

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Appropriations**

**SB 2500 — SB 2500 - Appropriations**

by Appropriations Committee

This bill provides for a total budget of \$115.1 billion, including:

- \$50.58 billion from the General Revenue Fund (GR)
- \$2.51 billion from the Education Enhancement Trust Fund
- \$1.45 billion from the Public Education Capital Outlay Trust Fund (PECO TF)
- \$60.59 billion from other trust funds (TF)
- 111,885.06 full time equivalent positions (FTE)

**Debt Reduction and Increased Reserves**

- \$830 million total authorized to retire outstanding state debt (including SB 1906)
- \$12.4 billion Total Reserves (not including trust fund balances)
  - \$7.0 billion General Revenue Unallocated
  - \$4.9 billion Budget Stabilization Fund (\$430 million added)
  - \$500 million added to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund

**Compensation and Benefits**

- 2 percent Pay Increase for all State Employees (minimum \$1,000 increase)
- Additional Pay Increases for:
  - State Law Enforcement Officers - Total of 10 percent or 15 percent increase with 5 years of service
  - State Firefighters - Total of 10 percent or 15 percent increase with 5 years of service
  - Assistant State Attorneys and Public Defenders
  - Department of Transportation
- State Employee and Retiree Health Insurance Premiums held constant

**Education Capital Outlay**

- Total: \$977.4 million
  - State University System Projects - \$427.7 million
  - Florida College System Projects - \$113.9 million
  - Charter School Repairs and Maintenance - \$248.6 million
  - Small School District Special Facilities - \$144.7 million
  - Developmental Research School Repairs and Maintenance - \$10 million

**Pre-K - 12 Education Appropriations**

Total Appropriations: \$20.9 billion [\$16.1 billion GR; \$4.8 billion TF]

Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: \$34.6 billion [\$20.9 billion state/federal funds; \$13.7 billion local funds]

## **Major Issues**

### ***Early Learning Services***

Total: \$1.6 billion [\$605.1 million GR; \$1.01 billion TF]

- Partnerships for School Readiness - \$34.2 million
- School Readiness Program - \$42 million increase
- Voluntary Prekindergarten Program - \$431.4 million
  - Decrease of 1,396 fewer students - (\$2.6 million)

### ***Public Schools/K12 FEFP***

Total Funding: \$29.6 billion [\$15.9 billion state funds; \$13.7 billion local funds]

- FEFP Total Funds increase is \$945.2 million or 3.31 percent
- FEFP increase in Total Funds per Student served by a district is \$142.74, a 1.59 percent increase (from \$8,987.67 to \$9,130.41)
- Base Student Allocation (BSA) increase of \$41.62 or 0.78 percent
- Required Local Effort (RLE) increase of \$529.7 million; RLE millage maintained at prior year level of 3.087 mills

### ***Public Schools/K12 Non-FEFP***

Total: \$500.8 million [\$492.6 million GR; \$8.2 million TF]

- Coach Aaron Feis, Chris Hixon, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program - \$6.5 million
- School Recognition Program - \$135 million
- Mentoring Programs - \$13.6 million
- Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources Centers - \$8.7 million
- Teacher Professional Development - \$13.7 million
- School District Foundation Matching Grants - \$7 million
- Florida Safe Schools Canine Program - \$3.3 million
- District Threat Management Coordinators - \$5 million
- Regional Literacy Teams - \$5 million
- Charity for Change - \$4.7 million
- SEED School of Miami - \$12.2 million
- School and Instructional Enhancement Grants - \$47.1 million
- Exceptional Education - \$12.4 million
- Florida School for the Deaf and Blind - \$80.3 million
- Capital Outlay Funding - \$30.4 million
- Jewish Day School Security - \$20 million
- School Hardening - \$20 million

***State Board of Education***

Total: \$322.5 million [\$169.5 million GR; \$153 million TF]

- Assessment and Evaluation - \$132.2 million
- ACT and SAT Exam Administration - \$8 million

**Higher Education Appropriations**

Total Appropriations: \$8.9 billion [\$6.7 billion GR; \$2.2 billion TF]

Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: \$11.7 billion [\$8.9 billion state/federal funds; \$2.8 billion local funds]

**Major Issues*****Vocational Rehabilitation***

Total: \$265.6 million [\$60.2 million GR; \$205.4 million TF]

- Client Services Increase - \$9.0 million [\$1.9 million GR; \$7.1 million TF]

***Blind Services***

Total: \$79.8 million [\$25.5 million GR; \$54.4 million TF]

- Client Services Increase - \$8 million [\$1.4 million GR; \$5.1 million TF]

***Private Colleges***

Total: \$193.4 million GR

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) - \$31.9 million
- Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) - \$135.9 million

***Student Financial Aid***

Total: \$1.08 billion [\$326.9 million GR; \$748.5 million TF]

- Bright Futures - \$637.7 million
  - Workload increase - \$20.8 million
- Benacquisto Scholarship Program - \$38.1 million
  - Workload decrease - (\$927,050)
- Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans - \$29.1 million
  - Workload increase - \$7.6 million
- Florida First Responder Scholarship Program - \$10 million
- Open Door Grant Program - \$35 million

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- Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Scholarship - \$7 million

### ***School District Workforce***

Total: \$771.5 million [\$433.2 million GR; \$295.6 million TF; \$42.7 million tuition/fees]

- Workforce Development - \$467.4 million
  - Workload increase - \$18 million
- Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program for apprenticeships - \$20 million
  - Increase for “Grow Your Own Teacher” Apprenticeship Program - \$5 million
- PIPELINE Nursing Incentive Funds - \$20 million
- Workforce Capitalization Incentive Grants - \$40 million
- Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program - \$5 million
- No tuition increase

### ***Florida College System***

Total: \$2.5 billion [\$1.6 billion GR; \$254.8 million TF; \$704.6 million tuition/fees]

- CAPE Incentive Funds for students who earn Industry Certifications - \$20 million
- College System Program Fund - \$1.7 billion
  - Workload increase - \$60 million
- PIPELINE Nursing Incentive Funds- \$40 million
- Student Success Incentive Funds - \$30 million
  - 2+2 Student Success Incentive Funds - \$17 million
  - Work Florida Incentive Funds - \$13 million
- No tuition increase

### ***State University System***

Total: \$6.8 billion [\$4.1 billion GR; \$656 million TF; \$2.0 billion tuition/fees]

- Lastinger Center for Learning at University of Florida - \$50.2 million
  - Workload increase for the New Worlds Tutoring Program - \$20 million
- PIPELINE Nursing Incentive Funds- \$40 million
- Community School Grant Program - \$20.1 million
- Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program for Students with Unique Abilities - \$12.5 million
- Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment at University of Florida - \$10 million; funding to support the implementation of SB 112
- University of Florida - IFAS - \$207 million
  - Workload increase - \$3.5 million
- No required tuition increase

### ***Board of Governors***

Total: \$12.2 million [\$10.6 million GR; \$1.5 million TF]

## **Health and Human Services Appropriations**

Total Budget: \$47.6 billion [\$17.7 billion GR; \$29.8 billion TF]; 30,991 positions

### **Major Issues**

#### ***Agency for Health Care Administration***

Total: \$36.5 billion [\$12.3 billion GR; \$24.2 billion TF]; 1,549 positions

- Fully Fund Florida's Medicaid and KidCare Programs - \$35.6 billion
- Medicaid Provider Rate Increases - \$279.6 million
  - Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics - \$15.4 million
  - Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers - \$12.6 million
  - Nursing Home Quality Incentive Program - \$246.7 million
  - Targeted Case Management - \$5 million
- Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Pilot Program - \$44.2 million
- Graduate Medical Education - \$38.1 million
- Program for All-inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE) - \$16.8 million
- Audits for Nursing Homes and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) - \$1 million
- Federal Reporting for Adult Behavioral Health and Child Care Set - \$0.9 million
- Florida Health Care Connections (FX) - \$143.2 million

#### ***Agency for Persons with Disabilities***

Total: \$1.3 billion [\$1.2 billion GR; \$0.1 billion TF]; 2,709 positions

- Enhanced Funding and Services for Developmental Disability Centers - \$13.7 million
- Information Technology - \$6 million
- iBudget Waiver Algorithm Study - \$1 million
- Fixed Capital Outlay for People with Developmental Disabilities - \$1.2 million

#### ***Department of Children and Families***

Total: \$4.8 billion [\$2.9 billion GR; \$1.9 billion TF]; 12,520 positions

- Support Core Child Welfare Programs - \$40.3 million
  - Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Subsidies - \$27.4 million
  - Extended Foster Care - \$5.3 million
  - Therapeutic Safe Foster Home Pilot - \$3 million
  - Foster Care Board Rate Cost of Living Adjustment - \$1.6 million

- Free Online Child Care Provider Coursework and Licensing Exam - \$3 million
- Transfer Children's Advocacy Centers from Department of Legal Affairs - \$5 million
- Funding for Quality Care and Facility Management in Florida's State Mental Health Treatment Facilities - \$92.2 million
- Community-Based Mental Health/Substance Use Prevention Initiatives - \$36 million
  - Integrated Behavioral Health Residential Treatment Beds - \$10 million
  - Central Receiving Facilities - \$6.2 million
  - Criminal Justice Mental Health/Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant - \$6 million
  - Managing Entity Financial System Upgrade and Audits - \$11.1 million
  - 988 Behavioral Health and Veterans Crisis Support Lines - \$2.7 million
- Opioid Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Efforts - \$201.5 million
- Florida System and Child Welfare Information System Modernization - \$46.3 million

### ***Department of Elder Affairs***

Total: \$507.2 million [\$268.7 million GR; \$238.4 million TF]; 425 positions

- Alzheimer's Disease Initiative - Frail Elders Waiting for Services - \$3 million
- Serve Additional Clients in the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) and Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) Programs - \$10.5 million
- Increased Resources for Aging and Disability Resource Centers - \$1.0 million
- Information Technology Projects - \$3.1 million

### ***Department of Health***

Total: \$4.1 billion [\$1 billion GR; \$3.1 billion TF]; 12,276 positions

- Pediatric Cancer Research - Cancer Connect Collaborative Incubator - \$30 million
- Statewide Healthcare Screening Marketing Campaign - \$1 million
- School Health Services - \$8.1 million
- Swimming Lesson Voucher Program - \$1 million
- Funding for Intestinal Transplant Support - \$15 million
- Increased Funding for the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program - \$1.8 million
- Increased Funding for Healthy Start Coalitions - \$3.4 million
- Early Steps Program Quality Improvement and Enhancement - \$8.9 million
- Information Technology - \$21.9 million
- Fixed Capital Outlay for County Health Department Facilities - \$4 million

### ***Department of Veterans Affairs***

Total: \$239.9 million [\$52.4 million GR; \$187.5 million TF]; 1,511 positions

- Enhanced Operational Support and equipment for State Veterans' Nursing Homes - \$6.9 million
- Increased Bureau of Field Services staffing - \$0.5 million; 5 positions

- Florida is for Veterans Program - \$2.1 million
- Veterans Dental Care Grant Program - \$1 million
- Information Technology \$1.4 million
- Fixed Capital Outlay for State Veterans' Nursing Homes - \$20.8 million

## **Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations**

Total Budget: \$7.6 billion [\$6.6 billion GR; \$1 billion TF]; 45,291.5 positions

### **Major Issues**

- DOC Operational Deficit - \$57.2 million
- Criminal Justice Estimating Conference Prison Population Increase - \$43.4 million
- DOC Health Services Increase - \$23.3 million
- DJJ Increase Residential Commitment Capacity - \$15.5 million
- Children in Need of Services/Families in Need of Services (CINS/FINS) - \$1.2 million
- Salary Increases for Law Enforcement Officers of Fiscally Constrained Counties - \$5 million
- FDLE Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program - \$2.5 million
- Certification of Additional Judgeships - \$18.8 million; 97 positions

### ***Department of Corrections***

Total: \$3.8 billion [\$3.7 billion GR; \$73.1 million TF]; 23,438 positions

- Operational Deficit - \$57.2 million
- Criminal Justice Estimating Conference Prison Population Increase - \$43.4 million
- Technology Restoration Plan - \$6.8 million
- Food Service Contract - \$10.5 million
- Contracted Inmate Health Services - \$23.3 million
- Health Services Operations for New Dorms- \$11 million
- Certified Officers Public Safety Initiative (Communications) - \$2 million

### ***Attorney General/Legal Affairs***

Total: \$353.8 million [\$114.5 million GR; \$239.3 million TF]; 1,275.5 positions

- IT Modernization Program - \$5.1 million
- IT Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery - \$0.4 million

### ***Florida Department of Law Enforcement***

Total: \$539.0 million [\$363.4 million GR; \$175.6 million TF]; 2,024 positions

- Fort Myers Regional Operations Center Facility - \$5 million

- Salary Increases for Law Enforcement Officers in Fiscally Constrained Counties - \$5 million
- Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program - \$2.5 million
- Aviation Operations and Maintenance - \$3.6 million
- Office of Wellness Expansion - \$0.5 million; 3 positions
- Missing and Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse Technology Upgrade - \$1.9 million

### ***Department of Juvenile Justice***

Total: \$756.5 million [\$582.7 million GR; \$173.8 million TF]; 3,229.5 positions

- Increase Residential Commitment Bed Capacity - \$15.5 million
- Children in Need of Services/Families in Need of Services (CINS/FINS) - \$1.2 million
- Crossover Youth Behavioral Health Services Pilot Program - \$2.7 million
- Florida Scholars Academy - \$2.4 million
- Pace Center for Girls - \$2.4 million
- Medical and Food Contract Increases - \$4.1 million
- Broward Detention Facility - \$2.4 million

### ***Justice Administration***

Total: \$1.3 billion [\$1.1 billion GR; \$242.5 million TF]; 10,458.5 positions

- Due Process Costs for Public Defenders - \$2.3 million
- GAL - Increase Staff to Represent All Children - \$0.5 million; 6 positions
- Increase Title IV-E Trust Fund Authority - \$2.6 million; 10 positions
- Guardianship Database - \$0.4 million
- Condominium/HOA Criminal Fraud Task Force - \$0.6 million

### ***State Court System***

Total: \$795.2 million [\$669.1 million GR; \$126.1 million TF]; 4,702 positions

- Certification of Additional Judgeships - \$18.8 million; 97 positions
- Due Process Resources - \$2.5 million
- Court Reporting Resources - \$2.5 million
- Appellate Technology Resources - \$1.2 million
- 5th District Court of Appeal Security Upgrades - \$2.3 million
- 6th District Court of Appeal Courthouse - \$2.0 million

## **Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations**

Total Budget: \$17.9 billion [\$652 million GR; \$17.2 billion TF]; 12,647 positions

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## Major Issues

### *Department of Commerce*

Total: \$1.5 billion [\$282.5 million GR; \$1.3 billion TF]; 1,488 positions

- Hometown Heroes Housing Program - \$50 million GR
- State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program - \$163.8 million TF
- Affordable Housing (SAIL) Program - \$71.2 million TF
- Economic Development Toolkit - \$3.4 million GR & \$19.1 million TF
- Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Grant Funding (CDBG-DR) - \$150 million TF
- Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program - \$20 million GR
- Florida Job Growth Grant Funding - \$50 million GR

### *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles*

Total: \$623.9 million TF; 4,097 positions

- Additional Equipment for the Florida Highway Patrol - \$4.3 million TF
- Security and Fraud Prevention - \$3.5 million TF
- Replace Pursuit Vehicles - \$3.3 million TF
- Increase OPS to Address Driver License Services Backlog - \$3.1 million TF
- Increased Funding for Additional License Plate Purchases - \$2.4 million TF
- Increase Funding for Operation of Motor Vehicles - \$6.2 million TF

### *Department of Military Affairs*

Total: \$130.7 million [\$85.4 million GR; \$45.2 million TF]; 480 positions

- Additional Budget Authority to Support Federal Cooperative Agreements - \$1.5 million TF
- Florida State Guard:
  - Training and Recruitment Resources - \$5.8 million GR
  - Operating Expenses - \$25.7 million GR
- Revitalization of Armories (REVAMP) - \$3 million GR
- Camp Blanding - Level II FCO - \$16.5 million GR

### *Department of State*

Total: \$144.2 million [\$120.9 million GR; \$23.3 million TF]; 450 positions

- Cultural and Museum Program Support Grants - \$20.8 million GR
- Department Wide Litigation Expenses - \$2 million GR
- Florida African-American Heritage Preservation Network - \$800,000 GR
- Division of Corporations Call Center Services - \$2.7 million GR
- Reimbursements to Counties for Special Elections - \$2.5 million GR

- Local Initiatives - \$26.8 million GR

### ***Department of Transportation***

Total: \$15.1 billion [\$110.4 million GR; \$15.0 billion TF]; 5,907 positions

- Transportation Work Program - \$13.5 billion TF
- Information Technology
  - Florida Planning, Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM) Readiness - \$11.7 million TF
  - Data Infrastructure Modernization - \$5.1 million TF
- Increase Operation Costs Department-wide - \$10.0 million TF
- Fixed Capital Outlay Projects - \$28.5 million TF
- Equipment Replacement - \$9.2 million TF

### ***Division of Emergency Management (Executive Office of the Governor)***

Total: \$343.5 million [\$52.7 million GR; \$290.8 million TF]; 225 positions

- Open Federally Declared Disasters
  - State Operations - \$203.7 million TF
- Information Technology
  - Statewide Emergency Alert and Notification System - \$3.2 million GR
  - Cybersecurity Grant Program - \$12 million TF
  - Technology Infrastructure at Emergency Operations Center - \$5 million GR

## **Agriculture, Environment, and General Government Appropriations**

Total Budget: \$9.7 billion [\$2.3 billion GR; \$1.3 billion LATF; \$6.1 billion Other TF]; 20,428 positions

### **Major Issues**

#### ***Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services***

Total: \$3.4 billion [\$743.6 million GR; 2.7 billion TF]; 3,820 positions

- Rural and Family Lands Protection Program - \$250 million
- Agriculture and Aquaculture Natural Disaster Loan Program - \$40 million
- Feeding Programs - \$53.7 million
- Forestry - \$41.4 million
- Statewide Water Restoration Agricultural Projects - \$20.0 million
- Citrus Protection and Research - \$124.5 million
  - Citrus Health Response Program - \$6 million

- Citrus Packing Equipment - \$10 million
- Citrus Research and Field Trials - \$104.5 million
- Agriculture Education and Promotion Facilities - \$15.7 million
- Conner Complex Construction - \$172 million
- State Farmers Markets - \$20.0 million
- Florida State Fair - \$13.7 million GR

### ***Department of Citrus***

Total: \$35.2 million [\$13.4 million GR; \$21.8 million TF]; 28 positions

- Citrus Marketing - \$5 million
- Citrus Recovery Program - \$2 million

### ***Department of Environmental Protection***

Total: \$2.6 billion [\$666.7 million GR; \$1.9 billion TF]; 3,126 positions

- Everglades Restoration - \$691.5 million
- Water Quality Improvements - \$675.2 million
  - Indian River Lagoon WQI - \$25 million
  - Biscayne Bay Water Quality Improvements - \$20 million
  - Water Projects - \$436 million
  - C-51 Reservoir - \$65 million
  - Non-Point Source Planning Grants - \$13.6 million
  - Alternative Water Supply - \$50 million
  - Water Quality Improvements - Blue Green Algae Task Force - \$10.8 million
  - Innovative Technology Grants for Harmful Algal Blooms - \$10 million
  - Harmful Algal Bloom Management - \$5 million
  - Springs Restoration - \$50 million
- Flood and Sea-Level Rise and Planning Grant Programs - \$170 million
- Land Acquisition - \$84 million
  - Division of State Lands - \$18 million
  - Federal Grants - \$15 million
  - Local Acquisitions - \$51 million
- Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern - \$20 million
- Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern - \$5 million
- Coral Reef Restoration - \$17.5 million
- Petroleum Tanks Cleanup Program - \$195 million
- Hazardous Waste and Dry Clean Site Cleanup - \$14 million
- Beach Management Funding Assistance - \$53 million
- Drinking Water and Wastewater Revolving Loan Programs - \$2.4 billion
- Small County Wastewater Treatment Grants - \$8 million
- State and Local Parks - \$28.2 million

***Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission***

Total: \$569 million [\$165.6 million GR; \$403.5 million TF]; 2,159 positions

- Motor Vehicle/Vessel Replacement - \$3.6 million
- Nuisance Wildlife Control - \$6.8 million
- Land Management - \$19 million
- Derelict Vessel Removal - \$4.5 million
- Florida Boating Improvement Program - \$3.0 million
- Artificial Reef Program - \$0.6 million

***Department of Business and Professional Regulation***

Total: \$299.5 million [\$8.9 million GR; \$290.6 million TF]; 1,649 positions

- Resources for Implementation of HB 913 - \$1 million

***Florida Gaming Control Commission***

Total: \$31.9 million TF; 197 positions

***Department of Financial Services***

Total: \$731.7 million [\$177.3 million GR; \$554.4 million TF]; 2,639.50 positions

- My Safe Florida Home Program - \$280.0 million
- PALM (FLAIR Replacement) - \$43.2 million
- PALM Readiness - \$9.8 million and 15.0 positions
- Information Technology Upgrades, Systems and Contract Increases - \$10.9 million
- Law Enforcement, Fire Marshal and Disaster Response Training, Vehicles and Technology Upgrades and Equipment - \$8.1 million
- Local Government Fire and Firefighter Services - \$66.3 million
- University of Miami - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center/Firefighter Cancer Initiative - \$3.5 million
- Other Local Government Grants - \$4.6 million

***Department of the Lottery***

Total: \$234.3 million TF; 437 positions

- Increase Advertising Agency Fees - \$.5 million
- Increase to Gaming System Contract - \$.8 million

***Department of Management Services***

Total Budget: \$832.6 million [\$156.3 million GR; \$676.3 million TF]; 1,014 positions

- Florida Facilities Pool (FFP) Fixed Capital Outlay - \$104.5 million

- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Issues - \$3.5 million
- Florida PALM Readiness - \$8.6 million
- E-Rate Telecommunications - \$1.3 million
- Emergency 911 Public Safety Answering Points Upgrade - \$1.8 million

***Division of Administrative Hearings***

Total Budget: \$39.6 million TF; 235 positions

***Public Service Commission***

Total: \$31.6 million TF; 268 positions

***Department of Revenue***

Total: \$857.7 million [\$333.3 million GR; \$524.4 million TF]; 4,856.25 positions

- Fiscally Constrained Counties - \$76.5 million
- IT Issues - \$43.6 million

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025, except as otherwise provided, or, if these provisions fail to become a law until after that date, they shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2025.

*Vote: Senate 34-0; House 103-2*