Budget Highlights

Governor's Recommendation for AFY 2016

EDUCATED GEORGIA

K-12 Public Schools

\$109,913,685 for a mid-term adjustment for QBE growth, including \$13,358,432 for the State Charter Schools Supplement and \$2,338,622 for the Charter Systems Grant.

\$1,651,892 to support the information technology applications utilized by local school systems.

Student Finance

\$20,233,824 for growth in the Move on When Ready dual enrollment program.

\$30,326,187 in additional lottery funds for an increase in HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship recipients attending public postsecondary institutions.

\$525,808 in state funds to meet the projected need in the North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants program.

HEALTHY GEORGIA

Community Health

\$90,935,473 for the Indigent Care Trust Fund, Medicaid, and PeachCare for Kids, including \$32.5 million for growth, \$14.7 million to ensure private hospitals benefit from the federal Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program, \$26.5 million for expenses associated with new Hepatitis C and Cystic Fibrosis drugs, \$4.2 million for the Medicare clawback payment, and \$13.1 million for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.

Human Services

\$51,482,167 for child welfare services for expenses associated with the increased number of children in state custody.

SAFE GEORGIA

Highway Safety

\$821,554 to provide driver's education programming for teen drivers in accordance with Joshua's Law.

Public Defenders

\$3,000,000 to meet projected expenditures for conflict cases.

Defense

\$409,156 for equipment for the new Youth Challenge Academy in Milledgeville.

GROWING GEORGIA

Community Affairs

\$14,900,000 for the OneGeorgia Authority to provide grants to local school systems for broadband internet connectivity through the Connections for Classrooms program and to provide funds for live online instruction and other digital platforms for students and teachers.

\$3,500,000 for the OneGeorgia Authority for the construction of a seawall on Hutchinson Island in Savannah.

Economic Development

\$650,000 for economic development outreach in China.

Natural Resources

\$3,000,000 to support an increase in hazardous waste cleanup activities.

MOBILE GEORGIA

House Bill 170

\$758,713,485 in new state general and motor fuel funds for transportation resulting from HB 170 (2015 Session).