666,668 to the Morehouse School of Medicine operating grant (#92.1, #92.2).
- Agreed with the House to restore \$56,537 to Undergraduate Medical Education (#94.1).

Department of Corrections

- Agreed with the Governor and House to increase funds by \$5,712,007 to convert three Pre-Release Centers (PRCs) to Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Centers (RSATs) to provide 600 additional treatment beds for incarcerated offenders (#99.7, #100.8, #105.8).
- Agreed with the Governor and House to recognize a savings of \$1.8 million dollars from the opening of the Bostick facility for medically fragile offenders (#100.9).
- Agreed with the House to add \$35,274,014 to annualize the private prison expansion, but adjusted the bed number to 2,860 beds (#103.1).
- Added \$1,368,000 to begin utilizing the Irwin County Detention Center to reduce county jail backlog issues (#103.2).
- Added language for the evaluation of closed Pre-Release Centers (PRCs) to be repurposed to other missions (#105.12).

Department of Defense

- Disagreed with the House to increase funds for Georgia to enter the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (#108.8).

Department of Early Care and Learning

- Agreed with the House and Governor to reduce the number of Pre-K slots by 2,000 and increase the number of instructional days by 10 (#115.9).
- Agreed with the House to add \$893,485 to fund operations for the additional Pre-K days (#115.10).

- Agreed with the House to reduce funds for start-up costs and administration due to the Pre-K slot reduction (#115.11 and 115.12).

Department of Economic Development and Attached Agencies

- Disagreed with the House to reduce funds for the Georgia Council for the Arts (#117.5).
- Agreed with the House and Governor to form a new Global Commerce program through the merging of the Business Recruitment and Expansion program and the International Relations and Trade programs (#118.2, 121.5, 121.6, 123.1).
- Agreed with the House to fund the China office in the Global Commerce program by \$400,000, but recognized existing transferred funds to fund office operations (#121.7).
- Agreed with the Governor and House to add \$1.5 million for the Georgia Research Alliance for two additional Eminent Scholars (#122.6).
- Agreed with the Governor and House to fund only existing Cancer Clinicians and Scientists (#122.8).
- Agreed with the Governor and House to transfer the Herty Advanced Materials Development Center to the Board of Regents (#122.98).
- Agreed with the House to restore funds for the Plains and Sylvania Visitor Centers (#125.6).
- Disagreed with the House to restore funds for the Bainbridge Welcome Center, instead eliminating these funds (#125.7).
- Restored funds for the Georgia Humanities Council (#125.8).
- Reduced funds for the Georgia Historical Society by \$20,000 (#125.9).
- Disagreed with the House to restore funds for the Historic Chattahoochee Commission, instead eliminating these funds (#125.10).

Department of Education

- Agreed with the House to restore the cut to Agricultural Education and Technology and Career Education to 1% and make these cuts non-program specific to allow greater flexibility in the reduction (#127.1 through 127.5, 151.1).
- Added \$40,000 for the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs to fund sporting events for students with disabilities (#128.13).
- Agreed with the House to redirect the \$40,000 remaining in charter schools planning grants to fund two consultants to assist charter schools (#129.3).
- Put back in place the Governor's 2% cut to Communities in Schools (#130.1).
- Directed the Department of Education (DOE) to use existing funds to align the Georgia Performance Standards with curricula currently in use by the Office of College and Career Transitions and College and Career Academies (#131.2).
- Agreed with the House to restore funds for the Georgia Youth Science and Technology center (#135.1).
- Agreed with the House to restore funds (\$66,436) to Information Technology Services for bandwidth for schools, based on high system usage and need (#137.1).
- Agreed with the House to restore funds for Residential Treatment Centers (\$76,628) due to the vulnerability of this student population (#138.1).

- Agreed with the Governor and House to transfer remaining funding for Georgia Special Needs Scholarships to QBE, and to true up funding for those scholarships by adding funds within the QBE program (#138.98, 144.2, and 144.9).
- Reduced funds for Nutrition by the same amount as FY2012 Amended (\$775,965), making this reduction greater than the House's cut but smaller than the Governor's cut (#139.1).
- Disagreed with the House and Governor on moving funds for Pupil Transportation to the QBE program, because such a move would not offer systems more flexibility, but would instead further complicate budgeting for QBE and reduce transparency for legislative decision-makers (#141.2, 144.7).
- Disagreed with the House on adding funds for Troup County for Equalization. Because Equalization will already be recalculated if HB824 passes, Troup County should be corrected as part of that reallocation. This will cause less than a 1% difference to other counties from the previous allocation scenario (#142.1).
- Disagreed with the House on cutting funds from Equalization for Clinch County Public Schools, since Equalization is already underfunded and a reallocation of the total appropriation is already planned under HB824. Instead, directed that errors to the Clinch and Charlton county allotments be corrected and Equalization funds be reallocated to all counties accordingly (#142.2).
- Agreed with the Governor and House to add \$55.8 million for teacher salary step increases (#144.3).
- Agreed with the House to keep funding for Nutrition and School Nurses in their respective programs, rather than moving those funds to QBE as proposed in the Governor's recommendation (#139.2, 144.6, 144.8, 147.2).
- Disagreed with the House and Governor on removing funding for charter system grants; instead, added funds for growth and directed that existing base funding be reflected in the QBE program (#144.10).
- Directed that DOE forward fund virtual charter schools at the level of \$3,200 per FTE, since these schools receive no local funds and were not included in the grant for other State Special Charter Schools (#144.11).
- Agreed with the House to restore funding to RESA core services (#145.2).
- Directed DOE to utilize \$400,000 in existing funds for Teach for America grants (#146.5).
- Agreed with the House to add over \$3.5 million for School Nurses and move \$120,000 of this funding to the Central Office to fund a statewide nursing coordinator, based on the recommendation of the State Education Finance Study Commission (#128.12, 147.1, and 147.2).
- Adjusted the House reduction to Severely Emotionally Disturbed to account for a retirement rate increase (#148.1).
- Agreed with the House to add \$190,757 for salary step increases for teachers in State Schools (#150.4).
- Agreed with the House to add \$177,175 to fund one free AP exam for free and reduced lunch students (#152.2).

Employees' Retirement System

- Agreed with the House and Governor to add \$56.5 million for the annual required contribution to maintain the soundness of the system.
- Agreed with the Governor and House to add \$421,238 for the Georgia Military Pension fund as required by the actuary (#155.1).

- Agreed with the Governor and House to add \$8.9 million for the Public School Employee Retirement System as required by the actuary (#156.1).

Office of the Governor and attached agencies

- Agreed with the House to adjust funding in the Governor's Emergency Fund for the September interest payment on the Unemployment Trust Fund loan, based on a revised federal interest rate (#162.1).
- Increased the amount of Lemon Law fees appropriated to the Office of Consumer Protection by \$100,000 to match actual expenditures. This change does not require any fee increase, as collections have consistently surpassed \$500,000 annually (#170.12).
- Authorized the Governor's Office of Workforce Development to utilize Workforce Investment Act federal funds to create a needs based grant program in Technical Schools to train commercial driver's license applicants and law enforcement applicants (#171.2)

Department of Human Services

- Agreed with the Governor and the House to transfer the Child Care Services program from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Early Care and Learning (\$54.2 million state funds, \$225 million total funds) (#178.98).
- Disagreed with the House to transfer the Business Enterprise Program, Georgia Industries for the Blind, the Disability Adjudication Section, the Division of Rehabilitation Administration, Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute, and Vocational Rehabilitation to one program under the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, and instead transferred them as separate programs in DHS as appeared in the Governor's recommendation (numerous lines).
- Added \$200,000 in additional funding for KidsPeace (#193.5).
- Agreed with the House restoration of a total \$3,961 for the Georgia Council on Aging due to the concerns that this cut will impact council members' ability to attend meetings (#199.3, 199.4).
- Agreed with the House to increase funds to bring Vocational Rehabilitation contracts to two percent cuts (#198.1).
- Added \$54,145 for the Speech, Hearing, and Rehabilitation Enterprise of Coastal Georgia, Inc. contract (#198.3).

Department of Insurance

- Agreed with the House to transfer the responsibility of the State Comptroller General to the State Accounting (#201.9).
- Agreed with the House to transfer the safety inspections function of the Department of Labor to the Department of Insurance (#203.9).
- Disagreed with the House reduction of \$600,000 in one-time funding for the Insurance Regulation program. These are not one-time funds and support seven special fraud investigators added in FY2012 (#205.11).

Georgia Bureau of Investigation

- As required by the passage of HB895, the Senate transferred the Sexual Offender Review Board back to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities as an attached agency, with the exception of the transfer of one part-time and four full-time investigators to Regional Investigative Services in GBI (#808.1, 808.2, 808.3, 808.4, 210.9).
- Agreed with the House to add \$2.4 million to initiate a three-year law enforcement career ladder for scientists and agents to achieve pay parity with state troopers based on years of service and entry level (#209.9; 210.10).
- Agreed with the House to restore funds for personnel for Regional Investigative Services (#210.8).

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (attached to GBI)

- Agreed with House to increase funds to \$11.6 million from the \$10 million proposed by the Governor to provide a grant program for local entities for new and existing Accountability Courts (#211.8).

Department of Juvenile Justice

- Agreed with the House and Governor to add \$2.7 million for 50 residential beds for a wilderness program at Savannah River Challenge (#212.7).
- Agreed with the House and Governor to increase funds by \$576,000 to add 60 new evening reporting slots (#212.8).
- Agreed with the House and Governor to increase funds (\$7.8 million) to open and fund the operations of the Atlanta YDC (#215.11).
- Agreed with the House and Governor to increase funds by \$1 million to provide to Security Management and Response Teams (SMART) to provide emergency response and on-site training (#215.10).

Department of Labor

- Agreed with the House to transfer the Safety Inspection program to the Department of Insurance (#224.98).
- Agreed with the House and Governor to have the department utilize existing state funds to pay the interest payment on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund loan (#225.1).
- Agreed with the House and Governor to transfer \$83,240,528 in federal Workforce Investment Act funds to the Governor's Office of Workforce Development (#227.8).

Department of Law

- Agreed with the Governor and House to add two time-limited attorneys to handle the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) cases (#228.9) and to add one new permanent position (#228.10).

Department of Natural Resources

- Agreed with the Governor and House to add \$881,404 to the Solid Waste Trust Fund and directed the department to utilize an additional \$700,000 in existing funds for the sole purpose of cleaning up scrap tire dumping sites (#237.1).
- Agreed with the House to add \$1,100,000 to the Department of Natural Resources for the initial stage of a pay increase plan for law enforcement rangers to bring them to parity with other state law enforcement personnel (#235.10, 238.11).
- Transferred funds, equipment and personnel from the Georgia Aviation Authority to the Department of Natural Resources (#238.10) and Georgia Forestry Commission (#160.98) for use in law enforcement, wildfire suppression, and monitoring state owned lands.

State Board of Pardons and Paroles

- Agreed with the House to adjust the addition for 20 parole officers from \$1.4 million to \$1 million to implement re-entry supervision for offenders who will serve their maximum sentence (#242.7).

Department of Public Health

- Agreed with the House to replace \$69,985 in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds for a youth development coordinator position in the Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion program (#248.6).
- Added \$400,000 in the Emergency Preparedness program for a pilot project to evaluate a real-time interactive web-based quality assessment and assurance system utilizing American Association of Neurological Surgeons approved evidence-based medicine Traumatic Brain Injury pediatric and adult guidelines (#251.4).
- Added \$500,000 for tuberculosis detection, prevention, and treatment (#252.4).
- Agreed with the House to add \$2,200,000 to maintain screening and home visit services for low birth weight newborns, newborns at risk of developmental delays, and cases of abuse and neglect in the Children 1st program due to the loss of the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Supplemental grant (#255.5).
- Agreed with the House and the Governor to add \$421,736 to continue routine HIV and syphilis testing (#256.4).
- Agreed with the House to provide \$2,517,334 to hold harmless all counties losing funding under the updated grant-in-aid formula (#258.3).

Department of Public Safety

- Agreed with the House to increase funds to \$900,000 to reflect the increasing fuel costs for State Troopers (#266.8).
- Agreed with the House and Governor to reserve FY2013 trooper attrition funds for equipment and personnel for graduates of the FY2012 trooper schools (#266.9).

Peace Officers Standards and Training Council (POST)

- Added \$125,000 to restore funding for prior year reductions to personnel and operations (#271.8).
- Agreed with the House add \$401,950 to provide mandatory training for newly-elected Sheriffs. This increase will provide salaries, housing, and board for Sheriffs undergoing the program (#271.9).

Georgia Public Safety Training Center

- Agreed with the House to reduce funding by \$44,757 to the North Central Police Academy (#272.8).

Georgia Public Defender Standards Council

- Agreed with the Governor and House to add \$565,070 for additional expenses associated with conflict cases (#247.10).

Public Service Commission

- Agreed with the House to transfer funds and three positions to the Department of Public Safety for transportation regulatory functions (#274.8, 276.9).

Board of Regents

- Disagreed with the Governor and House attempt to reduce funds to Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI); instead, increased funds to GTRI by \$50,000 to research industrial storm water solutions for Georgia's poultry industry (#284.4, 284.5).
- Transferred \$1.2 million from the Health Professions Initiative for graduate medical education from the Board of Regents to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce. The remainder of the transfer will stay in Regents and go towards the Nursing Faculty Initiative (#289.1).
- Agreed with the House and Governor to fund enrollment growth by \$76.3 million based on a 3.05% increase in semester credit hours and operations related to additional square footage (#293.8).
- Agreed with the House and Governor to reduce funds for personnel and operations by \$35 million as part of the 2% cut to Regents (#293.10).
- Disagreed with the House's attempt to transition Georgia Gwinnett College to the same formula-funded support in the University System in FY2014 (#293.12).
- Increased funding to \$50,000 for the Southern Legislative Conference's Center for Advancement of Leadership Skills program which will be held at Georgia State University during FY2013 (#293.11).
- Increased funds by \$500,000 for a teaching Eminent Scholar (#293.13).
- Recognized the \$2.5 million in savings attributed to Regents' proposed campus consolidations (#293.14).

Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission

- Agreed with the House to increase funds by \$470,500 for the writing and creation of a Georgia history textbook for 8th grade students (#297.6).

Department of Revenue

- Agreed with the House to reduce \$385,000 for the courtesy postage-paid envelopes included with notices sent to taxpayers (#298.11).
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- Agreed to increase funds for the Fraud Detection and Prevention program but increased funds by \$2.5 million to cover the monthly costs only (#301.1).
- Reduced funds by \$240,000 related to one-time motor vehicle expenses in Industry Regulation added in HB78 (2011 Session) (#302.11).
- Agreed to provide printers to counties that remit \$0.50 per motor vehicle registration to cover half the GRATIS mainframe cost of each registration (#305.14).
- Agreed with the House to reduce funds by \$200,000 to reflect office consolidation savings (#307.10).
- Disagreed with the Governor and House attempt to reduce funds for three vacant out-of-state auditors and five vacant revenue positions, and instead recognized increased revenue estimate (#308.9, 308.10).

Secretary of State

- Agreed with the House to add \$67,500 to Archives to allow the building to remain open to the public one additional half day per week (#311.9).
- Added \$125,000 for personnel to enforce licensing regulations, which are revenue-generating positions (#314.11).
- Added \$50,000 to reinstate the commemorative Legislative Flag Program (#314.12).
- Added \$21,000 to Professional Licensing Boards for personnel to handle a workload increase due to secure and verifiable documentation requirements (#315.12).
- Reduced the House one-time addition to the Campaign Finance Commission (formerly Ethics) from \$250,000 to \$100,000 to match actual agency requests for a database upgrade (#320.6).

State Personnel Administration

- Agreed with the Governor and House to consolidate the State Personnel Administration and transfer statewide human resources support to the Department of Administrative Services (#326.98, 327.97, 327.98, 328.98, 329.98).

Department of Transportation

- Restored funding cuts to the Department of Driver Services' License Issuance program in order to maintain operational efficiency in the service of Georgia citizens as well as increased funding to the Real ID program to bring Georgia into compliance with guidelines set by the US Department of Homeland Security (#111.9, 111.10).
- Increased funding to the Airport Aid program in the Department of Transportation for matching funds for federal grants targeting expansion and improvements to municipal and regional airports (#352.7).
- Transferred \$25 million in existing Motor Fuel Tax funds to the Economic Development Improvement Grants program for use in attracting new business to Georgia by providing road construction and improvement funds and improving roadways around newly constructed educational facilities (#888.1).

- Added \$350,000 to the Planning program in the Department of Transportation for a pilot bridge capacity measurement program. The program will purchase and implement new technology on bridges to monitor bridge capacity and viability in an effort to effectively and efficiently identify bridges in need of repair or replacement (#360.1).
- Added \$10 million in Motor Fuel Tax funds to the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants program for grants to local governments for road and bridge construction (#358.1).

Georgia Student Finance Commission

- Agreed with the House and Governor to reduce funds for the HOPE Grant by \$18 million to meet projected need while maintaining the current award amount (#336.1).
- Agreed with the House and Governor to reduce funds for the HOPE Private Schools scholarships by \$3 million to meet projected need while maintaining the current award amount (#337.1).
- Agreed with the House and Governor to add \$10 million for the HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools to meet projected need and maintain the current award amount (#338.1).
- Added language to the purpose statement of the Low Interest Loan program to allow for the appropriation of lottery funds to the GOT Loan Program (O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1)). The GOT Loan Program will loan funds to cover the remaining amount of tuition not covered by HOPE, as outlined in HB 362, to HOPE Public Scholarship recipients who had the full scholarship at the start of their college career. This will be about 10% of tuition and the students will be 3rd and 4th years in fall of 2012 (#339.99).

Technical College System of Georgia

- Agreed with the House and Governor in funding \$16.8 million for the 6.6% increase in credit hours and a 4.5% increase in square footage (#351.10).
- Reduced funding by \$3 million, instead of the House and Governor's proposal of \$4 million, to reflect FY2012 branch closures (#351.12).
- Agreed with the House and Governor to reduce funds by \$2 million for operations (#351.13).

Teachers' Retirement System

- Agreed with the House and Governor to add \$89.7 million for the annual required contribution to maintain the soundness of the system.

Department of Veterans Services

- Due to concerns from the Department that the rate of reimbursements for Burial Allowances will result in a funding shortage and possible service impacts, the Senate adjusted the reduction to the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery from \$142,304 to \$94,500 (#368.6).

Bonds

Capital Project	Principal
Department of Corrections	
GDC multi-projects: Purchase 187 replacement vehicles.	\$4,570,000
GDC multi-projects: Implement enhanced cell phone interdiction measures statewide.	\$2,810,000
GDC multi-projects: Fund major facility repairs and improvements statewide. (S: Utilize sold and unsold MRR bonds before authorizing new bonds)	\$3,000,000
GDC multi-projects: Fund facility repairs and sustainment statewide.	\$2,000,000
Department of Defense	
Defense Multi-projects: Fund facility repairs and sustainment statewide and match federal funds.	\$750,000
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	
GBI Multi-Projects: Complete an FCC narrowband compliant Law Enforcement Dispatch and Communication System.	\$800,000
GBI Multi-Projects: Fund major facility renovations and improvements statewide.	\$350,000
GBI Multi-Projects: Purchase crime scene investigative equipment.	\$695,000
Department of Juvenile Justice	
Sumter Youth Development Campus: Fund renovations for security hardening for Building #7.	\$2,350,000
Department of Public Safety	
Patrol Posts Various: Purchase 100 law enforcement patrol vehicles statewide.	\$2,400,000
Patrol Posts Various: Purchase two helicopters statewide.	\$4,000,000
Public Safety Training Center: Fund major facility repairs, renovations, and construction.	\$2,200,000
Department of Community Affairs	
Reservoirs: Fund reservoirs statewide.	\$15,000,000
Department of Community Affairs: Purchase urban forest interface equipment statewide.	\$850,000
Georgia Environmental Finance Authority	
Local Government Infrastructure: Capitalize the State Funded Water and Sewer Construction Loan Program.	\$22,250,000
Local Government Infrastructure: Fund the state match for the federal Clean Water State Revolving Fund Water and Sewer Construction Loan Program.	\$4,800,000
Local Government Infrastructure: Fund the state match for the federal Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Water and Sewer Construction Loan Program.	\$4,800,000
Local Government Infrastructure: Fund Water Supply and Reservoir Construction Loan Program.	\$20,750,000
Department of Economic Development	
Georgia World Congress Center: Fund renovations and upgrades at Building B.	\$3,370,000
Georgia World Congress Center: Fund land acquisition.	\$15,000,000
Georgia Ports Authority	
Ports Authority: Fund the Savannah Harbor Deepening Project.	\$46,700,000
Department of Transportation	
Rail Lines: Fund upgrades and maintenance at the Riceboro Southern Bridge and GSWR and CCKY Railroad Grade Crossing Signal Crossbucks.	\$1,470,000
Department of Education	
K - 12 Schools: Fund the Capital Outlay Program-Regular for local school construction. (H and S: Provide funds for the Regular Capital Outlay Program and adjust funding for systems that have withdrawn projects)	\$56,320,000
K - 12 Schools: Fund the Capital Outlay Program-Exceptional Growth for local school construction. (H and S: Provide funds for the Exceptional Growth Capital Outlay Program and fund at the 40% authorization level)	\$25,730,000
K - 12 Schools: Fund the Capital Outlay Program-Regular Advance for local school construction. (H and S: Provide funds for the Regular Advance Capital Outlay Program and adjust funding for systems that have withdrawn projects)	\$29,490,000
K - 12 Schools: Fund the Capital Outlay Program-Low Wealth for local school construction.	\$14,115,000
K - 12 Schools: Purchase vocational equipment statewide.	\$9,430,000
State Schools: Fund major facility renovations and improvements at state schools.	\$4,720,000

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K - 12 Equipment: Purchase 320 school buses statewide. (H:Purchase 328 school buses statewide)(S:Purchase 262 school buses statewide)	\$20,000,000
DOE Locations Statewide: Fund roof replacement at the FFA/FCCLA center in Covington and renovations and a new activity center at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley.	\$2,065,000
Georgia Building Authority	
GBA multi-projects: Fund facility improvements and renovations.	\$2,200,000
Fort McPherson - GBA: Purchase Reserve Command Building. (H:Provide \$10,000,000 for purchase, plan, and design)(S:Provide \$5,000,000 for purchase, plan, and design)	\$5,000,000
Department of Revenue	
Tax System: Replace the primary image repository hardware infrastructure.	\$1,100,000
Tax System: Replace scanners, shredders, and servers.	\$1,350,000
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	
Atlanta Regional Hospital: Renovate Building #8 to serve as a treatment center. (S:Redirect sold but unused bonds for this project)	\$0
Department of Veterans Service	
Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes, Various: Fund facility renovations.	\$225,000
University System of Georgia, Board of Regents	
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College: Complete construction and equipment for the renovation of Lewis and Herring Halls.	\$1,500,000
College of Coastal Georgia: Purchase equipment for the Teacher Education and Learning Center.	\$1,100,000
Georgia Southern University: Purchase equipment for the Biology Building.	\$2,800,000
Georgia Southwestern State University: Purchase equipment for the Health and Human Sciences Building.	\$1,400,000
Kennesaw State University: Purchase equipment for the Education Classroom Building.	\$2,300,000
University of West Georgia: Purchase equipment for the Nursing Building.	\$2,000,000
Georgia Health Sciences University: Construct the Consolidated Medical Education Commons.	\$28,000,000
University of Georgia: Construct the Veterinary Medical Learning Center.	\$52,300,000
Georgia Gwinnett College: Construct the Allied Health Building.	\$25,200,000
Georgia Institute of Technology: Design and construct the Engineered Biosystems Building.	\$59,000,000
Regents: Fund major improvements and renovations statewide.	\$35,000,000
Regents: Fund facility repair and sustainment statewide.	\$10,000,000
Georgia Research Alliance: Purchase equipment and fund research and development infrastructure.	\$8,000,000
Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission: Fund communications systems and information systems upgrades.	\$1,780,000
Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission: Fund facility roof replacement and cooling system improvements.	\$1,265,000
Fort McPherson - Regents: Retrofit the Forces Command building for state use.	\$4,000,000
Kennesaw State University: Fund infrastructure expansion.	\$5,000,000
Dalton College: Construct a new academic building.	\$15,000,000
Georgia College and State University: Fund major repairs and renovations at Ennis Hall.	\$9,600,000
Valdosta State University: Construct the Health Science Building.	\$32,000,000
Regents: Fund major repairs and renovations at Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Stations facilities statewide.	\$4,000,000
University of Georgia - Griffin Campus: Fund the Food Technology program.	\$3,500,000
Rock Eagle 4-H Facility: Construct new cabins.	\$1,000,000
Agricultural Experiment Station Facilities: Purchase equipment statewide.	\$1,525,000
Georgia Military College: Construct the Health and Wellness Center.	\$7,000,000
Public Libraries: Fund major repairs and renovations to Georgia Public Libraries statewide.	\$1,680,000
Public Libraries: Construct a new Royston Public Library.	\$1,325,000
Public Libraries: Construct a library in the city of Milner.	\$780,000

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Clayton State University: Construct a new science building.	\$9,900,000
Bainbridge College: Design a new Academic Building.	\$1,200,000
Georgia Highlands College: Design a new Student Academic Center on the Cartersville campus.	\$2,200,000
Atlanta Metropolitan College: Construct a Student Services and Success Center.	\$5,000,000
University of Georgia: Construct renovations of the Rural Development Center at the UGA Tifton campus.	\$3,000,000
Technical College System of Georgia	
Technical College Multi-Projects: Fund facility repair and sustainment statewide.	\$8,000,000
Technical College Multi-Projects: Replace obsolete equipment.	\$5,000,000
Savannah Technical College: Purchase equipment for the Aviation Training Facility at the Crossroads campus.	\$800,000
Southern Crescent Technical College: Purchase equipment for the classroom building.	\$1,460,000
Technical College Multi-Projects: Fund replacement of facility roofs and HVAC.	\$4,455,000
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West Georgia Technical College: Fund major facility improvements and renovation of HVAC.	\$1,540,000
Southeastern Technical College: Design and construct the renovation of the classroom/lab building, Building #2.	\$4,185,000
Technical College Multi-Projects: Fund major improvements and renovations.	\$5,775,000
Sandersville Technical College: Design and construct the renovation of the main campus building for student and classroom use.	\$3,960,000
Technical College Multi-Projects: Design, construct, and equip a training center.	\$14,000,000
Lanier Technical College: Construct a new classroom building at the Barrow Campus.	\$16,000,000
Gwinnett Technical College: Purchase property for the North Fulton Campus.	\$20,000,000
Altamaha Technical College: Design the new Camden campus.	\$500,000
Ogeechee Technical College: Design and construct a Natural Resources building.	\$12,600,000
Technical College Multi-Projects: Provide funds for construction, renovation or equipment for College and Career Academies.	\$10,000,000
Technical College Multi-Projects: Design the new Catoosa campus.	\$1,300,000
Middle Georgia Technical College: Design the Health and Science Building.	\$1,690,000
State Forestry Commission	
Forestry Equipment: Replace firefighting equipment statewide.	\$2,300,000
Forestry Buildings: Fund major facility improvements and renovations statewide.	\$1,120,000
Forestry Equipment: Purchase equipment statewide.	\$1,740,000
Department of Natural Resources	
DNR multi-projects: Replace and maintain 23 vehicles statewide.	\$500,000
DNR multi-projects: Fund facility improvements and renovations statewide.	\$3,200,000
DNR multi-projects: Fund facility repair and sustainment statewide.	\$2,400,000
DNR State Parks: Fund miscellaneous new construction at state parks statewide.	\$1,650,000
DNR multi-projects: Fund land acquisition for wildlife management areas and parks and match federal funds.	\$2,510,000
DNR multi-projects: Fund improvements at privately operated facilities.	\$5,000,000
DNR Land Acquisition: Purchase land for conservation in Warner Robins.	\$2,500,000
Soil and Water Conservation Commission	
Soil & Water Conservation Watershed: Rehabilitate flood control structures statewide.	\$1,800,000
Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission	
Americans with Disability Act: Fund ADA-related facility modifications statewide.	\$625,000