

# ***January-March 2018 FMC Newsletter***



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### **AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2018 STATE BUDGET HOUSE VERSION, HOUSE BILL 683 HIGHLIGHTS**

The original FY 2018 budget approved during the 2017 Session set spending at \$24.9 billion. House Bill 683, the Amended FY 2018 budget, recognizes \$306.7 million in additional revenue or 1.2% over the original FY 2018 budget. This brings the total appropriation for Amended FY 2018 to \$25.3 billion. The House version of the Amended FY 2018 budget focuses new revenue on required growth in education, healthcare and human services, but also provides targeted funding for key initiatives designed to spur growth and meet needs in rural communities throughout the state as recommended by the House Rural Development Council. Highlights of the Amended FY 2018 budget include:

#### Economic Development

- HB 683 provides \$10,000,000 to the OneGeorgia Authority to fund beach nourishment projects for communities impacted by storm damage and \$250,000 for the Defense Community Economic Development Fund per HB 470 (2017 Session) to provide assistance to military communities and to defend the viability of military installations.
- Within the Department of Agriculture, the Amended FY 2018 budget includes \$69,985 for facility improvements at the poultry veterinary diagnostic labs and \$91,357 to replace four vehicles at the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
- \$3 million in funding is provided to the State Forestry Commission for one-time equipment purchases to aid in preventing and combating wildfires. In addition, \$480,000 is provided for district office repairs and improvements as well as for the construction of additional hangar space in Macon.

#### Education

- HB 683 includes \$102.1 million for the Department of Education to provide for midterm enrollment growth of 7,515 additional FTEs. This figure also includes additional funds for charter system grants and State Commission Charter School supplements.
- The House version of the Amended FY 2018 budget includes \$15.5 million in state general funds to purchase 200 new school buses for local school systems statewide.
- Within the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, the House version of HB 683 includes \$400,000 in start-up funds needed to establish a statewide leadership academy for principals

per HB 338 (2017 Session). The House version also includes \$408,115 to provide one non-STEM AP exam for low-income students. The original FY 2018 budget included funding for one STEM AP exam for all students.

### General Government

- The Amended FY 2018 budget includes \$17.6 million to fund 'Forestland Protection Act' grant reimbursements in the Department of Revenue and \$1.3 million for equipment associated with the implementation of the new tag and titling system, DRIVES.
- HB 683 includes \$10 million to replenish the Governor's Emergency Fund and meet projected expenditures.
- The Amended FY 2018 budget recognizes \$5 million in additional revenue from hunting and fishing license fees pursuant to HB 208 (2017 Session) in the Department of Natural Resources and reflects \$450,000 of those additional funds in the Coastal Resources program for public access and offshore fishery maintenance; \$1.7 million in the Law Enforcement program for additional law enforcement rangers for high-demand areas of the state; \$2.7 million in the Wildlife Resources program for additional public access and land management activities; and \$150,000 in Departmental Administration for additional reporting and processing. HB 683 also increases the Wildlife Endowment Fund by \$1.2 million based on actual lifetime sportman's license revenues and provides the department with \$500,000 to replace 16 vehicles in four programs.
- The Amended FY 2018 Budget includes \$7.9 million in total funds for worker's compensation premiums and \$8.5 million for liability insurance premiums in the Department of Administrative Services to reflect claims expenses. It also reflects savings of \$3.1 million in merit system and unemployment insurance billings based on actual need.

### Health

- The House Amended FY 2018 budget includes funding for several IT and Medicaid infrastructure projects, including \$1 million for the electronic visit verification system for home and community-based services, \$1.7 million for the Enterprise Data Solution system, and utilizing existing funds for Medicaid Information Technology Architecture and the Medicaid Management Information System projects.
- The House agreed with the Governor on funding \$23 million for the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments for deemed and non-deemed hospitals.
- The House version of the Amended FY 2018 budget incorporates several recommendations from the House Rural Development Council including \$100,000 in the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce for a statewide medical fair for recruitment and the development of a one-stop shop for available residencies. It also provides \$75,000 for the State Office of Rural Health to conduct a request for proposal process to identify a postsecondary institution within the state as an appropriate location for the Rural Center for Health Care Innovation and Sustainability (HB 769).

- The House agrees with the Governor's recommendation for the Department of Community Health to use \$350,000 in existing funds to support the Rural Hospital External Peer Review Network grant program as well as the Rural Swing-Bed Management grant program.
- HB 683 continues the focus on autism services by including a program coordinator position in the Department of Community Health as well as telehealth infrastructure and one program support coordinator in the Department of Public Health in order to provide behavioral health services to children under 21 who are diagnosed as autistic.
- In the Department of Public Health, HB 683 includes funding for legislation passed in the 2017 Session, including \$193,500 for the Office of Cardiac Care (SB 102) and \$582,892 for the prescription drug monitoring program (HB 249).
- The Amended FY 2018 budget also recognizes an additional \$5.2 million in Super Speeder collections and Reinstatement Fees for the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission as well as an additional \$176,845 in fireworks excise tax collections. This brings the total appropriation to \$21.7 million for the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission.

#### Higher Education

- HB 683 includes an additional \$10 million within the Board of Regents for the Graduate Medical Education program at Augusta University to meet the increasing cost of medical education. The budget also includes \$64,596 in the Cooperate Extension Service Program to replace 3 vehicles for district extension soil and water educators.
- The House version of the Amended FY 2018 budget incorporates several recommendations from the House Rural Development Council including \$75,000 for planning for the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovations. The budget document also instructs the Board of Regents to perform a market study of professional and masters level degrees currently offered at university programs in South Georgia to include recommendations for adjustments to offerings based on matriculation, demand, and industry interest and report to the House Rural Development Council, Rural Georgia Senate Study Committee, and the House and Senate Higher Education Committees by September 1, 2018.
- For the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the budget includes an additional \$10.7 million to meet the projected need for 4,720 additional students enrolled in the Dual Enrollment program. This brings the total appropriation for Amended FY 2018 budget to \$89.5 million. The budget also includes an additional \$8.1 million in lottery funds to meet the projected HOPE Scholarship need for public and private school students.
- The House version of HB 683 includes \$2 million for the Technical College System of Georgia to purchase four mobile welding laboratories for HOPE Career Grant welding training on-site throughout the state. These labs will be used to certify students who do not have a campus nearby with similar facilities and who otherwise would not have access to such training.

#### Human Services

- The governor recommended, and the House agreed, to fund several initiatives within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for children under 21 who are

diagnosed as autistic, including: \$1.25 million for crisis services, \$1.1 million to develop capacity for behavioral health services and \$128,292 in existing funds for telehealth services.

- The House version of the Amended FY 2018 budget includes \$1 million for the development of additional behavioral health crisis stabilization beds as recommended by the Rural Development Council as well as \$410,000 to design the kitchen renovation at East Central Regional Hospital in Augusta.
- Within the Department of Human Services, the budget includes an additional \$15.1 million for growth in out-of-home care utilization. The number of children in foster care in Georgia has doubled since 2009 and now totals more than 14,000.
- The House version of HB 683 includes \$550,000 for the design, construction and equipment for the new Division of Family and Children Services Building in Ben Hill County. It also includes \$578,990 for the Department of Veterans Service to purchase patient care equipment at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Milledgeville.

### Public Safety

- The Georgia Bureau of Investigation receives \$500,000 in the Amended FY 2018 budget to purchase supplies needed to process DNA sexual assault kits pursuant to SB 304 (2016 Session). This is in addition to the \$855,678 for 4 additional scientists and two technicians provided in the FY 2018 base budget.
- The budget also includes \$1.1 million to purchase furniture and equipment for the Hull McKnight Cyber Innovation and Training Center which will open in July 2018. The center will enhance cybersecurity in both public and private sectors by housing an incubator for start-up cybersecurity companies and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's new cybercrime unit.
- HB 683 also includes \$5 million for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to implement the statewide criminal justice e-filing initiative.
- The House version of the Amended FY 2018 budget includes \$911,556 in new funds and \$402,726 in existing funds within the Department of Juvenile Justice for youth who pose a public safety risk during determination of competency as provided in SB 175 (2017 Session).
- The Amended FY 2018 budget appropriates \$4 million to replace 93 high-mileage law enforcement pursuit vehicles within the Department of Public Safety and \$1 million for equipment and other one-time costs associated with a new 75-person trooper school.
- HB 683 recognizes \$128,615 in additional revenue from fireworks excise tax collections for the Georgia Firefighter Standards Training Council and \$181,370 in additional funds for driver education and training to reflect the intent of Joshua's Law per HB 806 (2016 Session).

### Transportation and Infrastructure

- HB 683 includes an infusion of \$25.2 million in state general funds for the Department of Transportation, matched with \$3.1 million in federal funds and \$9.5 million in local funds, to extend runways in 11 counties to safely handle larger aircraft and spur economic development and business investment in rural areas. Runway extension funding is included for the following

counties: Burke, Cook, Coweta, Newton, Polk, Seminole, Morgan, Macon, Colquitt, Washington, and Wilkes.

- While motor fuel funding remains level at \$1.8 billion in the Amended FY 2018 budget, the Traffic Management and Control Program will receive an infusion of \$5 million for managed lane operations and HERO expansion for the Northwest Corridor. The Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting Program and the Planning Program will receive a combined \$1.5 million to match federal funds for planning and data collection requirements. Funds were available for redirection based on savings associated with GARVEE refinancing and projected expenditures in administration.

# Georgia General Assembly

## Tracking a Bill Through The General Assembly

### IDEA

Legislator sees need for a new law or changes in existing law and decides to introduce a bill.

### DRAFTING

Legislator goes to Office of Legislative Counsel. There, attorney advises legislator on legal issues and drafts bill.

### INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Legislator files bill with the Clerk of the House or Secretary of the Senate. On legislative day after filing, bill is formally introduced. In chamber, bill's title is read during period of first readings. Immediately after first reading, presiding officer assigns bill to a standing committee.

### SECOND READING

In the House only, on next legislative day, Clerk reads bill's title (second reading) in chamber, although actual bill is now in committee. In Senate, second reading comes after bill is reported favorably from committee.

### COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill considered by committee. Author and other legislators may testify. If controversial, public hearings may be held. Final Committee action reported in a written report. Committee options are:

- Recommend Bill or Resolution Do Pass;
- Recommend Do NOT Pass;
- Recommend Do Pass with changes (amendments or substitutes);
- Hold Bill.

### THIRD READING AND PASSAGE

Clerk or Secretary prepares a General Calendar of bills favorably reported from committee.

- Legislation which was second read the day before is placed on a calendar in numeric order for floor action prior to the the Rules Committee meeting to choose bills for consideration.
- After a certain point, set by rule, the Rules Committee meets and prepares a Rules Calendar for the next day's floor consideration from bills on General Calendar.
- The presiding officer calls up bills from the Rules Calendar for floor action in order as they appear on this calendar.

Once presiding officer calls bill up from Rules Calendar, Clerk or Secretary reads bill's title (third reading). Bill is now ready for floor debate, amendments, and voting. After debate, main question is called and members vote. if bill is approved by majority of total membership of that house , it is sent to the other house.

### TRANSMITTAL TO OTHER CHAMBER

Bill is passed if:

- If second chamber passes bill, it is returned to chamber where bill was introduced.
- If first chamber rejects changes and second chamber insists, a conference committee may be appointed. Committee report is accepted by both chambers.

Bill is enrolled and sent to the Governor (if requested). Otherwise, all enrolled bills sent to Governor following adjournment sine die.

### GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE/VETO

Governor may sign bill or do nothing, and bill becomes law. Governor may veto bill, which requires two-thirds of members of each house to override.

### ACT

Act and other laws enacted at the session are printed in the Georgia Laws series. Also, act is incorporated into the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Act becomes effective the following July 1, unless a different effective date is provided in act.

**TeamWorks Financials  
FY 2018 CLOSE SCHEDULE**

TeamWorks Accounting Period	Month	Close Date
1	July	Friday 08/11/2017 (Periods 1 & 2 will be opened from 08/01 to 08/11)
2	August	Thursday 08/31/2017
3	September (Federal Year End close) (1st Quarter End)	Friday 10/13/2017 (Periods 3 & 4 will be opened from 10/01 to 10/13)
4	October	Tuesday 10/31/2017
5	November	Thursday 11/30/2017
6	December (2nd Quarter End)	Friday 01/12/2018 (Periods 6 & 7 will be opened from 01/01 to 01/12)
7	January	Wednesday 01/31/2018
8	February	Wednesday 02/28/2018
9	March (3rd Quarter End)	Friday 04/13/2018 (Periods 9 & 10 will be opened from 04/01 to 04/13)
10	April	Monday 04/30/2018
11	May	Thursday 05/31/2018
12	June (State Year End close) (4th Quarter End)	Friday 07/13/2018 (Periods 12 & 01 will be opened from 07/01 to 07/13) System will be unavailable beginning Friday (at 7:00 pm) Thru Monday 7/16/2018 (at 7:00 am)
998*	Adjustment Period	Close I - Monday 07/16/2018 (at 7:00 am) thru Friday 07/20/2018 (at 6:59 pm) Close II - Monday 07/16/2018 (at 7:00 am) thru Friday 07/27/2018 (at 6:59 pm) For the following selected agencies DCH, DHS, DBHDD, DPH, SHBP, and DOE.
999**	Year-End Close Processing	Close I - Friday 07/20/2018 (at 7:00 pm) thru Monday 07/23/2018 (at 6:59 am) Close II - Friday 07/27/2018 (at 7:00pm) thru Monday 07/30/2018 (at 6:59 am) For the following selected agencies DCH, DHS, DBHDD, DPH, SHBP, and DOE.

\* TeamWorks has a period "998" which is used for adjusting entries. After the adjusting entries are made in 998, the year-end close period "999" is processed to create beginning balances for the new fiscal year.

\*\* TeamWorks Financials will be unavailable at 7:00 pm on the date specified within the table.

## Efficient Fiscal Management of State Government Operations

### Contact Us

Have a question? Want to leave feedback? Please don't hesitate to complete the form below if you want to discuss ways we could

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Georgia Fiscal Management Council, a nonprofit organization, promotes efficient fiscal management of state government operations; promotes increased knowledge in governmental financial procedures and practices through sponsorship of training seminars, meetings, publications, and scholarships; and provides opportunities for the interchange of ideas, methods, and techniques affecting governmental fiscal management.



## *FMC Spotlight*

### Monthly Meeting

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following Speakers that presented various topics to the Council during the last quarter:

#### October

FMC Conference

#### November

Department of Community Health- SHBP Rate Setting presented by Lisa Walker

#### December

No formal December Meeting