



GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS RELEASED

Gov. Nathan Deal released his budget recommendations to the General Assembly for the amended current and upcoming fiscal years.

"The \$25 billion in state appropriations included in this budget reflect conservative fiscal principles and the solid economic growth Georgia continues to enjoy," said Deal.

Amended FY2017 budget highlights include:

- \$50 million for a new Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center, located on a state-owned property in Augusta, in partnership with state and federal agencies, as well as the private sector to create a secure environment for cybersecurity education programs, testing and training.
- \$27.3 million for a 20 percent increase in salary for law enforcement officers as well as additional increases for public safety trainers and criminal investigators to reduce turnover and improve recruitment.
- \$10 million to support heavy equipment purchases and modernization in the Forest Protection program to aid in preventing and combating wildfires.
- \$24.7 million for one-time funding to replace various vehicle types in the Department of Public Safety, Department of Community Supervision, Georgia Department of Corrections, Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- \$108.7 million in new state general and motor fuel funds for transportation resulting from HB 170 (2015 Session).
- \$10 million in one-time funds for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank.
- \$15 million for Forestland Protection Act grants.
- \$111.2 million for a mid-term adjustment for QBE growth.

FY2018 budget highlights include:

- \$160 million in additional funds for 2 percent teacher salary increases.
- \$117.4 million for performance incentives for high-performing employees, employee recruitment or retention initiatives for state agencies.
- \$55.4 million for a 20 percent salary increase for law enforcement officers as well as additional increases for public safety trainers and criminal investigators to reduce turnover and improve recruitment.
- \$162.6 million in new state general and motor fuel funds for transportation.
- \$20.8 million for autism services for children for Medicaid.

- \$17.9 million for primary care and OB/GYN codes.
- \$2.5 million for behavioral health services for children ages 0 to 4.

A full analysis of the budgets will be provided in next week's update. Links to electronic versions of the Governor's Budget Reports can be found on the Office of Planning and Budget's website [here](#).