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|---------------------------|------|----------|------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 1 | 11 | | | · · | ! | ' | | |
| Legislative Management | 2 | ME | 69,988,196 | 74,561,078 | 92,255,045 | 89,070,445 | 90,818,936 | 93,316,883 | 99,393,541 |
| Auditors of Public | | | | | | | | | |
| Accounts | 7 | ME | 13,368,685 | 14,122,585 | 15,040,371 | 15,476,037 | 15,647,232 | 15,853,688 | 17,353,055 |
| Commission on Women, | | | | | | | | | |
| Children, Seniors, Equity | | | | | | | | | |
| and Opportunity | 9 | ME | 755,374 | 839,552 | 1,029,868 | 1,075,452 | 1,075,452 | 1,267,850 | 1,367,933 |
| Total - General Fund | | | 84,112,255 | 89,523,215 | 108,325,284 | 105,621,934 | 107,541,620 | 110,438,421 | 118,114,529 |
| Total - Appropriated | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds | | | 84,112,255 | 89,523,215 | 108,325,284 | 105,621,934 | 107,541,620 | 110,438,421 | 118,114,529 |

Legislative Management OLM10000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|--------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fund | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 439 | 439 | 441 | 441 | 441 | 441 | 441 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 49,325,777 | 50,658,859 | 61,511,563 | 58,925,053 | 60,328,458 | 60,694,802 | 64,296,079 |
| Other Expenses | 17,187,223 | 19,140,708 | 21,149,147 | 20,141,147 | 20,611,147 | 22,560,836 | 25,104,131 |
| Equipment | 596,735 | 1,606,304 | 3,295,000 | 3,295,000 | 3,295,000 | 3,295,000 | 3,295,000 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Flag Restoration | 227 | 1,159 | 65,000 | 65,000 | 65,000 | 65,000 | 65,000 |
| Minor Capital Improvements | 1,039,875 | 786,128 | 3,800,000 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 |
| Capitol Day Care Center | - | 172,706 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interim Salary/Caucus Offices | 536,102 | 710,622 | 582,025 | 750,556 | 591,748 | 750,556 | 591,748 |
| Redistricting | 21,676 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Connecticut Academy of Science | | | | | | | |
| and Engineering | 103,000 | 206,000 | 212,000 | 212,000 | 212,000 | 219,000 | 226,000 |
| Old State House | 582,782 | 635,688 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 850,000 | 900,000 |
| Translators | - | 6,832 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Wall of Fame | - | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | · · · · · · | | | | |
| Interstate Conference Fund | 411,049 | 446,809 | 468,822 | 502,701 | 529,095 | 502,701 | 529,095 |
| New England Board of Higher | | | | | | | |
| Education | 183,750 | 189,263 | 211,488 | 218,988 | 226,488 | 218,988 | 226,488 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 69,988,196 | 74,561,078 | 92,255,045 | 89,070,445 | 90,818,936 | 93,316,883 | 99,393,541 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Restore Funding to Agency's Requested Level

| Other Expenses | - | - | 2,419,689 | 4,242,984 | 2,419,689 | 4,242,984 |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Old State House | - | - | 50,000 | 100,000 | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 2,469,689 | 4,342,984 | 2,469,689 | 4,342,984 |

Committee

Restore funding of \$2,469,689 in FY 26 and \$4,342,984 in FY 27 to the agency's requested level for the following adjustments:

- Upgrades to information technology systems hardware and software: \$773,000 in FY 26 and \$1,661,950 in FY 27 to the Other Expenses account.
- Legislative office garage repair and maintenance: \$300,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Other Expenses account.
- Adjust for contractual increases: \$660,339 in FY 26 and \$1,594,684 in FY 27 to the Other Expenses account.
- Provide funding for architect & engineer services for capitol complex projects: \$250,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Other Expenses account.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

- Annual repair and replacement of air handling units for the capitol complex: \$125,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Other Expenses account.
- Provide funding for state capitol police uniforms and mobile transfer devices: \$36,350 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Other Expenses account.
- Upgrades to computers: \$275,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Other Expenses account.
- Contractual increases for maintenance of the old state house: \$50,000 in FY 26 and \$100,000 in FY 27 to the Old State House account.

Reduce Funding for Printing Services

| Other Expenses | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding for printing services by \$300,000 in FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding for the Capitol Child Development Center to the Office of Early Childhood

| Other Expenses | (263,000) | (263,000) | (263,000) | (263,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (263,000) | (263,000) | (263,000) | (263,000) | - | - |

Background

The Capitol Child Development Center (CCDC) has been in operation since 1988 and was created as a model program by the Connecticut General Assembly to provide quality childcare services for children 8 weeks through 5 years of age.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$263,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Office of Early Childhood to help support CCDC.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Higher Education Planning Commission

| Other Expenses | - | - | - | 250,000 | - | 250,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---------|---|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 250,000 | - | 250,000 |

Background

C.G.S. Sec. 10a-11b establishes the Planning Commission for Higher Education and requires it to revise and update the state's strategic master plan for higher education. The plan was first adopted in 2015. An update to the plan is due December 1, 2025.

Committee

Provide funding of \$250,000 in FY 27 to update the state's strategic master plan for higher education.

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 2,891,043 | 2,891,043 | 4,660,792 | 6,858,664 | 1,769,749 | 3,967,621 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | 2,891,043 | 2,891,043 | 4,660,792 | 6,858,664 | 1,769,749 | 3,967,621 |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,891,043 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Provide funding of \$4,660,792 in FY 26 and \$6,858,644 in FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Adjust for Sessional Costs

| Personal Services | (864,399) | 242,757 | (864,399) | 242,757 | - | - |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | (445,000) | 25,000 | (445,000) | 25,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (1,309,399) | 267,757 | (1,309,399) | 267,757 | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,309,399 in FY 26 and increase funding by \$267,757 in FY 27 to reflect sessional staffing and costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for General Assembly Salary Increases

| | | • | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Personal Services | 336,346 | 584,595 | 336,346 | 584,595 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 336,346 | 584,595 | 336,346 | 584,595 | - | - |

Background

PA 22-85, An Act Concerning the Compensation of Legislators and Constitutional Officers, increased annual salaries and provided for future salary increases for legislators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and constitutional officers (secretary of the state, treasurer, state comptroller, and attorney general).

Governor

Provide funding of \$336,346 in FY 26 and \$584,595 in FY 27 for salary increases.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Interim Salary Increases for Caucus Offices

| Interim Salary/Caucus Offices | 168,531 | 9,723 | 168,531 | 9,723 | - | - |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 168,531 | 9,723 | 168,531 | 9,723 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$168,531 in FY 26 and \$9,723 in FY 27 for interim salary increases for caucus offices.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Capitol Complex Improvements

| Minor Capital Improvements | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | - | - |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$200,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 for minor capital improvements.

Committee

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Funding for Increase in Mileage Rate Reimbursement

| Personal Services | 50,500 | 98,500 | 50,500 | 98,500 | - | - |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 50,500 | 98,500 | 50,500 | 98,500 | - | - |

Background

The mileage reimbursement rate for all travel expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2025, has risen to 70 cents per mile.

Governor

Provide funding of \$50,500 in FY 26 and \$98,500 in FY 27 for the increased mileage reimbursement rate.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Increase in Dues

| Interstate Conference Fund | 33,879 | 60,273 | 33,879 | 60,273 | - | - |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| New England Board of Higher | | | | | | |
| Education | 7,500 | 15,000 | 7,500 | 15,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 41,379 | 75,273 | 41,379 | 75,273 | - | - |

Background

The Interstate Conference Fund account includes the Council of State Governments, National Conference of State Legislators, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, National Conference of Insurance Legislators, and the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States. These funds are utilized for the membership dues to these organizations.

The New England Board of Higher Education promotes greater education opportunities and services for the residents of New England and its more than 250 colleges and universities. It works across the six New England states to help leaders assess, develop, and implement sound education practices and policies of regional significance; to promote regional cooperation and programs that encourage the efficient use and sharing of educational resources.

Governor

Provide funding of \$33,879 in FY 26 and \$60,273 in FY 27 to the Interstate Conference Fund and \$7,500 in FY 26 and \$15,000 in FY 27 to the New England Board of Higher Education for increases in membership fees.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for CASE

| Connecticut Academy of Science and | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Engineering | - | - | 7,000 | 14,000 | 7,000 | 14,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 7,000 | 14,000 | 7,000 | 14,000 |

Background

The Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) was chartered by the General Assembly in 1976 (SA 76-50) to advise state government and industry "in the application of science and engineering to the economic and social welfare." CASE is a private nonprofit corporation modeled after the National Academy of Sciences.

Committee

Provide funding of \$7,000 in FY 26 and \$14,000 in FY 27 to CASE.

Carryforward

Carryforward Funding to Remove the John Mason Statue

Committee

Provide funding of \$100,000 to move the John Mason statue to the Old State House.

Committee **Governor Recommended Difference from Governor Budget Components** FY 26 FY 27 FY 26 FY 27 FY 26 FY 27 FY 25 Appropriation - GF 92,255,045 92,255,045 92,255,045 92,255,045 _ Policy Revisions (563,000) (563,000) 1,906,689 4,029,984 2,469,689 4,592,984 **Current Services** (2,621,600) (873,109) (844,851) 3,108,512 1,776,749 3,981,621 Total Recommended - GF 89,070,445 90,818,936 93,316,883 99,393,541 4,246,438 8,574,605

Auditors of Public Accounts APA11000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Eund Actual | | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------|---------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| runa | Fund FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 126 | 126 | 126 | 126 | 126 | 127 | 127 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 13,068,023 | 13,529,760 | 14,588,644 | 15,024,310 | 15,024,310 | 15,401,961 | 16,701,328 |
| Other Expenses | 300,662 | 592,825 | 451,727 | 451,727 | 622,922 | 451,727 | 651,727 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 13,368,685 | 14,122,585 | 15,040,371 | 15,476,037 | 15,647,232 | 15,853,688 | 17,353,055 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Restore Funding to Agency's Requested Level

| Personal Services | - | - | - | 413,000 | - | 413,000 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---------|---|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 413,000 | - | 413,000 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Committee

Restore funding of \$413,000 in FY 27 to the agency's requested level for the following Personal Services adjustments:

- Provide funding for one additional auditor position: \$85,000 in FY 27.
- Provide funding for promotions: 328,000 in FY 27.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 685,666 | 685,666 | 813,317 | 1,699,684 | 127,651 | 1,014,018 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | 685,666 | 685,666 | 813,317 | 1,699,684 | 127,651 | 1,014,018 |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$685,666 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Provide funding of \$813,317 in FY 26 and \$1,699,684 in FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Maintain Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| | - | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|
| Personal Services | (250,000) | (250,000) | - | - | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (250,000) | (250,000) | - | - | 250,000 | 250,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$250,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$250,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 in the Personal Services account.

Provide Funding to Update Information Technology Hardware

| 0 - | | ••• | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---------|---|---------|---|--------|
| Other Expenses | - | 171,195 | - | 200,000 | - | 28,805 |
| Total - General Fund | - | 171,195 | - | 200,000 | - | 28,805 |

Background

The agency last purchased new computers in 2022 and due to the nature of their work, require new computers every four to five years.

Governor

Provide funding of \$171,195 in FY 27 to replace the laptops, desktops, and computer accessories for the agency.

Committee

Provide funding of \$200,000 in FY 27 to replace the laptops, desktops, and computer accessories for the agency.

| Budget Components | Governor Rec | ommended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 15,040,371 | 15,040,371 | 15,040,371 | 15,040,371 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | - | 413,000 | - | 413,000 | |
| Current Services | 435,666 | 606,861 | 813,317 | 1,899,684 | 377,651 | 1,292,823 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 15,476,037 | 15,647,232 | 15,853,688 | 17,353,055 | 377,651 | 1,705,823 | |

| Positions | Governor Rec | commended | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 126 | 126 | 126 | 126 | _ | _ | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 126 | 126 | 127 | 127 | 1 | 1 | |

Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity CWE11980

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|--------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | FY 23 FY | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual Actual A | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 721,249 | 790,983 | 969,868 | 1,015,452 | 1,015,452 | 1,207,850 | 1,307,933 |
| Other Expenses | 34,125 | 48,569 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 755,374 | 839,552 | 1,029,868 | 1,075,452 | 1,075,452 | 1,267,850 | 1,367,933 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 45,584 | 45,584 | 187,982 | 286,777 | 142,398 | 241,193 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | 45,584 | 45,584 | 187,982 | 286,777 | 142,398 | 241,193 |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$45,584 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Provide funding of \$187,982 in FY 26 and \$286,777 in FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Provide Funding for Anticipated Accumulated Leave Payments

| Personal Services | - | - | 50,000 | 51,288 | 50,000 | 51,288 |
|----------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 50,000 | 51,288 | 50,000 | 51,288 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$50,000 in FY 26 and \$51,288 in FY 27 to reflect this agency's anticipated accumulated leave payments.

Increase Position Count by One to Reflect Current Staffing

| Positions - General Fund | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | · | |

Governor

Increase the Commission's position count by one to reflect current staffing levels.

Committee

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Comm | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 1,029,868 | 1,029,868 | 1,029,868 | 1,029,868 | - | - | |
| Current Services | 45,584 | 45,584 | 237,982 | 338,065 | 192,398 | 292,481 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 1,075,452 | 1,075,452 | 1,267,850 | 1,367,933 | 192,398 | 292,481 | |

| Positions | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | - | _ | |
| Current Services | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | _ | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | - | _ | |

General Government A

Coordinator - Taylor Morris

Office of Fiscal Analysis

| | Page | A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|------------------------|------|---------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | | | I_ | | 11 | | I | I | |
| Governor's Office | 12 | TM | 3,215,910 | 3,163,108 | 4,645,803 | 4,976,422 | 4,732,209 | 4,726,422 | 4,732,209 |
| Secretary of the State | 14 | TM | 12,095,131 | 13,882,526 | 13,204,587 | 12,362,079 | 12,362,079 | 17,802,696 | 15,802,696 |
| Lieutenant Governor's | | | | | | | | | |
| Office | 18 | TM | 753,348 | 837,942 | 764,845 | 904,885 | 904,885 | 904,885 | 904,885 |
| Elections Enforcement | | | | | | | | | |
| Commission | 19 | TM | 3,452,687 | 3,193,780 | 4,233,756 | 3,925,912 | 3,925,912 | 4,248,241 | 4,248,241 |
| Office of State Ethics | 21 | TM | 1,816,433 | 1,903,315 | 1,964,230 | 2,069,345 | 2,059,779 | 2,069,345 | 2,059,779 |
| Freedom of Information | | | | | | | | | |
| Commission | 23 | TM | 1,983,206 | 1,761,199 | 2,211,809 | 2,283,813 | 2,283,813 | 2,283,813 | 2,283,813 |
| Office of Governmental | | | | | | | | | |
| Accountability | 24 | TM | 2,380,508 | 2,385,053 | 3,029,161 | 3,167,090 | 3,167,090 | 3,823,262 | 3,797,255 |
| Total - General Fund | | | 25,697,223 | 27,126,923 | 30,054,191 | 29,689,546 | 29,435,767 | 35,858,664 | 33,828,878 |
| Total - Appropriated | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds | | | 25,697,223 | 27,126,923 | 30,054,191 | 29,689,546 | 29,435,767 | 35,858,664 | 33,828,878 |

Governor's Office GOV12000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|--------------|-------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----|
| | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 31 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|
| Account | FY 23 FY 24 | | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | |
| Personal Services | 2,532,390 | 2,606,293 | 3,838,460 | 3,975,286 | 3,975,286 | 3,975,286 | 3,975,286 | | | |
| Other Expenses | 87,982 | 455,545 | 635,401 | 885,401 | 635,401 | 635,401 | 635,401 | | | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| Office of Workforce Strategy | 494,268 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | | | | | | | |
| New England Governors' | | | | | | | | | | |
| Conference | - | - | 70,672 | - | - | - | - | | | |
| National Governors' Association | 101,270 | 101,270 | 101,270 | 115,735 | 121,522 | 115,735 | 121,522 | | | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 3,215,910 | 3,163,108 | 4,645,803 | 4,976,422 | 4,732,209 | 4,726,422 | 4,732,209 | | | |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|--|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Adjust Funding for Juvenile Justice System Study

| Other Expenses | 250,000 | - | - | - | (250,000) | - |
|----------------------|---------|---|---|---|-----------|---|
| Total - General Fund | 250,000 | - | - | - | (250,000) | - |

Governor

Provide \$250,000 in FY 26 to support a study of the juvenile justice system. The goal of the study is to seek improved outcomes.

Committee

Adjust funding for the juvenile justice system.

Current Services

Annualize Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 136,826 | 136,826 | 136,826 | 136,826 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 136,826 | 136,826 | 136,826 | 136,826 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$136,826 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Same as Governor

Increase Funding for National Governor's Association

| National Governors' Association | 14,465 | 20,252 | 14,465 | 20,252 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 14,465 | 20,252 | 14,465 | 20,252 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$14,465 in FY 26 and \$20,252 in FY 27 to reflect costs of membership fees.

Committee

Same as Governor

Remove Funding for New England Gov Conference

| New England Governors' | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|
| Conference | (70,672) | (70,672) | (70,672) | (70,672) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (70,672) | (70,672) | (70,672) | (70,672) | - | - |

Governor

Remove funding of \$70,672 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the discontinuance of the New England Governor's Conference.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Pudget Components | Governor Reco | ommended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 4,645,803 | 4,645,803 | 4,645,803 | 4,645,803 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 250,000 | - | - | - | (250,000) | | |
| Current Services | 80,619 | 86,406 | 80,619 | 86,406 | - | | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 4,976,422 | 4,732,209 | 4,726,422 | 4,732,209 | (250,000) | - | |

Secretary of the State SOS12500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Actual Appropriation | | commended | Committee | |
|--------------|------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| runu | Fund FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 87 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 101 | 101 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual Actual A | | Appropriation | Governor Rec | commended | Committee | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | |
| Personal Services | 3,169,850 | 3,141,961 | 4,122,878 | 3,965,359 | 3,965,359 | 5,395,601 | 5,395,601 | | | |
| Other Expenses | 3,477,667 | 2,559,828 | 2,507,561 | 2,407,561 | 2,407,561 | 3,517,936 | 3,517,936 | | | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial Recording Division | 5,447,614 | 5,100,563 | 5,254,148 | 5,419,159 | 5,419,159 | 5,419,159 | 5,419,159 | | | |
| Early Voting | - | 3,080,174 | 1,320,000 | 570,000 | 570,000 | 3,320,000 | 1,320,000 | | | |
| Bridgeport Election Monitor | - | - | - | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | | | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 12,095,131 | 13,882,526 | 13,204,587 | 12,362,079 | 12,362,079 | 17,802,696 | 15,802,696 | | | |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Adjust Funding to Reflect Actual Cost of Early Voting

| Early Voting (750. | (750.00) | A | | 750,000 | |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----|---|---------|---------|
| | ,00) (750,000 | | - | 750,000 | 750,000 |
| Total - General Fund (750, | 000) (750,000 |) - | - | 750,000 | 750,000 |

Background

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, provided several sources of funding to support costs to the Secretary of the State and grants to municipalities for the passage of PA 23-5, *An Act Implementing Early Voting*.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$750,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current requirements.

Committee

Maintain funding at current level.

Provide Funding to Support Election Costs

| Other Expenses | - | - | 120,375 | 120,375 | 120,375 | 120,375 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 120,375 | 120,375 | 120,375 | 120,375 |

Committee

Provide \$120,375 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support election costs. This includes \$80,000 to support increased printing costs, \$4,375 in each year to support ADA compliant ballots, and \$36,000 to support the Fresh Desk ticketing systems.

Provide Funding to Support the Business Services Division

| Other Expenses | - | - | 390,000 | 390,000 | 390,000 | 390,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 390,000 | 390,000 | 390,000 | 390,000 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$390,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support the Business Services Division. This includes providing \$30,000 to support staff training in both years, and \$360,000 for fraud mitigation software.

Provide Funding for Four License and Application Analysts

| Personal Services | - | - | 277,364 | 277,364 | 277,364 | 277,364 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 277,364 | 277,364 | 277,364 | 277,364 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$277,364 and four FTE in FY 26 and FY 27 to support four License and Application Analysts.

Provide funding for One IT Analyst 3

| Personal Services | - | - | 114,262 | 114,262 | 114,262 | 114,262 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 114,262 | 114,262 | 114,262 | 114,262 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$114,262 and one FTE and in FY 26 and FY 27 to support one IT Analyst 3. This position will be used to support the IT components of the elections division.

Provide Funding to Support the CT Voting Rights Act

| Personal Services | - | - | 488,438 | 488,438 | 488,438 | 488,438 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Other Expenses | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 988,438 | 988,438 | 988,438 | 988,438 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$488,438 in PS, and \$500,000 in OE, and five FTE in FY 26 and FY 27 to support the implementation of the Connecticut Voting Rights Act. This includes making permanent five positions including one deputy election director two staff attorneys, one elections officer, and one database manager that were previously paid for through ARPA funding. This includes \$475,000 in software and database costs and \$25,000 in translation cost.

Provide Funding for an Election Monitor for Bridgeport

| Bridgeport Election Monitor | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$150,000 in FY26 and FY27 to support an election monitor for Bridgeport.

Provide Funding for Two Elections Program Managers

| Personal Services | - | - | 164,110 | 164,110 | 164,110 | 164,110 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 164,110 | 164,110 | 164,110 | 164,110 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$164,110 and two FTE in FY 26 and FY 27 to support two election program managers. These positions will support the elections team to ensure that the process complies with all applicable law including among others the CT Voting Rights Act, Same day registration, and post-election audits.

Provide Funding for a Staff Attorney 1

| Personal Services | - | - | 86,068 | 86,068 | 86,068 | 86,068 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 86,068 | 86,068 | 86,068 | 86,068 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$86,068 dollars and one FTE in FY 26 and FY 27 to support a Staff Attorney I. This position will work with the Business Services division.

Provide Funding to Support Early Voting Grants to Municipalities

| | | | - | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| Early Voting | - | - | 2,000,000 | - | 2,000,000 | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 2,000,000 | - | 2,000,000 | - |
| L | | | | | | |

Committee

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 26 to support municipal grants related to early in person voting. In FY 24 the Office of the Secretary of State distributed \$1 million in grants to towns, and in the FY 23 they distributed \$1.8 million to towns to offset costs associated with the implementation of early voting.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 142,481 | 142,481 | 142,481 | 142,481 | - | - |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Commercial Recording Division | 165,011 | 165,011 | 165,011 | 165,011 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 307,492 | 307,492 | 307,492 | 307,492 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$307,492 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Printing Services

| Other Expenses | (100,000) | (100,000) | - | - | 100,000 | 100,000 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | (100,000) | (100,000) | - | - | 100,000 | 100,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$100,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current printing needs.

Committee

Maintain funding at current level.

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - | 300,000 | 300,000 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - | 300,000 | 300,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$300,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Maintain funding at current level.

| De doct Common onto | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ttee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 13,204,587 | 13,204,587 | 13,204,587 | 13,204,587 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (750,000) | (750,000) | 4,290,617 | 2,290,617 | 5,040,617 | 3,040,617 | |
| Current Services | (92,508) | (92,508) | 307,492 | 307,492 | 400,000 | 400,000 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 12,362,079 | 12,362,079 | 17,802,696 | 15,802,696 | 5,440,617 | 3,440,617 | |

| Positions | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 88 | 88 | 101 | 101 | 13 | 13 | |

Lieutenant Governor's Office LGO13000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual Actual | | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|--------------|--------|---------------|-------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|--|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Personal Services | 727,894 | 809,474 | 718,522 | 858,562 | 858,562 | 858,562 | 858,562 | |
| Other Expenses | 25,454 | 28,468 | 46,323 | 46,323 | 46,323 | 46,323 | 46,323 | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 753,348 | 837,942 | 764,845 | 904,885 | 904,885 | 904,885 | 904,885 | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 140,040 | 140,040 | 140,040 | 140,040 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 140,040 | 140,040 | 140,040 | 140,040 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$140,040 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | ommended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------|---------|---------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 764,845 | 764,845 | 764,845 | 764,845 | - | - | |
| Current Services | 140,040 | 140,040 | 140,040 | 140,040 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 904,885 | 904,885 | 904,885 | 904,885 | - | - | |

Elections Enforcement Commission ELE13500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|--------------|---------------|----|---------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | | | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 |

Budget Summary

| Account Actual FY 23 | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Rec | commended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Other Current Expenses | · · | | | I | | I | |
| Elections Enforcement | | | | | | | |
| Commission | 3,452,687 | 3,193,780 | 4,233,756 | 3,925,912 | 3,925,912 | 4,248,241 | 4,248,241 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 3,452,687 | 3,193,780 | 4,233,756 | 3,925,912 | 3,925,912 | 4,248,241 | 4,248,241 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Campaign Finance Administration

| Elections Enforcement Commission | - | - | 22,329 | 22,329 | 22,329 | 22,329 |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 22,329 | 22,329 | 22,329 | 22,329 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$22,239 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support campaign finance administration.

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Elections Enforcement Commission | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - | 300,000 | 300,000 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - | 300,000 | 300,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$300,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Maintain funding at previous level.

Remove Funding for Bridgeport Election Monitor

| Elections Enforcement Commission | (150,000) | (150,000) | (150,000) | (150,000) | - | - |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (150,000) | (150,000) | (150,000) | (150,000) | - | - |

Background

PA 23-1 JSS, An Act Concerning the Administration of Epinephrine by Emergency Medical Services Personnel and Provisions Related to Elections, transferred \$150,000 and responsibility for hiring and oversight of election monitors, to the Secretary of the State.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$150,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current oversight requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Elections Enforcement Commission | 142,156 | 142,156 | 142,156 | 142,156 | - | - |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 142,156 | 142,156 | 142,156 | 142,156 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$142,156 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 4,233,756 | 4,233,756 | 4,233,756 | 4,233,756 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | _ | - | 22,329 | 22,329 | 22,329 | 22,329 | |
| Current Services | (307,844) | (307,844) | (7,844) | (7,844) | 300,000 | 300,000 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 3,925,912 | 3,925,912 | 4,248,241 | 4,248,241 | 322,329 | 322,329 | |

Office of State Ethics ETH13600

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee |
|--------------|-------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fund | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual Actual FY 23 FY 24 | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--|
| | | | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | | |
| Office of State Ethics | 1,816,433 | 1,903,315 | 1,964,230 | 2,069,345 | 2,059,779 | 2,069,345 | 2,059,779 | | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 1,816,433 | 1,903,315 | 1,964,230 | 2,069,345 | 2,059,779 | 2,069,345 | 2,059,779 | | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Office of State Ethics | 89,326 | 89,326 | 89,326 | 89,326 | - | - |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 89,326 | 89,326 | 89,326 | 89,326 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$89,326 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Additional Funding for Ethics Education, Enforcement and Lobbyist System Administration

| Office of State Ethics | 15,789 | 6,223 | 15,789 | 6,223 | - | - |
|------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 15,789 | 6,223 | 15,789 | 6,223 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$15,789 in FY 26 and \$6,223 in FY 27 to support ethics education and enforcement, and the lobbyist system administration.

Committee

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | ommended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 1,964,230 | 1,964,230 | 1,964,230 | 1,964,230 | - | - |
| Current Services | 105,115 | 95,549 | 105,115 | 95,549 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - GF | 2,069,345 | 2,059,779 | 2,069,345 | 2,059,779 | - | - |

Freedom of Information Commission FOI13700

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|--------------|---------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fund | FY 23 F | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 16 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Red | commended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Other Current Expenses | · | | | | I | I | |
| Freedom of Information | | | | | | | |
| Commission | 1,983,206 | 1,761,199 | 2,211,809 | 2,283,813 | 2,283,813 | 2,283,813 | 2,283,813 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 1,983,206 | 1,761,199 | 2,211,809 | 2,283,813 | 2,283,813 | 2,283,813 | 2,283,813 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Freedom of Information Commission | 72,004 | 72,004 | 72,004 | 72,004 | - | - |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 72,004 | 72,004 | 72,004 | 72,004 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$72,004 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 2,211,809 | 2,211,809 | 2,211,809 | 2,211,809 | - | | |
| Current Services | 72,004 | 72,004 | 72,004 | 72,004 | - | | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 2,283,813 | 2,283,813 | 2,283,813 | 2,283,813 | - | | |

Office of Governmental Accountability OGA17000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|--------------|------------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| runu | Fund FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 27 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 34 | 34 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | - | 1,102 | 400,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Other Expenses | 3,302 | 3,904 | 25,098 | 25,098 | 25,098 | 25,098 | 25,098 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | · · · · · · | · · · · · · | · · · · · | |
| Child Fatality Review Panel | 145,908 | 119,581 | 133,461 | 139,183 | 139,183 | 139,183 | 139,183 |
| Contracting Standards Board | 525,948 | 682,975 | 737,052 | 766,902 | 766,902 | 858,234 | 859,334 |
| Judicial Review Council | 143,028 | 131,396 | 153,663 | 191,511 | 191,511 | 191,511 | 191,511 |
| Judicial Selection Commission | 106,316 | 89,077 | 113,989 | 117,678 | 117,678 | 117,678 | 117,678 |
| Office of the Child Advocate | 834,059 | 766,525 | 824,852 | 858,793 | 858,793 | 1,032,892 | 1,032,892 |
| Office of the Victim Advocate | 491,777 | 466,650 | 497,908 | 519,674 | 519,674 | 519,674 | 519,674 |
| Board of Firearms Permit | | | | | | | |
| Examiners | 130,170 | 123,843 | 143,138 | 148,193 | 148,193 | 148,193 | 148,193 |
| Office of the Correction Ombuds | - | - | - | 400,058 | 400,058 | 790,799 | 763,692 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 2,380,508 | 2,385,053 | 3,029,161 | 3,167,090 | 3,167,090 | 3,823,262 | 3,797,255 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Create Separate Account for Office of the Correctional Ombudsman

| Personal Services | (400,058) | (400,058) | (400,058) | (400,058) | - | - |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Office of the Correction Ombuds | 400,058 | 400,058 | 400,058 | 400,058 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Governor

Transfer \$400,058 in FY 26 and FY 27 in PS to the Office of the Corrections Ombudsman within the Office of Government Accountability. This creates a separate line item for the Office of the Corrections Ombudsman within the Office of Government Accountability.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Support Staff

| Office of the Correction Ombuds | - | - | 36,969 | 16,362 | 36,969 | 16,362 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 36,969 | 16,362 | 36,969 | 16,362 |

Committee

Provide \$36,969 in FY 26 and \$16,362 in FY 27 to support staff. This includes, \$20,607 in FY 26 for office supplies, \$500 in FY 26 and FY 27 for organizational costs, \$2,500 in FY 26 and FY 27 to attend conferences, \$5,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support software licenses, and \$8,362 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support one fleet vehicle and fuel.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Funding for One Advanced Nurse Practitioner

| Office of the Correction Ombuds | - | - | 116,483 | 116,483 | 116,483 | 116,483 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 116,483 | 116,483 | 116,483 | 116,483 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Committee

Provide \$116,483, and one FTE in FY 26 and FT 27 to support one Advanced Nurse Practitioner.

Provide Funding for One Special Investigator

| Office of the Correction Ombuds | - | - | 72,758 | 72,758 | 72,758 | 72,758 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 72,758 | 72,758 | 72,758 | 72,758 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$72,758 and one FTE in FY 26 and FY 27 to support one Special Investigator.

Provide Funding for One Assistant Ombudsman

| Office of the Correction Ombuds | - | - | 91,254 | 91,254 | 91,254 | 91,254 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 91,254 | 91,254 | 91,254 | 91,254 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Committee

Provide \$91,254 and one FTE in FY 26 and FY 27 to support one Assistant Ombudsman.

Provide Funding for One Administrative Assistant

| Office of the Correction Ombuds | - | - | 63,777 | 63,777 | 63,777 | 63,777 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 63,777 | 63,777 | 63,777 | 63,777 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Committee

Provide \$63,777 and one FTE in FY 26 and FT 27 to support one Administrative Assistant.

Support Existing Staff Operations

| Contracting Standards Board | - | - | 11,507 | 11,507 | 11,507 | 11,507 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 11,507 | 11,507 | 11,507 | 11,507 |

Committee

Provide \$11,507 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support existing staff operations.

Provide Funding to Facilitate Inmate Communications

| Office of the Correction Ombuds | - | - | 9,500 | 3,000 | 9,500 | 3,000 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 9,500 | 3,000 | 9,500 | 3,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$9,500 in FY 26 and \$3,000 in FY 27 to facilitate Inmate communications. This includes \$6,500 in FY 26 for the installation of 13 drop boxes inside correctional facilities to leave complaints, and \$3,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support a public awareness and inmate communications campaign.

Provide Funding to Support Board Meeting, Expenses, Training and Supplies

| Contracting Standards Board | - | - | 79,825 | 80,925 | 79,825 | 80,925 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 79,825 | 80,925 | 79,825 | 80,925 |

Committee

Provide Funding of \$79,825 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support Board expenses, supplies, and training. This includes; \$45,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support Board expenses, \$17,500 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support hiring of an intern from UCONN, \$7,000 in Staff training in FY 26 and FY 27, \$4,000 in FY 26 and \$5,100 in FY 27 for membership dues. This includes \$2,200 of office supplies, \$75 for phone service, \$1,000 in non-controllable property, \$1,500 in learning management system and \$1,550 to support a printer and copier lease.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Funding for One Assistant Child Advocate

| 0 | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Office of the Child Advocate | - | - | 91,254 | 91,254 | 91,254 | 91,254 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 91,254 | 91,254 | 91,254 | 91,254 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | | | |

Committee

Provide funding of \$91,254 and one FTE in FY 26 and FY 27 to support one Assistant Child Advocate.

Provide Funding for One Childrens Services Consultant

| Office of the Child Advocate | - | - | 82,845 | 82,845 | 82,845 | 82,845 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 82,845 | 82,845 | 82,845 | 82,845 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Committee

Provide Funding of \$82,845 and one FTE in FY 26 and FY 27 to support one Children's Services Consultant.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 58 | 58 | 58 | 58 | - | - |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Child Fatality Review Panel | 5,722 | 5,722 | 5,722 | 5,722 | - | - |
| Contracting Standards Board | 29,850 | 29,850 | 29,850 | 29,850 | - | - |
| Judicial Review Council | 2,848 | 2,848 | 2,848 | 2,848 | - | - |
| Judicial Selection Commission | 3,689 | 3,689 | 3,689 | 3,689 | - | - |
| Office of the Child Advocate | 33,941 | 33,941 | 33,941 | 33,941 | - | - |
| Office of the Victim Advocate | 21,766 | 21,766 | 21,766 | 21,766 | - | - |
| Board of Firearms Permit Examiners | 5,055 | 5,055 | 5,055 | 5,055 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 102,929 | 102,929 | 102,929 | 102,929 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$102,929 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Judicial Review Council | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | - | - |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | - | - |

Governor

Increase funding by \$35,000 in FY 26 and in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ttee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 3,029,161 | 3,029,161 | 3,029,161 | 3,029,161 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | 656,172 | 630,165 | 656,172 | 630,165 | |
| Current Services | 137,929 | 137,929 | 137,929 | 137,929 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 3,167,090 | 3,167,090 | 3,823,262 | 3,797,255 | 656,172 | 630,165 | |

| Positions | Governor Rec | commended | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| rositions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 28 | 28 | 34 | 34 | 6 | 6 | |

General Government B

Coordinator – Lauren Goulet

Office of Fiscal Analysis

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|--------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---|----------------|---|----------------|
| | # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | |
| | | EMG, | 2 (00 000 | | 0.000.1.(0 | 2 005 054 | 2 005 054 | 2 005 054 | |
| State Treasurer | 30 | | 3,600,032 | 3,425,165 | 3,908,163 | 3,895,874 | 3,895,874 | 3,895,874 | 3,895,874 |
| Debt Service - State | | EMG, | 0 5 60 450 0 66 | 0 750 054 014 | 0 504 050 004 | 2 500 (2(450 | 0 501 504 0 41 | 2 500 (2(450 | 0 501 504 0 41 |
| Treasurer | 32 | | | 2,759,974,014 | | | 2,591,794,241 | | |
| State Comptroller | 34 | NN | 34,002,406 | 44,631,763 | 35,694,433 | 43,238,027 | 43,238,027 | 48,888,027 | 48,888,027 |
| State Comptroller - | | | | 105 00 (500 | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 37 | NN | (179,969,719) | 105,226,520 | 38,998,570 | 31,931,561 | 33,347,395 | - | 65,278,956 |
| State Comptroller - | | | | | | | | | |
| Fringe Benefits | 40 | NN | 3,543,109,497 | 3,370,082,285 | 3,392,576,245 | 3,515,288,438 | 3,650,167,552 | 3,519,770,766 | 3,655,011,694 |
| Department of Revenue | | | | | | | | | |
| Services | 46 | CW | 53,793,003 | 52,058,426 | 66,339,356 | 59,633,562 | 59,732,530 | 59,116,384 | 59,116,384 |
| Office of Policy and | | | | | | | | | |
| Management | 49 | LG | 502,550,454 | 47,356,710 | 112,885,758 | 84,208,664 | 179,208,664 | 103,208,664 | 179,208,664 |
| Reserve for Salary | | | | | | | | | |
| Adjustments | 55 | WL | - | 10,288,171 | 48,184,698 | 118,165,598 | 222,551,369 | - | 122,551,369 |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Administrative Services | 57 | WL | 196,990,241 | 213,680,988 | 203,097,617 | 292,487,717 | 292,493,217 | 232,751,189 | 232,756,689 |
| Workers' Compensation | | | | | | | | | |
| Claims - Administrative | | | | | | | | | |
| Services | 64 | WL | 111,138,403 | 93,462,903 | 99,748,643 | 97,148,643 | 97,148,643 | 97,148,643 | 97,148,643 |
| Attorney General | 66 | ME | 35,269,405 | 34,985,850 | 38,856,741 | 39,384,803 | 39,500,139 | 40,861,957 | 40,861,957 |
| Total - General Fund | | | | 6,735,172,795 | | | 7,213,077,651 | | |
| Special Transportation F | und | 1 | -,,,,, | | -,, | -,,, | -,, | -,,, | ,,,, |
| Debt Service - State | | EMG, | | | | | | | |
| Treasurer | 32 | | 810,726,881 | 862,969,139 | 951,115,534 | 914.650.787 | 1,025,610,574 | 914.650.787 | 1,025,610,574 |
| State Comptroller - | 02 | Cit | 010,720,001 | 002,505,105 | ,01,110,001 | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 1,020,010,071 | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 1/020/010/07 1 |
| Miscellaneous | 37 | NN | (35,813,900) | 4,060,804 | 3,800,359 | 2,610,951 | 2,726,720 | _ | 5,337,671 |
| State Comptroller - | 01 | 1111 | (00/010/00) | 1,000,001 | 0,000,000 | 2,010,001 | 2,7 20,7 20 | | 0,007,071 |
| Fringe Benefits | 40 | NN | 266,880,038 | 261,503,790 | 263,093,929 | 267,346,843 | 262,821,519 | 261,553,243 | 253,781,619 |
| Office of Policy and | 40 | ININ | 200,000,000 | 201,505,790 | 203,073,727 | 207,340,043 | 202,021,017 | 201,000,240 | 255,761,017 |
| Management | 49 | LG | 606,878 | 598,064 | 740,945 | 770,498 | 770,498 | 770,498 | 770,498 |
| Reserve for Salary | 49 | LG | 000,070 | 596,004 | 740,943 | 770,490 | 770,490 | 770,490 | 770,490 |
| | | 1 471 | | | 772(25) | 10.979.027 | 10.964 541 | | 10.964 541 |
| Adjustments | 55 | WL | - | - | 7,736,356 | 10,868,037 | 19,864,541 | - | 19,864,541 |
| Department of | | TAT | | 00 ((0 100 | 10 (71 000 | | 00 005 504 | | |
| Administrative Services | 57 | WL | 17,155,467 | 23,663,400 | 18,671,208 | 22,025,596 | 22,025,596 | 22,025,596 | 22,025,596 |
| Workers' Compensation | | | | | | | | | |
| Claims - Administrative | | | | | | | | | |
| Services | 64 | WL | 5,659,252 | 7,957,893 | 6,723,297 | 6,723,297 | 6,723,297 | 6,723,297 | 6,723,297 |
| Total - Special | | | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Fund | | | | 1,160,753,090 | 1,251,881,628 | 1,224,996,009 | 1,340,542,745 | 1,205,723,421 | 1,334,113,796 |
| Mashantucket Pequot an | d Moł | negan Fui | nd | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Office of Policy and | | | | | | | | | |
| Management | 49 | LG | 51,387,605 | 52,420,137 | 52,541,796 | 52,541,796 | 52,541,796 | 52,541,796 | 52,541,796 |
| Banking Fund | | | | | | | | | |
| State Comptroller - | | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 37 | NN | (1,898,319) | 109,509 | 192,800 | 127,767 | 133,432 | - | 261,199 |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Administrative Services | 57 | WL | 443,988 | 1,053,803 | 975,283 | 1,081,186 | | 1,081,186 | 1,081,186 |
| Total - Banking Fund | | | (1,454,331) | 1,163,312 | 1,168,083 | 1,208,953 | 1,214,618 | 1,081,186 | 1,342,385 |
| Insurance Fund | | | | | | | | | |
| State Comptroller - | | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 37 | NN | (3,777,787) | (795,749) | 352,916 | 191,273 | 199,753 | _ | 391,026 |
| winscentarieous | 01 | ININ | | (1)(1) | 552,710 | 1/1/2/0 | 177,100 | | 071,020 |

| | Page | A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comn | nittee |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Management | | | | | | | | | |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Administrative Services | 57 | WL | 1,414,524 | 1,995,231 | 1,998,672 | 2,076,916 | 2,076,916 | 2,076,916 | 2,076,916 |
| Total - Insurance Fund | | | (2,022,752) | 1,623,275 | 2,997,738 | 2,925,370 | 2,933,850 | 2,734,097 | 3,125,123 |
| Consumer Counsel and I | Public | Utility Co | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | | |
| State Comptroller - | | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 37 | NN | (1,778,181) | 85,803 | 193,293 | 138,975 | 145,137 | - | 284,112 |
| Office of Policy and | | | | | , | , | , | | , |
| Management | 49 | LG | 283,349 | 269,036 | 392,665 | 398,470 | 398,470 | 398,470 | 398,470 |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Administrative Services | 57 | WL | 185,552 | 177,170 | 198,707 | 184,308 | 184,308 | 184,308 | 184,308 |
| Total - Consumer | 01 | | 100,002 | 177,170 | 150,101 | 101,000 | 101,000 | 101,000 | 101,000 |
| Counsel and Public | | | | | | | | | |
| Utility Control Fund | | | (1,309,280) | 532,009 | 784,665 | 721,753 | 727,915 | 582,778 | 866,890 |
| Workers' Compensation | Fund | | (1,000,100) | | 102,000 | , | , | 00_,0 | |
| State Comptroller - | | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 37 | NN | (986,237) | 15,967 | 107,617 | 72,954 | 76,188 | _ | 149,142 |
| Department of | 01 | | (300,201) | 10/201 | 107,017 | , 2, > 0 1 | , 0,100 | | 11)/112 |
| Administrative Services | 57 | WL | 1,489,665 | 1,333,199 | 1,499,233 | 1,392,226 | 1,392,226 | 1,392,226 | 1,392,226 |
| Total - Workers' | 57 | VVL | 1,407,005 | 1,000,177 | 1,477,200 | 1,072,220 | 1,072,220 | 1,372,220 | 1,072,220 |
| Compensation Fund | | | 503,428 | 1,349,166 | 1,606,850 | 1,465,180 | 1,468,414 | 1,392,226 | 1,541,368 |
| Criminal Injuries Comp | ensatio | n Fund | 000,120 | 1,019,100 | 1,000,000 | 1/100/100 | 1/100/111 | 1,00 1,100 | 1,011,000 |
| State Comptroller - | | iii i uiiu | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 37 | NN | 15,685 | 149,166 | _ | _ | _ | _ | - |
| Tourism Fund | 01 | 1111 | 10,000 | 117,100 | | | | | |
| State Comptroller - | | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 37 | NN | (10,000) | | | | | | |
| Cannabis Social Equity a | | | | | _ | _ | _ | | |
| State Comptroller - | | | runu | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 37 | NN | 26,334 | 56,416 | | | | | |
| Cannabis Prevention and | | | | 50,410 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 1 Keco | very Serv | ices runu | | | | | | |
| State Comptroller - Miscellaneous | 37 | NN | | 19 (50 | | | | | |
| | | ININ | - | 18,650 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fu | na | | | | | | | | |
| State Comptroller - | 07 | N IN I | | 245 444 | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 37 | NN | - | 245,666 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Department of Revenue | | CIN | | 2 < 0.02 | 101.100 | | | 101.100 | 40.4.4.00 |
| Services | 46 | CW | - | 36,892 | 484,188 | - | - | 484,188 | 484,188 |
| Attorney General | 66 | ME | - | 345,137 | 396,362 | - | - | 407,309 | 407,309 |
| Total - Cannabis | | | | | | | | | |
| Regulatory Fund | • - | - | - | 627,695 | 880,550 | - | - | 891,497 | 891,497 |
| Municipal Revenue Shar | rıng Fu | ınd | | | | | | | |
| Office of Policy and | | | | | | | | | |
| Management | 49 | LG | - | 573,537,355 | 568,645,047 | 554,309,674 | 554,309,674 | 554,309,674 | 554,309,674 |
| Total - Appropriated | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds | | | 7,973,285,093 | 8,527,403,066 | 8,515,169,575 | 8,633,178,080 | 9,166,816,663 | 8,434,524,637 | 9,045,245,027 |

State Treasurer

OTT14000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | |
| Special Transportation Fund | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |

Budget Summary

| Account Actual FY 23 | Actual Actual A | | Appropriation FY 25 | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | FY 24 | FY 26 | | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Personal Services | 3,476,807 | 3,152,797 | 3,548,309 | 3,536,020 | 3,536,020 | 3,536,020 | 3,536,020 |
| Other Expenses | 123,225 | 272,368 | 359,854 | 359,854 | 359,854 | 359,854 | 359,854 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 3,600,032 | 3,425,165 | 3,908,163 | 3,895,874 | 3,895,874 | 3,895,874 | 3,895,874 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (150,000) | (150,000) | (150,000) | (150,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (150,000) | (150,000) | (150,000) | (150,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$150,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 137,711 | 137,711 | 137,711 | 137,711 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 137,711 | 137,711 | 137,711 | 137,711 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$137,711 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | ommended | Comm | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 3,908,163 | 3,908,163 | 3,908,163 | 3,908,163 | - | - | |
| Current Services | (12,289) | (12,289) | (12,289) | (12,289) | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 3,895,874 | 3,895,874 | 3,895,874 | 3,895,874 | - | - | |

Debt Service - State Treasurer OTT14100

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Debt Service | 1,979,815,182 | 2,185,333,369 | 1,985,729,226 | 1,982,214,696 | 2,041,951,996 | 1,982,214,696 | 2,041,951,996 |
| UConn 2000 - Debt Service | 216,188,806 | 205,492,442 | 226,542,388 | 209,033,862 | 213,698,862 | 209,033,862 | 213,698,862 |
| CHEFA Day Care Security | 3,667,508 | 3,643,210 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 |
| Pension Obligation Bonds - TRB | 306,680,521 | 315,671,921 | 330,190,921 | 268,251,771 | 284,364,458 | 268,251,771 | 284,364,458 |
| Grant Payments to Local Govern | iments | | · · · · · · | | | · · · · · · | |
| Municipal Restructuring | 54,098,049 | 49,833,072 | 47,910,459 | 46,126,129 | 47,778,925 | 46,126,129 | 47,778,925 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 2,560,450,066 | 2,759,974,014 | 2,594,372,994 | 2,509,626,458 | 2,591,794,241 | 2,509,626,458 | 2,591,794,241 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Debt Service | 810,726,881 | 862,969,139 | 951,115,534 | 914,650,787 | 1,025,610,574 | 914,650,787 | 1,025,610,574 |
| Agency Total - Special | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Fund | 810,726,881 | 862,969,139 | 951,115,534 | 914,650,787 | 1,025,610,574 | 914,650,787 | 1,025,610,574 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 3,371,176,947 | 3,622,943,153 | 3,545,488,528 | 3,424,277,245 | 3,617,404,815 | 3,424,277,245 | 3,617,404,815 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Maintain Current Treatment of General Obligation Bond Premium

| Debt Service | (20,000,000) | (60,000,000) | (20,000,000) | (60,000,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (20,000,000) | (60,000,000) | (20,000,000) | (60,000,000) | - | - |

Background

Bond premium represents additional funding investors provide when bonds are issued in order to secure desired terms, and result in additional funds being made available to the state beyond the underlying value of the bonds.

In general, bond premium can either be used for projects - reducing the amount of bonds that need to be issued - or can be used to offset a portion of debt service costs for two to three years after the bonds are issued. Current statute (C.G.S. 3-20j) requires that premium generated from the state's most common General Obligation (GO) bonds, tax exempt fixed rate bonds, be used to offset General Fund debt service costs for bonds issued prior to FY 26 and that premium related to GO bonds issued in FY 26 and beyond would be made available for projects. Bonds backed by the Special Transportation Fund and bonds for the UConn 2000 program both use premium for project costs.

Premium proceeds are dependent on market conditions and the state's credit position. Current service debt service projections for FY 26 and FY 27 include savings generated from premiums in CY 23 and CY 24 bond issuances. Recent market factors, especially higher market interest rates, have limited the availability of bond premium.

Governor

Reduce debt service appropriations by \$20 million in FY 26 and \$60 million in FY 27 to reflect in-biennium savings as a result of delaying statutory requirements regarding the continued use of premium for current debt service requirements. The Governor's proposed change would delay the requirement that bond premiums be used for projects beginning in FY 26 to FY 28.

Committee

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |

Current Services

Reflect Debt Service Requirements

| Debt Service | 16,485,470 | 116,222,770 | 16,485,470 | 116,222,770 | - | - |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| UConn 2000 - Debt Service | (17,508,526) | (12,843,526) | (17,508,526) | (12,843,526) | - | - |
| Pension Obligation Bonds - TRB | (61,939,150) | (45,826,463) | (61,939,150) | (45,826,463) | - | - |
| Municipal Restructuring | (1,784,330) | (131,534) | (1,784,330) | (131,534) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (64,746,536) | 57,421,247 | (64,746,536) | 57,421,247 | - | - |
| Debt Service | (36,464,747) | 74,495,040 | (36,464,747) | 74,495,040 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | (36,464,747) | 74,495,040 | (36,464,747) | 74,495,040 | - | - |

Background

Debt service reflects the state's obligation to make payments on services and goods provided in previous years. In FY 26, over 90 percent of the projected baseline debt service payment is to repay bonds that were issued prior to FY 25. Market conditions changed considerably from 2021 to 2023, including rising interest rates that have been partially offset by improvements in the State's credit rating decreases in General Obligation bond issuance.

Bond spending in previous years relates to debt service payments in the current biennium, as payments are made on issued bonds. General Fund-backed bond spending increased from \$1.5 billion in FY 13 to a peak of \$2.4 billion in FY 16. Spending has since declined to under \$1.3 billion in FY 23, before increasing to over \$1.6 billion in FY 24.

With an extension of the UConn 2000 program during the 2024 session, UConn 2000 debt service is expected to plateau at around \$230 million between FYs 29-30. The program includes new bond authorizations annually through FY 31.

The municipal restructuring debt service changes reflect the contractually adopted debt repayment schedule, which peaked at \$56.3 million in FY 21. After an uptick from FY 26 to FY 27, annual payments decline through the rest of the contract period (FY 36).

In Fall 2008, \$2.3 billion of Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs) were issued to provide an influx of funding to the Teachers Retirement Fund. The bonds were issued with a back-loaded debt service repayment schedule - over the first 15 years of repayment (FY 09 through FY 23), the state paid less than \$1.9 billion towards the bonds (\$133 million annual average), while the debt service schedule over the last 9 years of the contract (FY 24 through FY 32) anticipates \$2.9 billion of payments remaining (\$322 million annual average). That original repayment schedule includes a decrease from \$331 million in FY 25 to \$268.5 million in FY 26. Payments increase annually between \$15 to \$21 million starting in FY 27.

Transportation debt service reflects the ramp up of Special Tax Obligation (STO) bond issuance from an annual average of approximately \$350 million from FY 06 through FY 12 to approximately \$710 million from FY 13 through FY 22. Current service estimates for STF debt assume a ramp up of STO bond issuances from \$1 billion FY 25 to \$1.3 billion in FY 26 and \$1.4 billion annually thereafter. Increased STO issuance and increasing interest rates both contribute to rising debt service repayment requirements.

Governor

Adjust funding in FY 26 and FY 26 to reflect debt repayment schedule, based on prior and projected bond spending.

Committee

Same as Governor

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|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Dudast Community | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 2,594,372,994 | 2,594,372,994 | 2,594,372,994 | 2,594,372,994 | _ | | |
| Policy Revisions | (20,000,000) | (60,000,000) | (20,000,000) | (60,000,000) | - | | |
| Current Services | (64,746,536) | 57,421,247 | (64,746,536) | 57,421,247 | - | | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 2,509,626,458 | 2,591,794,241 | 2,509,626,458 | 2,591,794,241 | - | | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - TF | 951,115,534 | 951,115,534 | 951,115,534 | 951,115,534 | - | | |
| Current Services | (36,464,747) | 74,495,040 | (36,464,747) | 74,495,040 | - | | |
| Total Recommended - TF | 914,650,787 | 1,025,610,574 | 914,650,787 | 1,025,610,574 | - | | |

State Comptroller OSC15000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual Actual | | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|-------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| runu | Fund FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 283 | 284 | 284 | 291 | 291 | 291 | 291 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual FY 23 | Actual FY 24 | Appropriation FY 25 | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 27,194,864 | 26,704,224 | 28,513,099 | 30,471,027 | 30,471,027 | 30,471,027 | 30,471,027 |
| Other Expenses | 6,807,542 | 17,607,274 | 7,181,334 | 12,767,000 | 12,767,000 | 18,417,000 | 18,417,000 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| CT Premium Pay Account | - | 320,265 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 34,002,406 | 44,631,763 | 35,694,433 | 43,238,027 | 43,238,027 | 48,888,027 | 48,888,027 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Allocate 5 Positions for Core-CT

Background

Core-CT is the state's Enterprise Resource Planning system and provides human resource, payroll, benefits administration and financial services for thousands of state employees, retirees, and outside vendors. The agency requested 5 IT specialist positions to replace the need for consultants and temporary staff.

Committee

Allocate 5 existing vacant positions and associated funding within the Office of the State Comptroller towards Core-CT staffing.

Increase Funding to Women's Business Development Council

| Other Expenses | - | - | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 |

Background

The FY 24 - FY 25 Budget increased grant funding to the Women's Business Development Council to \$800,000 annually.

Committee

Provide funding of \$650,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support the Women's Business Development Council.

Transfer Paraeducator Healthcare Funding from SDE to OSC

| Other Expenses | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | - | - |

Background

PA 23-204 originally allocated \$5 million in carryforward funds in both FY 24 and FY 25 to the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), and appropriated \$5 million to the State Department of Education (SDE) in FY 25 to establish subsidies to paraeducators for certain health insurance and health care related costs. PA 24-81 expanded this program and required OSC and SDE to enter into an MOU to allow the Comptroller to use the appropriated funds as OSC administers this program.
| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-------------|------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Transfer \$5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 from SDE to OSC for the paraeducator healthcare subsidy program.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer Timekeeping Staff and Operational Costs from DAS to OSC

| Personal Services | 716,864 | 716,864 | 716,864 | 716,864 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | 585,666 | 585,666 | 585,666 | 585,666 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 1,302,530 | 1,302,530 | 1,302,530 | 1,302,530 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | - | - |

Background

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is currently responsible for support of the Kronos timekeeping system. Consistent with an existing interagency agreement between the agencies, this proposal would transfer funding for the staff supporting Kronos to the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC).

Governor

Transfer 7 positions and \$1.3 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 from DAS to OSC.

Committee

Same as Governor

Current Services

Increase Funding for Paraeducator Healthcare Subsidy Program

| Other Expenses | - | - | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 |

Background

The paraeducator subsidy program was funded through \$5 million in carryforward funds in FY 24, and \$10 million in both carryforward and appropriated funds in FY 25.

Committee

Provide funding of \$5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support the paraeducator healthcare subsidy program at the FY 25 funding level.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 1,241,064 | 1,241,064 | 1,241,064 | 1,241,064 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 1,241,064 | 1,241,064 | 1,241,064 | 1,241,064 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1.2 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 35,694,433 | 35,694,433 | 35,694,433 | 35,694,433 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 6,302,530 | 6,302,530 | 6,952,530 | 6,952,530 | 650,000 | 650,000 | |
| Current Services | 1,241,064 | 1,241,064 | 6,241,064 | 6,241,064 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 43,238,027 | 43,238,027 | 48,888,027 | 48,888,027 | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 | |

| Positions | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| rositions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 284 | 284 | 284 | 284 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 291 | 291 | 291 | 291 | - | - | |

State Comptroller - Miscellaneous OSC15100

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Adjudicated Claims | 50,576,501 | 56,999,044 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nonfunctional - Change to | | | | | | | |
| Accruals | (230,546,220) | 48,227,476 | | 31,931,561 | 33,347,395 | - | 65,278,956 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | (179,969,719) | 105,226,520 | 38,998,570 | 31,931,561 | 33,347,395 | - | 65,278,956 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Nonfunctional - Change to | (25.012.000) | 4 000 004 | 2 000 250 | 0 (10 051 | 2 526 520 | | |
| Accruals | (35,813,900) | 4,060,804 | 3,800,359 | 2,610,951 | 2,726,720 | - | 5,337,671 |
| Agency Total - Special | (25.912.000) | 4 060 804 | 2 800 250 | 2 (10 051 | 2 726 720 | | E 227 (71 |
| Transportation Fund | (35,813,900) | 4,060,804 | 3,800,359 | 2,610,951 | 2,726,720 | - | 5,337,671 |
| Nonfunctional - Change to | | | | | | | |
| Accruals | (1,898,319) | 109,509 | 192,800 | 127,767 | 133,432 | _ | 261,199 |
| Agency Total - Banking Fund | (1,898,319) | 109,509 | | 127,767 | 133,432 | | 261,199 |
| rigency Total - Danking Fund | (1,050,515) | 10,505 | 1)2,000 | 127,707 | 100,402 | | 201,195 |
| Nonfunctional - Change to | | | | | | | |
| Accruals | (3,777,787) | (795,749) | 352,916 | 191,273 | 199,753 | - | 391,026 |
| Agency Total - Insurance Fund | (3,777,787) | (795,749) | 352,916 | 191,273 | 199,753 | - | 391,026 |
| 0 | | | , , | , | , , | | |
| Nonfunctional - Change to | | | | | | | |
| Accruals | (1,778,181) | 85,803 | 193,293 | 138,975 | 145,137 | - | 284,112 |
| Agency Total - Consumer | | | | | | | |
| Counsel and Public Utility | | | | | | | |
| Control Fund | (1,778,181) | 85,803 | 193,293 | 138,975 | 145,137 | - | 284,112 |
| | | | · · · · | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | · · · · · · | | |
| Nonfunctional - Change to | | | | | | | |
| Accruals | (986,237) | 15,967 | 107,617 | 72,954 | 76,188 | - | 149,142 |
| Agency Total - Workers' | | | | | | | |
| Compensation Fund | (986,237) | 15,967 | 107,617 | 72,954 | 76,188 | - | 149,142 |
| | 1 | | | | | | |
| Nonfunctional - Change to | | | | | | | |
| Accruals | 15,685 | 149,166 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Agency Total - Criminal | | 110.100 | | | | | |
| Injuries Compensation Fund | 15,685 | 149,166 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nonfunctional Change to | | | | | | | |
| Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals | (10,000) | | | | | | |
| | (10,000) (10,000) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Agency Total - Tourism Fund | (10,000) | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Nonfunctional - Change to | | | | | | | |
| Accruals | 26,334 | 56,416 | _ | _ | | _ | |
| Agency Total - Cannabis Social | 20,004 | 50,410 | - | - | - | - | |
| Equity and Innovation Fund | 26,334 | 56,416 | _ | _ | _ | _ | - |
| Equity and intovation Fund | 20,001 | 50,110 | | | | | |
| Nonfunctional - Change to | | | | | | | |
| Accruals | _ | 18,650 | _ | - | _ | - | - |
| Agency Total - Cannabis | | , | | | | | |
| Prevention and Recovery | | | | | | | |
| Services Fund | _ | 18,650 | _ | _ | - | - | - |
| | I | | I | I | I | | |
| Nonfunctional - Change to | | | | | | | |
| Accruals | - | 245,666 | - | - | - | - | |

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Agency Total - Cannabis | | | | | | | |
| Regulatory Fund | - | 245,666 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | (224,192,124) | 109,172,752 | 43,645,555 | 35,073,481 | 36,628,625 | - | 71,702,106 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Current Services

Adjust GAAP Estimate Funding

| - | - | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals | (7,067,009) | (5,651,175) | (38,998,570) | 26,280,386 | (31,931,561) | 31,931,561 |
| Total - General Fund | (7,067,009) | (5,651,175) | (38,998,570) | 26,280,386 | (31,931,561) | 31,931,561 |
| Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals | (1,189,408) | (1,073,639) | (3,800,359) | 1,537,312 | (2,610,951) | 2,610,951 |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | (1,189,408) | (1,073,639) | (3,800,359) | 1,537,312 | (2,610,951) | 2,610,951 |
| Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals | (65,033) | (59,368) | (192,800) | 68,399 | (127,767) | 127,767 |
| Total - Banking Fund | (65,033) | (59,368) | (192,800) | 68,399 | (127,767) | 127,767 |
| Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals | (161,643) | (153,163) | (352,916) | 38,110 | (191,273) | 191,273 |
| Total - Insurance Fund | (161,643) | (153,163) | (352,916) | 38,110 | (191,273) | 191,273 |
| Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals | (54,318) | (48,156) | (193,293) | 90,819 | (138,975) | 138,975 |
| Total - Consumer Counsel and | | | | | | |
| Public Utility Control Fund | (54,318) | (48,156) | (193,293) | 90,819 | (138,975) | 138,975 |
| Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals | (34,663) | (31,429) | (107,617) | 41,525 | (72,954) | 72,954 |
| Total - Workers' Compensation | | | | | | |
| Fund | (34,663) | (31,429) | (107,617) | 41,525 | (72,954) | 72,954 |

Background

PA 11-48 required the state to move towards Generally Accepted Accounting Principal (GAAP) based budgeting. Under GAAP, expenses are assigned to the fiscal year in which they are incurred as opposed to a modified cash basis, where the expenses are reflected when they are paid. GAAP accruals were first reflected in the FY 14 and FY 15 biennial budget. The accruals reflect the difference between an agency's modified cash basis budget amounts and the accrual basis amounts under GAAP.

Governor

Decrease funding by \$8.6 million in FY 26 and \$7 million in FY 27 across six appropriated funds to reflect updated estimates.

Committee

Decrease funding by \$35.1 million in FY 26 and provide funding of \$35.1 million in FY 27 across six appropriated funds.

| | Governor Reco | mmended | Commit | tee | Difference from | n Governor |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 38,998,570 | 38,998,570 | 38,998,570 | 38,998,570 | - | - |
| Current Services | (7,067,009) | (5,651,175) | (38,998,570) | 26,280,386 | (31,931,561) | 31,931,561 |
| Total Recommended - GF | 31,931,561 | 33,347,395 | - | 65,278,956 | (31,931,561) | 31,931,561 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - TF | 3,800,359 | 3,800,359 | 3,800,359 | 3,800,359 | - | - |
| Current Services | (1,189,408) | (1,073,639) | (3,800,359) | 1,537,312 | (2,610,951) | 2,610,951 |
| Total Recommended - TF | 2,610,951 | 2,726,720 | - | 5,337,671 | (2,610,951) | 2,610,951 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - BF | 192,800 | 192,800 | 192,800 | 192,800 | - | - |
| Current Services | (65,033) | (59,368) | (192,800) | 68,399 | (127,767) | 127,767 |
| Total Recommended - BF | 127,767 | 133,432 | - | 261,199 | (127,767) | 127,767 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 352,916 | 352,916 | 352,916 | 352,916 | - | - |
| Current Services | (161,643) | (153,163) | (352,916) | 38,110 | (191,273) | 191,273 |
| Total Recommended - IF | 191,273 | 199,753 | - | 391,026 | (191,273) | 191,273 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - PF | 193,293 | 193,293 | 193,293 | 193,293 | - | - |
| Current Services | (54,318) | (48,156) | (193,293) | 90,819 | (138,975) | 138,975 |
| Total Recommended - PF | 138,975 | 145,137 | - | 284,112 | (138,975) | 138,975 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - WF | 107,617 | 107,617 | 107,617 | 107,617 | - | - |
| Current Services | (34,663) | (31,429) | (107,617) | 41,525 | (72,954) | 72,954 |
| Total Recommended - WF | 72,954 | 76,188 | - | 149,142 | (72,954) | 72,954 |

State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits OSC15200

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | 11 | | | I | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 2,700,519 | 3,024,020 | 5,054,729 | 4,128,400 | 4,049,400 | 4,128,400 | 4,049,400 |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | | |
| Contributions | - | - | 2,180,602 | - | - | - | - |
| Higher Education Alternative | | | | | | | |
| Retirement System | 13,490,055 | 83,244,548 | 15,396,159 | 95,819,900 | 101,569,100 | 95,819,900 | 101,569,100 |
| Pensions and Retirements - | | • • • • • • • • | | | | | 2 (22) 5) |
| Other Statutory | 2,052,118 | 2,228,093 | 2,188,946 | 2,362,961 | 2,433,850 | 2,362,961 | 2,433,850 |
| Judges and Compensation Commissioners Retirement | 22 522 702 | 25 251 792 | 27 426 421 | 20 551 644 | 21 597 446 | 20 551 644 | 21 597 446 |
| Insurance - Group Life | 32,532,792 10,461,618 | 35,251,783 9,343,637 | 37,436,431 10,428,278 | 30,551,644 9,592,040 | 31,587,446 9,737,040 | 30,551,644 9,591,350 | 31,587,446 |
| Employers Social Security Tax | 248,984,874 | 197,210,988 | 198,253,601 | 217,363,325 | 226,188,025 | 218,038,179 | 9,736,350 226,876,744 |
| State Employees Health Service | 240,904,074 | 197,210,988 | 190,200,001 | 217,303,323 | 220,100,025 | 210,030,179 | 220,070,744 |
| Cost | 716,534,964 | 627,692,142 | 708,256,659 | 676,648,150 | 698,719,850 | 680,231,330 | 702,643,730 |
| Retired State Employees Health | 710,001,001 | 027,072,112 | 100,200,005 | 070,010,100 | 0,0,1,1,000 | 000,231,550 | 702,010,700 |
| Service Cost | 737,747,324 | 692,952,650 | 737,999,520 | 790,564,000 | 957,183,800 | 790,564,000 | 957,183,800 |
| Tuition Reimbursement - | | ,, | | | , | | ,, |
| Training and Travel | 5,344,042 | 3,264,896 | 4,123,500 | 290,000 | 150,000 | 290,000 | 150,000 |
| Other Post Employment Benefits | 84,070,613 | 61,619,664 | 43,945,893 | 63,017,404 | 64,626,405 | 63,282,697 | 64,897,135 |
| Death Benefits For St Employ | 13,100 | 10,600 | - | - | - | - | - |
| SERS Defined Contribution | | | | | | | |
| Match | 10,979,835 | 13,574,033 | 24,500,480 | 18,640,944 | 27,840,111 | 18,731,925 | 27,932,904 |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | | |
| Contributions - Normal Cost | 167,611,504 | 177,212,110 | 182,006,295 | 195,313,686 | 201,118,086 | 195,276,136 | 201,080,536 |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | | |
| Contributions - UAL | 1,400,199,989 | 1,463,453,121 | 1,420,805,152 | 1,410,995,984 | 1,324,964,439 | 1,410,902,244 | 1,324,870,699 |
| CT Premium Pay Account | 110,386,150 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 3,543,109,497 | 3,370,082,285 | 3,392,576,245 | 3,515,288,438 | 3,650,167,552 | 3,519,770,766 | 3,655,011,694 |
| Unemployment Compensation | 169,573 | 197,110 | 360,000 | 360,000 | 360,000 | 360,000 | 360,000 |
| Insurance - Group Life | 367,970 | 357,604 | 414,000 | 395,600 | 401,600 | 395,600 | 401,600 |
| Employers Social Security Tax | 18,427,353 | 18,071,014 | 19,025,570 | 20,862,731 | 21,697,231 | 20,862,731 | 21,697,231 |
| State Employees Health Service | | , , | | | . , | , , | |
| Cost | 56,538,127 | 62,167,985 | 71,541,000 | 72,448,400 | 74,679,100 | 66,654,800 | 65,639,200 |
| Other Post Employment Benefits | 5,515,143 | 3,627,679 | 2,989,257 | 4,215,697 | 4,321,112 | 4,215,697 | 4,321,112 |
| SERS Defined Contribution | | | | | | | |
| Match | 742,590 | 906,914 | 1,538,880 | 1,229,898 | 1,835,222 | 1,229,898 | 1,835,222 |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | | |
| Contributions - Normal Cost | 21,346,200 | 20,485,465 | 21,096,029 | 22,660,619 | 23,334,444 | 22,660,619 | 23,334,444 |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | | |
| Contributions - UAL | 163,773,082 | 155,690,019 | 146,129,193 | 145,173,898 | 136,192,810 | 145,173,898 | 136,192,810 |
| Agency Total - Special Transportation Fund | 266,880,038 | 261,503,790 | 263,093,929 | 267,346,843 | 262,821,519 | 261,553,243 | 253,781,619 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 3,809,989,535 | 3,631,586,075 | | 207,040,040 | 3,912,989,071 | 3,781,324,009 | 200,701,019 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Healthcare for State Marshalls

| State Employees Health Service Cost | - | - | 1,700,000 | 1,700,000 | 1,700,000 | 1,700,000 |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 1,700,000 | 1,700,000 | 1,700,000 | 1,700,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$1.7 million in both years to provide health insurance coverage to state marshals under the state employee health plan.

Eliminate the UConn Health Center Subsidy

| Insurance - Group Life | (15,550) | (15,550) | (15,550) | (15,550) | - | - |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Employers Social Security Tax | (1,122,580) | (1,122,580) | (1,122,580) | (1,122,580) | - | - |
| State Employees Health Service Cost | (3,361,870) | (3,361,870) | (3,361,870) | (3,361,870) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (4,500,000) | (4,500,000) | (4,500,000) | (4,500,000) | - | - |

Background

This subsidy was originally added in the FY 24 and FY 25 budget corresponding with the repeal of a statute related to fringe benefit support for the UConn Health Center. PA 24-81 continued this funding despite a fringe benefit adjustment to the higher education block grants.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$4.5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 associated with fringe benefit costs for higher education constituent units.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust State Healthcare Costs for Hospital Services

| State Employees Health Service Cost | - | (24,190,900) | - | (24,190,900) | - | - |
|--|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|---|
| Retired State Employees Health | | | | | | |
| Service Cost | - | (45,381,200) | - | (45,381,200) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | (69,572,100) | - | (69,572,100) | - | - |
| State Employees Health Service Cost | - | (2,680,500) | - | (2,680,500) | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | - | (2,680,500) | - | (2,680,500) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$69.6 million in the General Fund and \$2.7 million in the Special Transportation Fund in FY 27 to reflect decreased hospital rates for state employees and non-Medicare retirees. These adjustments correspond with an increase in Medicaid reimbursements in the Hospital Supplemental Payments account within the Department of Social Services.

Committee

Same as Governor

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Prevention and Recovery Services Fund

| Insurance - Group Life | 690 | 690 | - | - | (690) | (690) |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Employers Social Security Tax | 21,150 | 21,150 | - | - | (21,150) | (21,150) |
| State Employees Health Service Cost | 60,220 | 60,220 | - | - | (60,220) | (60,220) |
| Other Post Employment Benefits | 7,650 | 7,650 | - | - | (7,650) | (7,650) |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | |
| Contributions - Normal Cost | 37,550 | 37,550 | - | - | (37,550) | (37,550) |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | |
| Contributions - UAL | 93,740 | 93,740 | - | - | (93,740) | (93,740) |
| Total - General Fund | 221,000 | 221,000 | - | - | (221,000) | (221,000) |

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$221,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for cannabis prevention and recovery duties from the Cannabis Prevention and Recovery Services Fund to the General Fund.

Committee

Do not transfer funding of \$221,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Cannabis Prevention and Recovery Services Fund to the General Fund.

Adjust for Net Impact of Position Changes

| , <u> </u> | 0 | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Unemployment Compensation | 128,400 | 49,400 | 128,400 | 49,400 | - | - |
| Insurance - Group Life | (4,100) | (4,100) | (4,100) | (4,100) | - | - |
| Employers Social Security Tax | (42,400) | 11,800 | 653,604 | 721,669 | 696,004 | 709,869 |
| State Employees Health Service Cost | (27,300) | 143,800 | 1,916,100 | 2,427,900 | 1,943,400 | 2,284,100 |
| Other Post Employment Benefits | (16,600) | 4,600 | 256,343 | 282,980 | 272,943 | 278,380 |
| SERS Defined Contribution Match | 7,900 | 15,700 | 98,881 | 108,493 | 90,981 | 92,793 |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | |
| Contributions - Normal Cost | (102,100) | (106,100) | (102,100) | (106,100) | - | - |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | |
| Contributions - UAL | (254,800) | (264,900) | (254,800) | (264,900) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (311,000) | (149,800) | 2,692,328 | 3,215,342 | 3,003,328 | 3,365,142 |
| Insurance - Group Life | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 | - | - |
| Employers Social Security Tax | 18,000 | 18,700 | 18,000 | 18,700 | - | - |
| State Employees Health Service Cost | 68,400 | 75,300 | 68,400 | 75,300 | - | - |
| Other Post Employment Benefits | 7,100 | 7,300 | 7,100 | 7,300 | - | - |
| SERS Defined Contribution Match | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 | - | - |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | |
| Contributions - Normal Cost | 15,200 | 15,800 | 15,200 | 15,800 | - | - |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | |
| Contributions - UAL | 37,800 | 39,300 | 37,800 | 39,300 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 149,500 | 159,400 | 149,500 | 159,400 | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$311,000 in FY 26 and \$149,800 in FY 27 in the General Fund and provide funding of \$149,500 in FY 26 and \$159,400 in FY 27 in the Special Transportation Fund to reflect current requirements for fringe benefit costs associated with net position changes.

Committee

Provide funding of \$2.7 million in FY 26 and \$3.2 million in FY 27 in the General Fund and maintain same funding as Governor in the Special Transportation Fund to reflect current requirements for fringe benefit costs associated with net position changes.

Current Services

Fund the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) for the State Employees Retirement System (SERS)

| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---|---|
| Contributions - Normal Cost | 13,371,941 | 19,180,341 | 13,371,941 | 19,180,341 | - | - |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | |
| Contributions - UAL | (9,648,108) | (12,739,186) | (9,648,108) | (12,739,186) | - | - |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Total - General Fund | 3,723,833 | 6,441,155 | 3,723,833 | 6,441,155 | _ | _ |
| State Employees Retirement | 0,720,000 | 0,111,100 | 0,720,000 | 0,111,100 | | |
| Contributions - Normal Cost | 1,549,390 | 2,222,615 | 1,549,390 | 2,222,615 | - | - |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | |
| Contributions - UAL | (993,095) | (1,311,009) | (993,095) | (1,311,009) | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 556,295 | 911,606 | 556,295 | 911,606 | - | - |

Background

The State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) is the state's defined benefit plan for approximately 49,000 active and 57,600 retired state employees and beneficiaries. SERS is currently funded using an actuarial reserve funding method, whereby the normal cost and past service liability are calculated in order to determine the state's annual actuarially determined employer contribution (ADEC) (CGS 5-156a). SERS is a collectively bargained benefit. The current agreement governing pension benefits is effective until 2027. The ADEC is funded through three sources: a General Fund appropriation, Special Transportation Fund appropriation and recoveries from other funding sources, including other appropriated funds, federal funds, and grant funds.

Governor

Provide funding of \$3.7 million in FY 26 and \$6.4 million in FY 27 in the General Fund and \$556,295 in FY 26 and \$911,606 in FY 27 in the Special Transportation Fund to fund the ADEC for SERS in the biennium.

Committee

Same as Governor

Reflect Impact of Additional Pension Fund Contribution Due to the Anticipated FY 2025 Budget Reserve Fund Deposit

| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | |
|--|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|---|
| Contributions - UAL | - | (82,930,367) | - | (82,930,367) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | (82,930,367) | - | (82,930,367) | - | - |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | |
| Contributions - UAL | - | (8,664,674) | - | (8,664,674) | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | - | (8,664,674) | - | (8,664,674) | - | - |

Background

Under current law (CGS 4-30a) the General Fund operating surplus and revenue exceeding the volatility cap are deposited into the Budget Reserve Fund (BRF) or dedicated to reducing long-term debt (with the State Treasurer determining the division of funds between the state employees' and teachers' retirement systems). The distribution of funds is based on the BRF balance relative to General Fund net appropriations. If the balance is below 15% net General Fund appropriations, then the BRF retains all funds until it has reached 15%; if the balance is between 15%-18%, there is an equal 50/50 distribution of funds exceeding the 15% threshold made to the BRF and to reduce long-term debts; and if the balance is above 18%, all funds exceeding the 18% threshold are used to reduce long-term debts.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$82.9 million in the General Fund and \$8.7 million in the Special Transportation Fund in FY 27 to reflect the impact of additional pension fund contributions from the anticipated FY 25 Budget Reserve Fund deposit.

Committee

Same as Governor

Fund the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) for the Judges Retirement System (JRS)

| Judges and Compensation | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Commissioners Retirement | (6,884,787) | (5,848,985) | (6,884,787) | (5,848,985) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (6,884,787) | (5,848,985) | (6,884,787) | (5,848,985) | - | - |

Background

PA 24-81 changed the methodology for the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners' Retirement System (JRS) to a fifteen-year layered amortization approach to reduce volatility in the required payments, which extended the system's unfunded liability repayment from 2032 to 2039.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$6.9 million in FY 26 and \$5.8 million in FY 27 to fund the ADEC for JRS in the biennium.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Unemployment Compensation | (1,054,729) | (1,054,729) | (1,054,729) | (1,054,729) | - | - |
| State Employees Retirement | | | | | | |
| Contributions | (2,180,602) | (2,180,602) | (2,180,602) | (2,180,602) | - | - |
| Higher Education Alternative | | | | | | |
| Retirement System | 80,423,741 | 86,172,941 | 80,423,741 | 86,172,941 | - | - |
| Pensions and Retirements - Other | | | | | | |
| Statutory | 174,015 | 244,904 | 174,015 | 244,904 | - | - |
| Insurance - Group Life | (817,278) | (672,278) | (817,278) | (672,278) | - | - |
| Employers Social Security Tax | 20,196,754 | 28,934,754 | 20,196,754 | 28,934,754 | - | - |
| State Employees Health Service Cost | (28,484,659) | 17,465,341 | (28,484,659) | 17,465,341 | - | - |
| Retired State Employees Health | | | | | | |
| Service Cost | 52,564,480 | 264,565,480 | 52,564,480 | 264,565,480 | - | |
| Tuition Reimbursement - Training | | | | | | |
| and Travel | (3,833,500) | (3,973,500) | (3,833,500) | (3,973,500) | - | |
| Other Post Employment Benefits | 19,058,161 | 20,633,262 | 19,058,161 | 20,633,262 | - | |
| SERS Defined Contribution Match | (5,874,836) | 3,312,331 | (5,874,836) | 3,312,331 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 130,171,547 | 413,447,904 | 130,171,547 | 413,447,904 | - | - |
| Insurance - Group Life | (19,000) | (13,000) | (19,000) | (13,000) | - | - |
| Employers Social Security Tax | 1,819,161 | 2,652,961 | 1,819,161 | 2,652,961 | - | - |
| State Employees Health Service Cost | 839,000 | 5,743,300 | (4,954,600) | (3,296,600) | (5,793,600) | (9,039,900) |
| Other Post Employment Benefits | 1,219,340 | 1,324,555 | 1,219,340 | 1,324,555 | - | |
| SERS Defined Contribution Match | (311,382) | 293,942 | (311,382) | 293,942 | - | |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 3,547,119 | 10,001,758 | (2,246,481) | 961,858 | (5,793,600) | (9,039,900) |

Governor

Provide funding of \$130.2 million in FY 26 and \$413.4 million in FY 27 in the General Fund and \$3.5 million in FY 26 and \$10 million in FY 27 in the Special Transportation Fund to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Provide funding of \$130.2 million in FY 26 and \$413.4 million in FY 27 in the General Fund and \$2.2 million in FY 26 and 961,858 million in FY 27 in the Special Transportation Fund to reflect current agency requirements.

Adjust for Net Impact of Position Changes

| Employers Social Security Tax | 56,800 | 89,300 | 56,800 | 89,300 | - | - |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| State Employees Health Service Cost | 205,100 | 346,600 | 205,100 | 346,600 | - | - |
| Other Post Employment Benefits | 22,300 | 35,000 | 22,300 | 35,000 | - | - |
| SERS Defined Contribution Match | 7,400 | 11,600 | 7,400 | 11,600 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 291,600 | 482,500 | 291,600 | 482,500 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$291,600 in FY 26 and \$482,500 in FY 27 to reflect current requirements for fringe benefit costs associated with net position changes.

Committee

| | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 3,392,576,245 | 3,392,576,245 | 3,392,576,245 | 3,392,576,245 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (4,590,000) | (74,000,900) | (107,672) | (69,156,758) | 4,482,328 | 4,844,142 | |
| Current Services | 127,302,193 | 331,592,207 | 127,302,193 | 331,592,207 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 3,515,288,438 | 3,650,167,552 | 3,519,770,766 | 3,655,011,694 | 4,482,328 | 4,844,142 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - TF | 263,093,929 | 263,093,929 | 263,093,929 | 263,093,929 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 149,500 | (2,521,100) | 149,500 | (2,521,100) | - | - | |
| Current Services | 4,103,414 | 2,248,690 | (1,690,186) | (6,791,210) | (5,793,600) | (9,039,900) | |
| Total Recommended - TF | 267,346,843 | 262,821,519 | 261,553,243 | 253,781,619 | (5,793,600) | (9,039,900) | |

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Filnd | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| | FY 23 | FY 23 FY 24 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 593 | 593 | 593 | 602 | 602 | 593 | 593 |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fund | - | 7 | 7 | - | - | 7 | 7 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual Actual A | | Governor Red | commended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 48,431,719 | 47,994,787 | 61,221,998 | 55,016,204 | 55,115,172 | 54,499,026 | 54,499,026 |
| Other Expenses | 5,361,284 | 4,063,639 | 5,117,358 | 4,617,358 | 4,617,358 | 4,617,358 | 4,617,358 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 53,793,003 | 52,058,426 | 66,339,356 | 59,633,562 | 59,732,530 | 59,116,384 | 59,116,384 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | - | 36,892 | 484,188 | - | - | 484,188 | 484,188 |
| Agency Total - Cannabis | | | | | | | |
| Regulatory Fund | - | 36,892 | 484,188 | - | - | 484,188 | 484,188 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 53,793,003 | 52,095,318 | 66,823,544 | 59,633,562 | 59,732,530 | 59,600,572 | 59,600,572 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Adjust Funding for a Prescription Drug Cost Containment Initiative

| Personal Services | 32,990 | 131,958 | - | - | (32,990) | (131,958) |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---|---|----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | 32,990 | 131,958 | - | - | (32,990) | (131,958) |
| Positions - General Fund | 2 | 2 | - | - | (2) | (2) |

Governor

Provide funding of \$32,990 in FY 26 and \$131,958 in FY 27 for two Revenue Agent positions to establish a prescription drug cost containment initiative which limits price increases for generic and off-patent drugs to the annual rate of inflation and authorizing the Department of Revenue Services to levy a civil penalty on manufacturers that raise prices above that threshold. HB 6870, *An Act Addressing Patients*' *Prescription Drug Costs*, implements the initiative.

Committee

Do not provide funding and positions for a prescription drug cost containment initiative.

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

| Personal Services | 484,188 | 484,188 | - | - | (484,188) | (484,188) |
|--|-----------|-----------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | 484,188 | 484,188 | - | - | (484,188) | (484,188) |
| Positions - General Fund | 7 | 7 | - | - | (7) | (7) |
| Personal Services | (484,188) | (484,188) | - | - | 484,188 | 484,188 |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | (484,188) | (484,188) | - | - | 484,188 | 484,188 |
| Positions - Cannabis Regulatory | | | | | | |
| Fund | (7) | (7) | - | - | 7 | 7 |

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$484,188 and 7 positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 for cannabis regulation duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Committee

Maintain funding and positions in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 2,277,028 | 2,277,028 | 2,277,028 | 2,277,028 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 2,277,028 | 2,277,028 | 2,277,028 | 2,277,028 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,277,028 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (9,000,000) | (9,000,000) | (9,000,000) | (9,000,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (9,500,000) | (9,500,000) | (9,500,000) | (9,500,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$9.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

| | Governor Reco | ommended | Commi | ttee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 66,339,356 | 66,339,356 | 66,339,356 | 66,339,356 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 517,178 | 616,146 | - | - | (517,178) | (616,146) | |
| Current Services | (7,222,972) | (7,222,972) | (7,222,972) | (7,222,972) | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 59,633,562 | 59,732,530 | 59,116,384 | 59,116,384 | (517,178) | (616,146) | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 484,188 | 484,188 | 484,188 | 484,188 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (484,188) | (484,188) | - | - | 484,188 | 484,188 | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 484,188 | 484,188 | 484,188 | 484,188 | |

| Positions | Governor Rec | commended | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 593 | 593 | 593 | 593 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 9 | 9 | - | - | (9) | (9) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 602 | 602 | 593 | 593 | (9) | (9) | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (7) | (7) | - | _ | 7 | 7 | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | |

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----|--|
| Fulla | FY 23 FY 24 I | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | |
| General Fund | 182 | 186 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | 188 | |
| Special Transportation Fund | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | |
| Insurance Fund | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Consumer Counsel and Public | | | | | | | | |
| Utility Control Fund | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |

Budget Summary

| A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 17,815,947 | 18,286,223 | 20,450,385 | 21,021,791 | 21,021,791 | 21,021,791 | 21,021,791 |
| Other Expenses | 1,756,965 | 1,618,432 | 1,414,922 | 1,403,422 | 1,403,422 | 1,403,422 | 1,403,422 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Litigation Settlement Costs | 21,763 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Automated Budget System and | | | | | | | |
| Data Base Link | 6,394 | 3,100 | 20,438 | 20,438 | 20,438 | 20,438 | 20,438 |
| Justice Assistance Grants | 786,445 | 790,664 | 800,967 | 865,967 | 865,967 | 865,967 | 865,967 |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | | | | |
| Tax Relief For Elderly Renters | 24,469,300 | 24,593,798 | 25,020,226 | 25,020,226 | 25,020,226 | 25,020,226 | 25,020,226 |
| Private Providers | - | - | 53,300,000 | 31,000,000 | 126,000,000 | 50,000,000 | 126,000,000 |
| Grant Payments to Local Govern | ments | | | · | I | I | |
| Reimbursement Property Tax - | | | | | | | |
| Disability Exemption | 364,713 | 364,713 | 364,713 | 364,713 | 364,713 | 364,713 | 364,713 |
| Distressed Municipalities | 1,500,000 | - | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Property Tax Relief Elderly | | | | | | | |
| Freeze Program | 4,000 | 5,166 | 6,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Property Tax Relief for Veterans | 1,901,434 | 1,694,614 | 2,708,107 | 2,708,107 | 2,708,107 | 2,708,107 | 2,708,107 |
| Supplemental Revenue Sharing | | | | | | | |
| Grants | 36,819,135 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Motor Vehicle Tax Grants | 132,216,113 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Municipal Stabilization Grant | 37,853,333 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Municipal Restructuring | - | - | 7,300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| Tiered PILOT | 247,034,912 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 502,550,454 | 47,356,710 | 112,885,758 | 84,208,664 | 179,208,664 | 103,208,664 | 179,208,664 |
| Personal Services | 606,878 | 598,064 | 740,945 | 770,498 | 770,498 | 770,498 | 770,498 |
| Agency Total - Special | 000,070 | 396,064 | 740,943 | 770,498 | 770,496 | 770,498 | 770,496 |
| Transportation Fund | 606,878 | 598,064 | 740,945 | 770,498 | 770,498 | 770,498 | 770,498 |
| Transportation Fund | 000,070 | 590,004 | 740,943 | 770,490 | 770,490 | 770,490 | 770,490 |
| Grants To Towns | 51,387,605 | 52,420,137 | 52,541,796 | 52,541,796 | 52,541,796 | 52,541,796 | 52,541,796 |
| Agency Total - Mashantucket | , , | | | | | | |
| Pequot and Mohegan Fund | 51,387,605 | 52,420,137 | 52,541,796 | 52,541,796 | 52,541,796 | 52,541,796 | 52,541,796 |
| | i | | | | | i | |
| Personal Services | 196,636 | 233,347 | 363,008 | 374,039 | 374,039 | 374,039 | 374,039 |
| Other Expenses | - | - | 6,012 | 6,012 | 6,012 | 6,012 | 6,012 |
| Fringe Benefits | 143,875 | 190,446 | 277,130 | 277,130 | 277,130 | 277,130 | 277,130 |
| Agency Total - Insurance Fund | 340,511 | 423,793 | 646,150 | 657,181 | 657,181 | 657,181 | 657,181 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 96,801 | 132,458 | 194,591 | 200,396 | 200,396 | 200,396 | 200,396 |

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | commended | Committee | |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Other Expenses | 84,604 | 20,882 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Fringe Benefits | 101,944 | 115,696 | 196,074 | 196,074 | 196,074 | 196,074 | 196,074 |
| Agency Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund | 283,349 | 269,036 | 392,665 | 398,470 | 398,470 | 398,470 | 398,470 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Supplemental Revenue Sharing | | | | | | | |
| Grants | - | 87,172,468 | 74,672,470 | 81,965,370 | 81,965,370 | 80,832,470 | 80,832,470 |
| Motor Vehicle Tax Grants | - | 146,954,721 | 154,562,410 | 127,496,890 | 127,496,890 | 127,496,890 | 127,496,890 |
| Tiered PILOT | - | 339,410,166 | 339,410,167 | 344,847,414 | 344,847,414 | 345,980,314 | 345,980,314 |
| Agency Total - Municipal | | | | | | | |
| Revenue Sharing Fund | - | 573,537,355 | 568,645,047 | 554,309,674 | 554,309,674 | 554,309,674 | 554,309,674 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 555,168,797 | 674,605,095 | 735,852,361 | 692,886,283 | 787,886,283 | 711,886,283 | 787,886,283 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Transfer Funding for Non-Formula Based Grants from Tiered PILOT to Supplemental Revenue Sharing Account

| Supplemental Revenue Sharing | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Grants | 7,292,900 | 7,292,900 | 6,160,000 | 6,160,000 | (1,132,900) | (1,132,900) |
| Tiered PILOT | (7,292,900) | (7,292,900) | (6,160,000) | (6,160,000) | 1,132,900 | 1,132,900 |
| Total - Municipal Revenue Sharing | | | | | | |
| Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Background

PA 21-3 established the Tiered PILOT formula to provide for State Property PILOT and College and Hospital PILOT grants to towns in the event that appropriations are insufficient to fund those grants. Tiered PILOT (encompassing all three former PILOT accounts) is currently funded from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund (MRSF). It is distributed based on the type of applicable property, town property wealth per capita, and town status as an Alliance District.

The current Tiered PILOT formula includes the following payments: (1) \$5 million to Bridgeport, (2) \$100,000 to Branford, (3) \$1 million to New London, and (4) \$60,000 to Voluntown. These payments are not subject to the Tiered PILOT formula but are currently paid out under the Tiered PILOT payments.

Under CGS 12-18b(d)(1), the Tiered PILOT formula includes a hold harmless provision that requires towns to receive at least as much as they received from this grant in FY 21. Under the FY 26-Tiered PILOT formula, 19 towns would receive more under this provision than under the current Tiered PILOT formula.

PA 23-204 established the Supplemental Revenue Sharing grant. This is a statutory payment grant that combined the Municipal Revenue Sharing and Municipal Stabilization grants and it currently funded from the MRSF.

Governor

Transfer \$7,292,900 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Tiered PILOT payment to the Supplemental Revenue Sharing grant. This includes the four statutory payments to Bridgeport, Branford, New London, and Voluntown which totals \$6,160,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 and the hold harmless provision associated with CGS 12-18b(d)(1) which totals \$1,132,613 in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

Transfer \$6,160,00 in FY 26 and FY 27 from Tiered PILOT to the Supplemental Revenue Sharing Grant for the four statutory payments to Bridgeport, Branford, New London, and Voluntown. Do not transfer \$1,132,613 in FY 26 and FY 27 for the hold harmless provision associated with CGS 12-18b(d)(1).

Reduce Funding for Printing Services

| Other Expenses | (11,500) | (11,500) | (11,500) | (11,500) | - | - |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (11,500) | (11,500) | (11,500) | (11,500) | - | - |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$11,500 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for other expenses to reflect the reduced cost of printing.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding Increase for Private Providers

| Private Providers | 31,000,000 | 126,000,000 | 31,000,000 | 126,000,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 31,000,000 | 126,000,000 | 31,000,000 | 126,000,000 | - | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veteran's Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide \$31 million in FY 26 and \$126 million in FY 27 for a 3 percent increase to private provider funding on January 1st, 2026, and July 1st, 2027.

Committee

Same as Governor

Reduce Funding for Municipal Restructuring Account

| Municipal Restructuring | (7,000,000) | (7,000,000) | (7,000,000) | (7,000,000) | - | - |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (7,000,000) | (7,000,000) | (7,000,000) | (7,000,000) | - | - |

Background

JSS PA 17-2, the FY 18 and FY 19 budget, established two Municipal Restructuring accounts within the Office of Policy and Management and the Treasurer's Office to provide assistance to certain financially distressed municipalities. The act also established the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) to assess the financial health of municipalities and to provide oversight and assistance to financially distressed municipalities.

Governor

Reduce the Municipal Restructuring account by \$7 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current expenditure needs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Private Providers

| Private Providers | - | - | 19,000,000 | - | 19,000,000 | - |
|----------------------|---|---|------------|---|------------|---|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 19,000,000 | - | 19,000,000 | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veteran's Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Committee

Provide \$19 million in FY 26 to fund private providers.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| | 0 0 | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Personal Services | 881,406 | 881,406 | 881,406 | 881,406 | - | - |
| Justice Assistance Grants | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 886,406 | 886,406 | 886,406 | 886,406 | - | - |

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| Account | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee | Difference from Governor | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 29,553 | 29,553 | 29,553 | 29,553 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 29,553 | 29,553 | 29,553 | 29,553 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 11,031 | 11,031 | 11,031 | 11,031 | - | - |
| Total - Insurance Fund | 11,031 | 11,031 | 11,031 | 11,031 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 5,805 | 5,805 | 5,805 | 5,805 | - | - |
| Total - Consumer Counsel and | | | | | | |
| Public Utility Control Fund | 5,805 | 5,805 | 5,805 | 5,805 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$923,785 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

| Private Providers | (53,300,000) | (53,300,000) | (53,300,000) | (53,300,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (53,300,000) | (53,300,000) | (53,300,000) | (53,300,000) | - | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veteran's Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$53.3 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to other agencies to cover the cost of the annualization of the FY 25 COLA increase.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Changes in Grant Calculations

| Motor Vehicle Tax Grants | (27,065,520) | (27,065,520) | (27,065,520) | (27,065,520) | - | - |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| Tiered PILOT | 12,730,147 | 12,730,147 | 12,730,147 | 12,730,147 | - | - |
| Total - Municipal Revenue Sharing | | | | | | |
| Fund | (14,335,373) | (14,335,373) | (14,335,373) | (14,335,373) | - | - |

Background

PA 21-3 established the Tiered PILOT formula to provide for State Property PILOT and College and Hospital PILOT grants to towns in the event that appropriations are insufficient to fund those grants. Tiered PILOT (encompassing all three former PILOT accounts) is currently funded from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund (MRSF). It is distributed based on the type of applicable property, town property wealth per capita, and town status as an Alliance District.

The Motor Vehicle Tax Reimbursement Grant reimburses towns for revenue loss associated with the statewide 32.46 mill rate cap.

Both grant amounts are determined by statutory formulas and the total grant amount varies each FY depending on the changes to the variables within the formula. The Tiered PILOT Grant and the Motor Vehicle Tax Reimbursement Grant, along with a third grant (Supplemental Revenue Sharing Grant), are paid directly out of the MRSF.

The MRSF is funded via (1) sales tax revenue diversion and (2) a transfer from the General Fund.

Governor

Reduce total appropriations by \$14.3 million in the MRSF in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the changes in statutory formula grants. The cost of the Tiered PILOT grant increased by \$12.7 million, and the cost of the Motor Vehicle Tax Reimbursement Grant decreased by \$27.1 million in FY 26 for a net decrease of \$14.3 million to be paid out of the MRSF in FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Reduce Funding to Reflect Lower Cost of Elderly Property Tax Freeze Program

| Property Tax Relief Elderly Freeze | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Program | (2,000) | (2,000) | (2,000) | (2,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (2,000) | (2,000) | (2,000) | (2,000) | - | - |

Background

The Property Tax Relief Elderly Freeze Program was established with the 1967 Grand List program year to provide real property tax relief to resident property owners or tenants for life age sixty-five or over (or surviving spouse over fifty) with annual taxable income of \$6,000 or less. Elderly and disabled persons who applied and qualified for tax relief had their property tax frozen at that year's net benefit level. No new applicants have been allowed since the 1978 program year.

In FY 22, there were four individuals who received this property tax relief.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect a decrease in caseload.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$250,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Realign Personal Services Funds to the Justice Assistance Grants Account

| Personal Services | (60,000) | (60,000) | (60,000) | (60,000) | - | - |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|
| Justice Assistance Grants | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Background

Connecticut receives federal grants for various narcotics control and general criminal justice activities under several United States Department of Justice programs. Funds are distributed to State justice agencies, municipalities, and non-profit agencies for program implementation. Four of the grants require a state match or cost sharing.

1. The National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) grant award provides direct awards and technical assistance to states and localities to improve the quality, timeliness, and immediate accessibility of criminal history records and related information. The Judicial Branch and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection receive funding through NCHIP. The NCHIP federal award requires a 10% state match for all federal funds expended through this program.

2. The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Program (RSAT) is to enhance the capabilities of state, local, and Indian tribal governments to provide residential substance use disorder treatment to adult and juvenile populations during detention or incarceration; prepare them for their reintegration into a community by incorporating reentry planning activities into their treatment programs; and assist them and their communities throughout the reentry process by delivering community-based treatment and other broad-based aftercare services. The Department of Correction receives funding through RSAT. The RSAT federal award requires a 25% state match for all federal funds expended through this program.

3. The Services Training Officers Prosecutors Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (VAW STOP) supports community efforts to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement responses, victim services and prosecution strategies in cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence and the Hispanic Health Council are examples of entities receiving funding through VAW STOP. VAW STOP requires a 25% state match for all federal funds expended through this grant program.

4. The Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Title II Formula Grant (JJ Formula Grant) provides funding to support states and territories to plan, establish, operate, coordinate, and evaluate policies and projects, directly or through grants and contracts with public and private agencies for the development of more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency as well as juvenile justice system improvement efforts. This is a new grant

| Assount | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

award that OPM recently applied for and received (\$600,554). OPM is allowed to use up to 10% of the total award for administrative purposes. The JJ Formula grant requires a 100% state match for all funds expended on administrative purposes.

Governor

Transfer \$60,000 from PS in the General Fund to the Justice Assistance Grants in FY 25 to meet match requirements for Justice Assistance Grants.

Committee

| Totals | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Pudat Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ttee | Difference from | Governor | | | | | | |
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | | | | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 112,885,758 | 112,885,758 | 112,885,758 | 112,885,758 | - | | | | | | | |
| Policy Revisions | 23,988,500 | 118,988,500 | 42,988,500 | 118,988,500 | 19,000,000 | | | | | | | |
| Current Services | (52,665,594) | (52,665,594) | (52,665,594) | (52,665,594) | - | | | | | | | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 84,208,664 | 179,208,664 | 103,208,664 | 179,208,664 | 19,000,000 | | | | | | | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - TF | 740,945 | 740,945 | 740,945 | 740,945 | - | | | | | | | |
| Current Services | 29,553 | 29,553 | 29,553 | 29,553 | - | | | | | | | |
| Total Recommended - TF | 770,498 | 770,498 | 770,498 | 770,498 | - | | | | | | | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 646,150 | 646,150 | 646,150 | 646,150 | - | | | | | | | |
| Current Services | 11,031 | 11,031 | 11,031 | 11,031 | - | | | | | | | |
| Total Recommended - IF | 657,181 | 657,181 | 657,181 | 657,181 | - | | | | | | | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - PF | 392,665 | 392,665 | 392,665 | 392,665 | - | | | | | | | |
| Current Services | 5,805 | 5,805 | 5,805 | 5,805 | - | | | | | | | |
| Total Recommended - PF | 398,470 | 398,470 | 398,470 | 398,470 | - | | | | | | | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - MRSF | 568,645,047 | 568,645,047 | 568,645,047 | 568,645,047 | - | | | | | | | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | | |
| Current Services | (14,335,373) | (14,335,373) | (14,335,373) | (14,335,373) | - | | | | | | | |
| Total Recommended - MRSF | 554,309,674 | 554,309,674 | 554,309,674 | 554,309,674 | - | | | | | | | |

Reserve for Salary Adjustments OPM20100

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual Actual A | | Governor Rec | commended | Committee | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 FY 24 | | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Other Current Expenses | · · · · · | | | | | I | |
| Reserve For Salary Adjustments | - | 10,288,171 | 48,184,698 | 118,165,598 | 222,551,369 | - | 122,551,369 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | - | 10,288,171 | 48,184,698 | 118,165,598 | 222,551,369 | - | 122,551,369 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Reserve For Salary Adjustments | - | - | 7,736,356 | 10,868,037 | 19,864,541 | - | 19,864,541 |
| Agency Total - Special | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Fund | - | - | 7,736,356 | 10,868,037 | 19,864,541 | - | 19,864,541 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | - | 10,288,171 | 55,921,054 | 129,033,635 | 242,415,910 | - | 142,415,910 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Remove Funding Related for Anticipated Wage Agreements

| Reserve For Salary Adjustments | - | - | (118,165,598) | (100,000,000) | (118,165,598) | (100,000,000) |
|--|---|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | (118,165,598) | (100,000,000) | (118,165,598) | (100,000,000) |
| Reserve For Salary Adjustments | - | - | (10,868,037) | - | (10,868,037) | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | - | - | (10,868,037) | - | (10,868,037) | - |

Committee

Reduce funding related to anticipated wage agreements in the Reserve for Salary Adjustments (RSA) account by \$118,165,598 in the General Fund and \$10,868,037 in the Special Transportation Fund in FY 26 and FY 27.

Current Services

Provide Funding for Anticipated Accruals and Wage Agreement

| Reserve For Salary Adjustments | 69,980,900 | 174,366,671 | 69,980,900 | 174,366,671 | - | - |
|--|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 69,980,900 | 174,366,671 | 69,980,900 | 174,366,671 | - | - |
| Reserve For Salary Adjustments | 3,131,681 | 12,128,185 | 3,131,681 | 12,128,185 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 3,131,681 | 12,128,185 | 3,131,681 | 12,128,185 | - | - |

Governor

Provide Funding of \$73,112,581 in FY 26 and \$186,494,856 in FY 27 for accruals and anticipated wage agreements.

Committee

Totals or Recommended Committee

| Pudget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Comm | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 48,184,698 | 48,184,698 | 48,184,698 | 48,184,698 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | (118,165,598) | (100,000,000) | (118,165,598) | (100,000,000) | |
| Current Services | 69,980,900 | 174,366,671 | 69,980,900 | 174,366,671 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 118,165,598 | 222,551,369 | _ | 122,551,369 | (118,165,598) | (100,000,000) | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - TF | 7,736,356 | 7,736,356 | 7,736,356 | 7,736,356 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | _ | - | (10,868,037) | _ | (10,868,037) | - | |
| Current Services | 3,131,681 | 12,128,185 | 3,131,681 | 12,128,185 | _ | - | |
| Total Recommended - TF | 10,868,037 | 19,864,541 | - | 19,864,541 | (10,868,037) | - | |

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|
| | FY 23 FY | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 938 | 941 | 941 | 1,097 | 1,097 | 961 | 961 | |
| Special Transportation Fund | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | |
| Banking Fund | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Insurance Fund | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| Consumer Counsel and Public | | | | | | | | |
| Utility Control Fund | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Workers' Compensation Fund | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | |

Budget Summary

| , , | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | commended | Comm | ittee |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 86,687,953 | 91,751,618 | 89,255,808 | 117,425,343 | 117,425,343 | 100,575,339 | 100,575,339 |
| Other Expenses | 34,696,917 | 33,037,405 | 28,856,256 | 31,251,286 | 31,251,286 | 31,251,286 | 31,251,286 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | i | |
| Tuition Reimbursement - | | | | | | | |
| Training and Travel | 279,206 | 157,228 | - | - | - | - | |
| Labor - Management Fund | 13,330 | 22,897 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Loss Control Risk Management | 70,522 | 79,029 | 88,003 | 88,003 | 88,003 | 88,003 | 88,003 |
| Employees' Review Board | 17,611 | 17,611 | 17,611 | 32,611 | 32,611 | 32,611 | 32,611 |
| Surety Bonds for State Officials | | | | | | | |
| and Employees | 71,225 | 78,347 | 125,184 | - | - | - | - |
| Quality of Work-Life | 8,400 | 22,800 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Refunds Of Collections | 20,378 | 17,899 | 20,381 | 20,381 | 20,381 | 20,381 | 20,381 |
| Rents and Moving | 3,265,770 | 3,780,058 | 4,610,985 | 4,136,035 | 4,136,035 | 4,136,035 | 4,136,035 |
| W. C. Administrator | 4,975,000 | 4,975,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,562,120 | 5,562,120 | 5,562,120 | 5,562,120 |
| Insurance Recovery | 2,780,343 | 2,374,220 | - | - | - | - | - |
| State Insurance and Risk Mgmt | | | | | | | |
| Operations | 17,391,566 | 17,012,090 | 17,831,771 | 21,825,088 | 21,830,588 | 21,825,088 | 21,830,588 |
| IT Services | 46,312,020 | 54,954,786 | 56,891,618 | 110,618,682 | 110,618,682 | 67,732,158 | 67,732,158 |
| Firefighters Fund | 400,000 | 5,400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Office of the Claims | | | | | | | |
| Commissioner | - | - | - | 460,499 | 460,499 | 460,499 | 460,499 |
| State Properties Review Board | - | - | - | 337,113 | 337,113 | 337,113 | 337,113 |
| State Marshal Commission | - | - | - | 330,556 | 330,556 | 330,556 | 330,556 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 196,990,241 | 213,680,988 | 203,097,617 | 292,487,717 | 292,493,217 | 232,751,189 | 232,756,689 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 2,583,747 | 2,653,812 | 3,090,648 | 2,937,990 | 2,937,990 | 2,937,990 | 2,937,990 |
| State Insurance and Risk Mgmt | | | | | | | |
| Operations | 13,658,761 | 20,055,590 | 14,626,561 | 17,467,920 | 17,467,920 | 17,467,920 | 17,467,920 |
| IT Services | 912,959 | 953,998 | 953,999 | 1,619,686 | 1,619,686 | 1,619,686 | 1,619,686 |
| Agency Total - Special | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Fund | 17,155,467 | 23,663,400 | 18,671,208 | 22,025,596 | 22,025,596 | 22,025,596 | 22,025,596 |
| Personal Services | 94,785 | 378,958 | 323,657 | 413,105 | 413,105 | 413,105 | 413,105 |
| Fringe Benefits | 81,773 | 328,188 | 291,292 | 307,747 | 307,747 | 307,747 | 307,747 |
| IT Services | 267,430 | 346,657 | 360,334 | 360,334 | 360,334 | 360,334 | 360,334 |
| Agency Total - Banking Fund | 443,988 | 1,053,803 | 975,283 | 1,081,186 | 1,081,186 | 1,081,186 | 1,081,186 |

| A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | Committee | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Personal Services | 583,696 | 809,525 | 776,947 | 905,796 | 905,796 | 905,796 | 905,796 | |
| Fringe Benefits | 550,693 | 676,572 | 707,589 | 656,984 | 656,984 | 656,984 | 656,984 | |
| IT Services | 280,135 | 509,134 | 514,136 | 514,136 | 514,136 | 514,136 | 514,136 | |
| Agency Total - Insurance Fund | 1,414,524 | 1,995,231 | 1,998,672 | 2,076,916 | 2,076,916 | 2,076,916 | 2,076,916 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 89,233 | 87,264 | 105,448 | 96,173 | 96,173 | 96,173 | 96,173 | |
| Fringe Benefits | 96,319 | 89,906 | 93,259 | 88,135 | 88,135 | 88,135 | 88,135 | |
| Agency Total - Consumer | | | | | | | | |
| Counsel and Public Utility | | | | | | | | |
| Control Fund | 185,552 | 177,170 | 198,707 | 184,308 | 184,308 | 184,308 | 184,308 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 621,084 | 540,490 | 661,609 | 663,688 | 663,688 | 663,688 | 663,688 | |
| Fringe Benefits | 668,650 | 572,781 | 637,686 | 528,600 | 528,600 | 528,600 | 528,600 | |
| IT Services | 199,931 | 219,928 | 199,938 | 199,938 | 199,938 | 199,938 | 199,938 | |
| Agency Total - Workers' | | | | | | | | |
| Compensation Fund | 1,489,665 | 1,333,199 | 1,499,233 | 1,392,226 | 1,392,226 | 1,392,226 | 1,392,226 | |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 217,679,437 | 241,903,791 | 226,440,720 | 319,247,949 | 319,253,449 | 259,511,421 | 259,516,921 | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Centralize Information Technology Functions Under DAS

| Personal Services | 19,698,976 | 19,698,976 | 2,848,972 | 2,848,972 | (16,850,004) | (16,850,004) |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| IT Services | 45,401,146 | 45,401,146 | 2,514,622 | 2,514,622 | (42,886,524) | (42,886,524) |
| Total - General Fund | 65,100,122 | 65,100,122 | 5,363,594 | 5,363,594 | (59,736,528) | (59,736,528) |
| Positions - General Fund | 158 | 158 | 22 | 22 | (136) | (136) |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget consolidates IT positions from five agencies across the General Fund and Special Transportation Fund into the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). In total, 158 positions and \$65 million are transferred in FY 26 and FY 27.

Governor

Transfer 158 positions and \$65,061,651 to DAS in both FY 26 and FY 27. The table below provides a summary of the amounts to be transferred by agency.

| Agency | FY 26 \$ | FY 27 \$ |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Department of Administrative Services | 65,100,122 | 65,100,122 |
| Office of Health Strategy | (261,584) | (261,584) |
| Department of Developmental Services | (4,115,894) | (4,115,894) |
| Department of Children and Families | (9,008,804) | (9,008,804) |
| Department of Social Services | (40,218,805) | (40,218,805) |
| Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services | (10,508,919) | (10,508,919) |
| Total | 986,116 | 986,116 |

Committee

Transfer 22 positions and \$5,363,594 to DAS in both FY 26 and FY 27. The agencies included in the transfer are the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Office of Health Strategy (OHS). Recommended transfers from the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Department of Social Services (DSS), and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHA) are not recommended.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Transfer Timekeeping Staff and Operational Costs from DAS to OSC

| | - | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Personal Services | (716,864) | (716,864) | (716,864) | (716,864) | - | - |
| IT Services | (585,666) | (585,666) | (585,666) | (585,666) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (1,302,530) | (1,302,530) | (1,302,530) | (1,302,530) | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | (7) | (7) | (7) | (7) | - | - |
| | | | | | | |

Background

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is currently responsible for support of the Kronos timekeeping system. Consistent with an existing interagency agreement between the agencies, this proposal would transfer funding for the staff supporting Kronos to the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC).

Governor

Transfer 7 positions and \$1.3 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 from DAS to OSC.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding for Software from DCP to DAS

| IT Services | 694,500 | 694,500 | 694,500 | 694,500 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 694,500 | 694,500 | 694,500 | 694,500 | - | - |

Background

Bamboo Health maintains the Connecticut Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) for the state. During previous IT consolidation a part of this contract was transferred to DAS BITS.

The PDMP collects prescription data for Schedule II through Schedule V drugs into a centralized database, the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS), which can then be used by healthcare providers and pharmacists in the active treatment of their patients.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$694,500 in FY 26 and FY 27 to DAS BITS from the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) for the PDMP software contract.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer GPS Monitoring Funding from DAS to DOC

| IT Services | (811,617) | (811,617) | (811,617) | (811,617) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (811,617) | (811,617) | (811,617) | (811,617) | - | - |

Governor

Transfer funding of \$811,617 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from DAS to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for the cost of the GPS monitoring contract.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding for IBM Licensing Agreement from DEEP to DAS

| IT Services | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | - | - |

Governor

Transfer funding of \$50,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to DAS BITS from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for the IBM licensing agreement.

Committee

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Transfer Funding from DAS to DOH for IT Centralization

| IT Services | (25,000) | (25,000) | (25,000) | (25,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (25,000) | (25,000) | (25,000) | (25,000) | - | - |

Background

PA 22-118 (as amended by PA 22-146), the FY 23 Revised Budget, centralized certain Executive Branch IT functions in the Department of Administrative Services' new unit, the Bureau of Information Technology Solutions (BITS). Funds were transferred to support this centralization beginning in FY 23.

Governor

Transfer \$25,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 from DAS to DOH to correct past error.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust IT Services Funding to Reflect Shifting from Bond Funds

| IT Services | 8,585,363 | 8,585,363 | 8,585,363 | 8,585,363 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 8,585,363 | 8,585,363 | 8,585,363 | 8,585,363 | - | - |

Background

Bond funds are used to fund information technology (IT) upgrades and enhancements. When the projects become operational ongoing licensing and software costs would be needed to provide continued support for the projects.

Governor

Increase funding in IT Services by \$8,585,363 in FY 26 and FY 27 to provide continued support for various IT projects that were previously funded through bond funds.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust IT Services Funding to Support Digital Government Initiatives

| Personal Services | 477,131 | 477,131 | 477,131 | 477,131 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 477,131 | 477,131 | 477,131 | 477,131 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | - | - |

Background

Bonds currently support consultants engaged in various digital government initiatives.

Governor

Provide five positions and funding of \$477,131 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support various digital government initiatives which are currently being performed by consultants and supported through bond funds.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding for Boards' and Commissions into Distinct Accounts

| Personal Services | (1,146,667) | (1,146,667) | (1,146,667) | (1,146,667) | - | - |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | (261,582) | (261,582) | (261,582) | (261,582) | - | - |
| Employees' Review Board | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | - | - |
| Surety Bonds for State Officials and | | | | | | |
| Employees | (132,100) | (137,600) | (132,100) | (137,600) | - | - |
| State Insurance and Risk Mgmt | | | | | | |
| Operations | 397,181 | 402,681 | 397,181 | 402,681 | - | - |
| Office of the Claims Commissioner | 460,499 | 460,499 | 460,499 | 460,499 | - | - |
| State Properties Review Board | 337,113 | 337,113 | 337,113 | 337,113 | - | - |
| State Marshal Commission | 330,556 | 330,556 | 330,556 | 330,556 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Transfer funding into individual accounts for the Employees' Review Board, the State Marshal Commission, the State Properties Review Board, State Insurance and Risk Management Board, and the Office of the Claims Commissioner that are under the Department of Administrative Services for administrative purposes only.

Committee

Same as Governor

Current Services

Adjust Funding for Insurance and Risk Management

| State Insurance and Risk Mgmt | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Operations | 3,596,136 | 3,596,136 | 3,596,136 | 3,596,136 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 3,596,136 | 3,596,136 | 3,596,136 | 3,596,136 | - | - |
| State Insurance and Risk Mgmt | | | | | | |
| Operations | 2,841,359 | 2,841,359 | 2,841,359 | 2,841,359 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 2,841,359 | 2,841,359 | 2,841,359 | 2,841,359 | - | - |

Background

These accounts fund: 1) premiums associated with policies purchased by the State to insure against losses; 2) claims and judgments issued against the State for losses that occur within the self-insured deductible amounts; and 3) payment to an insurance broker and the Third Party Administrator. The FY 24 and FY 25 insurance premiums and claim expenses were calculated using actuarial and historical experience. The majority of the Board's premium dollars are for Rail, Liability, Property Insurance and Fleet, Bus and Highway Liability. Each of these insurance lines is incurring increases upon renewal and the premium projections reflect market increases.

Governor

Provide Funding of \$6,437,495 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 4,356,959 | 4,356,959 | 4,356,959 | 4,356,959 | - | - |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 4,356,959 | 4,356,959 | 4,356,959 | 4,356,959 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 125,161 | 125,161 | 125,161 | 125,161 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 125,161 | 125,161 | 125,161 | 125,161 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 9,036 | 9,036 | 9,036 | 9,036 | - | - |
| Total - Banking Fund | 9,036 | 9,036 | 9,036 | 9,036 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 37,875 | 37,875 | 37,875 | 37,875 | - | - |
| Total - Insurance Fund | 37,875 | 37,875 | 37,875 | 37,875 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 4,413 | 4,413 | 4,413 | 4,413 | - | - |
| Total - Consumer Counsel and | | | | | | |
| Public Utility Control Fund | 4,413 | 4,413 | 4,413 | 4,413 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 25,390 | 25,390 | 25,390 | 25,390 | - | - |
| Fringe Benefits | 2,080 | 2,080 | 2,080 | 2,080 | - | - |
| Total - Workers' Compensation | | | | | | |
| Fund | 27,470 | 27,470 | 27,470 | 27,470 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$4,560,914 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies

| Personal Services | 5,500,000 | 5,500,000 | 5,500,000 | 5,500,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | 2,900,000 | 2,900,000 | 2,900,000 | 2,900,000 | - | - |
| W. C. Administrator | 562,120 | 562,120 | 562,120 | 562,120 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 8,962,120 | 8,962,120 | 8,962,120 | 8,962,120 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$8,962,120 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Surety Bonds for State Officials and | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Employees | 6,916 | 12,416 | 6,916 | 12,416 | - | - |
| Rents and Moving | (400,000) | (400,000) | (400,000) | (400,000) | - | - |
| IT Services | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (293,084) | (287,584) | (293,084) | (287,584) | - | - |
| Personal Services | (277,819) | (277,819) | (277,819) | (277,819) | - | - |
| IT Services | 665,687 | 665,687 | 665,687 | 665,687 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 387,868 | 387,868 | 387,868 | 387,868 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 80,412 | 80,412 | 80,412 | 80,412 | - | - |
| Fringe Benefits | 16,455 | 16,455 | 16,455 | 16,455 | - | - |
| Total - Banking Fund | 96,867 | 96,867 | 96,867 | 96,867 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 90,974 | 90,974 | 90,974 | 90,974 | - | - |
| Fringe Benefits | (50,605) | (50,605) | (50,605) | (50,605) | - | - |
| Total - Insurance Fund | 40,369 | 40,369 | 40,369 | 40,369 | - | - |
| Personal Services | (13,688) | (13,688) | (13,688) | (13,688) | - | - |
| Fringe Benefits | (5,124) | (5,124) | (5,124) | (5,124) | - | - |
| Total - Consumer Counsel and | | | | | | |
| Public Utility Control Fund | (18,812) | (18,812) | (18,812) | (18,812) | - | - |
| Personal Services | (23,311) | (23,311) | (23,311) | (23,311) | - | - |
| Fringe Benefits | (111,166) | (111,166) | (111,166) | (111,166) | - | - |
| Total - Workers' Compensation | | | | | | |
| Fund | (134,477) | (134,477) | (134,477) | (134,477) | | - |

Governor

Increase net funding by \$78,731 in FY 26 and \$84,231 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Consolidate Funding into IT Services Account

| Other Expenses | (243,388) | (243,388) | (243,388) | (243,388) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Rents and Moving | (74,950) | (74,950) | (74,950) | (74,950) | - | - |
| IT Services | 318,338 | 318,338 | 318,338 | 318,338 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Governor

Transfer funding of \$318,338 in FY 26 and FY 27 into the IT Services account from Other Expenses and Rents and Moving accounts.

Committee

| | Governor Reco | ommended | Commi | ttee | Difference fron | n Governor |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 203,097,617 | 203,097,617 | 203,097,617 | 203,097,617 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | 72,767,969 | 72,767,969 | 13,031,441 | 13,031,441 | (59,736,528) | (59,736,528) |
| Current Services | 16,622,131 | 16,627,631 | 16,622,131 | 16,627,631 | _ | _ |
| Total Recommended - GF | 292,487,717 | 292,493,217 | 232,751,189 | 232,756,689 | (59,736,528) | (59,736,528) |
| FY 25 Appropriation - TF | 18,671,208 | 18,671,208 | 18,671,208 | 18,671,208 | - | - |
| Current Services | 3,354,388 | 3,354,388 | 3,354,388 | 3,354,388 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - TF | 22,025,596 | 22,025,596 | 22,025,596 | 22,025,596 | - | _ |
| FY 25 Appropriation - BF | 975,283 | 975,283 | 975,283 | 975,283 | - | - |
| Current Services | 105,903 | 105,903 | 105,903 | 105,903 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - BF | 1,081,186 | 1,081,186 | 1,081,186 | 1,081,186 | - | - |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 1,998,672 | 1,998,672 | 1,998,672 | 1,998,672 | - | - |
| Current Services | 78,244 | 78,244 | 78,244 | 78,244 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - IF | 2,076,916 | 2,076,916 | 2,076,916 | 2,076,916 | - | - |
| FY 25 Appropriation - PF | 198,707 | 198,707 | 198,707 | 198,707 | - | - |
| Current Services | (14,399) | (14,399) | (14,399) | (14,399) | - | - |
| Total Recommended - PF | 184,308 | 184,308 | 184,308 | 184,308 | - | _ |
| FY 25 Appropriation - WF | 1,499,233 | 1,499,233 | 1,499,233 | 1,499,233 | - | - |
| Current Services | (107,007) | (107,007) | (107,007) | (107,007) | - | - |
| Total Recommended - WF | 1,392,226 | 1,392,226 | 1,392,226 | 1,392,226 | - | - |

| Positions | Governor Rec | ommended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 941 | 941 | 941 | 941 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 156 | 156 | 20 | 20 | (136) | (136) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 1,097 | 1,097 | 961 | 961 | (136) | (136) | |

Workers' Compensation Claims - Administrative Services DAS23100

Budget Summary

| | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Other Current Expenses | I | | | I | I | | |
| Workers' Compensation Claims | 21,617,779 | 6,015,783 | 8,259,800 | 6,509,800 | 6,509,800 | 6,509,800 | 6,509,800 |
| Workers' Compensation Claims | | | | | | | |
| - University of Connecticut | 2,888,021 | 2,666,927 | 2,271,228 | 2,271,228 | 2,271,228 | 2,271,228 | 2,271,228 |
| Claims – University of | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut Health Center | 3,087,348 | 3,048,870 | 3,460,985 | 3,460,985 | 3,460,985 | 3,460,985 | 3,460,985 |
| Workers' Compensation Claims | | | | | | | |
| - Board of Regents Higher Ed | 3,064,576 | 3,127,568 | 3,289,276 | 3,289,276 | 3,289,276 | 3,289,276 | 3,289,276 |
| Claims - Department of | | | | | | | |
| Children and Families | 7,631,729 | 6,997,665 | 10,286,952 | 10,036,952 | 10,036,952 | 10,036,952 | 10,036,952 |
| Workers' Compensation Claims | | | | | | | |
| Mental Health & Addiction Serv | 18,162,609 | 17,535,994 | 18,561,027 | 18,061,027 | 18,061,027 | 18,061,027 | 18,061,027 |
| Claim Department of Emergency | | | | | | | |
| Services and Public Protection | 2,855,079 | 3,403,324 | 3,723,135 | 3,723,135 | 3,723,135 | 3,723,135 | 3,723,135 |
| Claims - Department of | | | | | | | |
| Developmental Services | 13,790,627 | 10,671,852 | 15,773,417 | 12,073,417 | 12,073,417 | 12,073,417 | 12,073,417 |
| Workers' Compensation Claims | | | | | | | |
| - Department of Correction | 38,040,635 | 39,994,920 | 34,122,823 | 37,722,823 | 37,722,823 | 37,722,823 | 37,722,823 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 111,138,403 | 93,462,903 | 99,748,643 | 97,148,643 | 97,148,643 | 97,148,643 | 97,148,643 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Workers' Compensation Claims | 5,659,252 | 7,957,893 | 6,723,297 | 6,723,297 | 6,723,297 | 6,723,297 | 6,723,297 |
| Agency Total - Special | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Fund | 5,659,252 | 7,957,893 | | 6,723,297 | 6,723,297 | 6,723,297 | 6,723,297 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 116,797,655 | 101,420,796 | 106,471,940 | 103,871,940 | 103,871,940 | 103,871,940 | 103,871,940 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|--|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| | - | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Workers' Compensation Claims | (1,750,000) | (1,750,000) | (1,750,000) | (1,750,000) | - | - |
| Claims - Department of Children | | | | | | |
| and Families | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | - | - |
| Workers' Compensation Claims | | | | | | |
| Mental Health & Addiction Serv | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - |
| Claims - Department of | | | | | | |
| Developmental Services | (3,700,000) | (3,700,000) | (3,700,000) | (3,700,000) | - | - |
| Workers' Compensation Claims - | | | | | | |
| Department of Correction | 3,600,000 | 3,600,000 | 3,600,000 | 3,600,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (2,600,000) | (2,600,000) | (2,600,000) | (2,600,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce net funding by \$2,600,000 across various accounts in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | ommended | Comm | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 99,748,643 | 99,748,643 | 99,748,643 | 99,748,643 | - | - | |
| Current Services | (2,600,000) | (2,600,000) | (2,600,000) | (2,600,000) | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 97,148,643 | 97,148,643 | 97,148,643 | 97,148,643 | - | - | |

Attorney General OAG29000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fund F | FY 23 | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 314 | 319 | 319 | 326 | 326 | 319 | 319 |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fund | - | 4 | 4 | - | - | 4 | 4 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 23 FY 24 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 34,389,130 | 33,985,255 | 37,821,931 | 38,349,993 | 38,465,329 | 39,827,147 | 39,827,147 |
| Other Expenses | 880,275 | 1,000,595 | 1,034,810 | 1,034,810 | 1,034,810 | 1,034,810 | 1,034,810 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 35,269,405 | 34,985,850 | 38,856,741 | 39,384,803 | 39,500,139 | 40,861,957 | 40,861,957 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | - | 345,137 | 396,362 | - | - | 407,309 | 407,309 |
| Agency Total - Cannabis | | | | | | | |
| Regulatory Fund | - | 345,137 | 396,362 | - | - | 407,309 | 407,309 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 35,269,405 | 35,330,987 | 39,253,103 | 39,384,803 | 39,500,139 | 41,269,266 | 41,269,266 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

| Personal Services | 407,309 | 407,309 | - | - | (407,309) | (407,309) |
|--|-----------|-----------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | 407,309 | 407,309 | - | - | (407,309) | (407,309) |
| Positions - General Fund | 4 | 4 | - | - | (4) | (4) |
| Personal Services | (407,309) | (407,309) | - | - | 407,309 | 407,309 |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | (407,309) | (407,309) | - | - | 407,309 | 407,309 |
| Positions - Cannabis Regulatory | | | | | | |
| Fund | (4) | (4) | - | - | 4 | 4 |

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$407,309 and 4 positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 for cannabis regulation duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$407,309 and 4 positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

| Assount | Governor Recommended | | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Adjust Funding for Notice of Material Change Legislation

| Personal Services | 115,537 | 230,873 | - | - | (115,537) | (230,873) |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | 115,537 | 230,873 | - | - | (115,537) | (230,873) |
| Positions - General Fund | 3 | 3 | - | - | (3) | (3) |
| | | | | | | |

Background

HB 6873, An Act Strengthening the Review of Healthcare Entity Transactions, strengthens the existing notice of material change statute. This bill requires the Attorney General's office and the Office of Health Strategy to review and evaluate healthcare consolidations and acquisitions.

Governor

Provide funding of \$115,537 in FY 26 and \$230,873 in FY 27 to support three additional positions to implement the notice of material change legislation.

Committee

Remove funding for notice of material change legislation.

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (1,500,000) | (1,500,000) | 500,000 | 500,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | (1,500,000) | (1,500,000) | 500,000 | 500,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Provide funding of \$500,000 to the Personal Services account.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 1,505,216 | 1,505,216 | 1,505,216 | 1,505,216 | - | - |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 1,505,216 | 1,505,216 | 1,505,216 | 1,505,216 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 10,947 | 10,947 | 10,947 | 10,947 | - | - |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | 10,947 | 10,947 | 10,947 | 10,947 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,505,216 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the General Fund and \$10,947 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

| Pudget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Commit | ttee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 38,856,741 | 38,856,741 | 38,856,741 | 38,856,741 | - | | |
| Policy Revisions | 522,846 | 638,182 | - | - | (522,846) | (638,182) | |
| Current Services | 5,216 | 5,216 | 2,005,216 | 2,005,216 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 39,384,803 | 39,500,139 | 40,861,957 | 40,861,957 | 1,477,154 | 1,361,818 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 396,362 | 396,362 | 396,362 | 396,362 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (407,309) | (407,309) | - | - | 407,309 | 407,309 | |
| Current Services | 10,947 | 10,947 | 10,947 | 10,947 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 407,309 | 407,309 | 407,309 | 407,309 | |

| Positions | Governor Rec | ommended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 319 | 319 | 319 | 319 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 7 | 7 | - | - | (7) | (7) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 326 | 326 | 319 | 319 | (7) | (7) | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (4) | (4) | - | - | 4 | 4 | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |

Regulation and Protection

Coordinator – Ryan Proto

Office of Fiscal Analysis

| | Page | A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comm | ittee |
|--------------------------|------|---------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | | 1 | | | · · | ' | ! | | |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Emergency Services and | | | | | | | | | |
| Public Protection | 70 | RP | 213,066,277 | 225,988,163 | 232,578,473 | 230,687,650 | 228,486,393 | 234,503,892 | 234,902,635 |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Protection | 84 | ME | 14,921,876 | 12,941,164 | 17,747,798 | 21,738,181 | 22,109,777 | 15,867,067 | 16,112,153 |
| Commission on Human | | | | | | | | | |
| Rights and | | | | | | | | | |
| Opportunities | 88 | TM | 8,573,835 | 9,623,402 | | 8,512,253 | 8,512,253 | 8,967,787 | 9,172,745 |
| Total - General Fund | | | 236,561,988 | 248,552,729 | 258,500,353 | 260,938,084 | 259,108,423 | 259,338,746 | 260,187,533 |
| Banking Fund | | | | | | | | | |
| Department of Banking | 75 | RP | 23,519,576 | 23,298,059 | 30,131,470 | 30,574,844 | 30,574,844 | 30,151,844 | 30,151,844 |
| Insurance Fund | | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance Department | 77 | AB | 29,980,801 | 29,766,987 | 35,528,436 | 33,767,255 | 33,767,255 | 33,767,255 | 33,767,255 |
| Office of the Behavioral | | | | | | | | | |
| Health Advocate | 79 | AB | - | - | 876,000 | - | - | 876,000 | 876,000 |
| Office of the Healthcare | | | | | | | | | |
| Advocate | 81 | AB | 3,481,636 | 3,193,706 | 4,055,860 | 4,414,801 | 4,414,801 | 4,207,257 | 4,157,257 |
| Total - Insurance Fund | | | 33,462,437 | 32,960,693 | 40,460,296 | 38,182,056 | 38,182,056 | 38,850,512 | 38,800,512 |
| Workers' Compensation | Fund | | | | | | | | |
| Workers' Compensation | | | | | | | | | |
| Commission | 90 | RP | 21,043,307 | 20,571,400 | 23,598,475 | 22,319,417 | 22,319,417 | 22,319,417 | 22,466,032 |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fu | nd | | | | | | | | |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Emergency Services and | | | | | | | | | |
| Public Protection | 70 | RP | - | 157,028 | 1,233,758 | - | - | 633,758 | 633,758 |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Protection | 84 | ME | - | 4,551,641 | 6,004,816 | - | - | 5,684,086 | 5,684,086 |
| Total - Cannabis | | | | | | | | | |
| Regulatory Fund | | | - | 4,708,669 | 7,238,574 | - | - | 6,317,844 | 6,317,844 |
| Total - Appropriated | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds | | | 314,587,308 | 330,091,550 | 359,929,168 | 352,014,401 | 350,184,740 | 356,978,363 | 357,923,765 |

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection DPS32000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|
| Fund | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 1,557 | 1,461 | 1,461 | 1,463 | 1,463 | 1,464 | 1,464 | |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fund | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | 2 | 2 | |

Budget Summary

| Assount | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Personal Services | 169,750,277 | 175,691,719 | 184,655,407 | 183,631,489 | 180,631,489 | 183,121,731 | 180,121,731 | |
| Other Expenses | 31,002,680 | 36,564,787 | 33,479,480 | 33,126,783 | 33,592,572 | 34,102,783 | 34,568,572 | |
| Other Current Expenses | · · · | | | | · · | | | |
| Stress Reduction | - | 130,320 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Fleet Purchase | 6,902,509 | 7,063,650 | 7,736,272 | 7,449,099 | 7,782,053 | 7,449,099 | 7,782,053 | |
| Criminal Justice Information | | | | | | | | |
| System | 4,258,643 | 4,967,691 | 4,990,355 | 4,763,320 | 4,763,320 | 4,763,320 | 4,763,320 | |
| CRISIS | - | - | - | - | - | 1,900,000 | 3,300,000 | |
| Law Enforcement Training | | | | | | | | |
| Partnerships | - | - | - | - | - | 1,350,000 | 2,550,000 | |
| Other Than Payments to Local Go | overnments | | | | · · · · · | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | |
| Fire Training School - | | | | | | | | |
| Willimantic | 150,076 | 242,176 | 242,176 | 242,176 | 242,176 | 242,176 | 242,176 | |
| Maintenance of County Base Fire | | | | | | | | |
| Radio Network | 19,528 | 19,528 | 19,528 | 19,528 | 19,528 | 19,528 | 19,528 | |
| Maintenance of State-Wide Fire | | | | | | | | |
| Radio Network | 12,997 | 12,996 | 12,997 | 12,997 | 12,997 | 12,997 | 12,997 | |
| Police Association of | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | 138,850 | 107,410 | 172,353 | 172,353 | 172,353 | 172,353 | 172,353 | |
| Connecticut State Firefighter's | | | | | | | | |
| Association | 175,482 | 175,887 | 176,625 | 176,625 | 176,625 | 176,625 | 176,625 | |
| Fire Training School - Torrington | 81,367 | 172,267 | 172,267 | 172,267 | 172,267 | 172,267 | 172,267 | |
| Fire Training School - New | | | | | | | | |
| Haven | 48,364 | 108,364 | 108,364 | 108,364 | 108,364 | 108,364 | 108,364 | |
| Fire Training School - Derby | 37,139 | 50,639 | 50,639 | 50,639 | 50,639 | 50,639 | 50,639 | |
| Fire Training School - Wolcott | 100,162 | 171,162 | 171,162 | 171,162 | 171,162 | 171,162 | 171,162 | |
| Fire Training School - Fairfield | 70,395 | 127,500 | 127,501 | 127,501 | 127,501 | 127,501 | 127,501 | |
| Fire Training School - Hartford | 169,336 | 176,836 | 176,836 | 176,836 | 176,836 | 176,836 | 176,836 | |
| Fire Training School - | | | | | | | | |
| Middletown | 68,470 | 70,970 | 70,970 | 70,970 | 70,970 | 70,970 | 70,970 | |
| Fire Training School - Stamford | 55,432 | 75,540 | 75,541 | 75,541 | 75,541 | 75,541 | 75,541 | |
| Eastern Regional Police | | | | | | | | |
| Academy | - | - | - | - | - | 100,000 | 100,000 | |
| Grant Payments to Local Governments | | | | | | | | |
| Volunteer Firefighter Training | 24,570 | 58,721 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 213,066,277 | 225,988,163 | 232,578,473 | 230,687,650 | 228,486,393 | 234,503,892 | 234,902,635 | |
| Personal Services | _ | 157,028 | 1,109,758 | _ | _ | 509,758 | 509,758 | |
| Other Expenses | - | - | 124,000 | - | - | 124,000 | 124,000 | |
| Agency Total - Cannabis | | | , | | | , | , | |
| Regulatory Fund | _ | 157,028 | 1,233,758 | _ | - | 633,758 | 633,758 | |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 213,066,277 | 226,145,191 | 233,812,231 | 230,687,650 | 228,486,393 | 235,137,650 | 235,536,393 | |
| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for the Eastern Regional Police Academy

| Eastern Regional Police Academy | - | - | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |

Committee

Provide \$100,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 for the Eastern Regional Police Academy.

Reduce Funding to Reflect Staffing and Duties Assessment

| Personal Services | (3,000,000) | (6,000,000) | (3,000,000) | (6,000,000) | _ | - |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (3,000,000) | (6,000,000) | (3,000,000) | (6,000,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding of \$3 million in FY 26 and \$6 million in FY 27 to reflect anticipated savings from a staffing and duties assessment.

Committee

Same as Governor

Expand the CRISIS Program Statewide

| Other Expenses | - | - | (400,000) | (400,000) | (400,000) | (400,000) |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CRISIS | - | - | 1,900,000 | 3,300,000 | 1,900,000 | 3,300,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 1,500,000 | 2,900,000 | 1,500,000 | 2,900,000 |

Background

Currently, State Police Troops C and D each receive annual funding of \$200,000 to partially support the CRISIS Program. The funding supports a partnership with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to provide dedicated clinical mental health staff at each troop for five days per week. To fully implement the CRISIS program at every non-highway troop (A, B, C, D, E, F, I, K, L) seven days per week, each troop will require \$350,000 per year. The annual cost for Crisis Intervention Training statewide is not expected to exceed \$150,000. The total statewide cost is \$3.3 million annually with a partial appropriation of \$1.9 million in FY 26 to allow time to fully implement.

Committee

Provide funding of \$1.9 million in FY 26 and \$3.3 million in FY 27 to fully implement the CRISIS program at every non-highway troop.

Remove funding of \$400,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 from Other Expenses to reflect the transfer of current CRISIS Program expenditures to the new CRISIS SID.

Provide Funding for Social Work and Law Enforcement Project and Police Training Center

| Law Enforcement Training | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Partnerships | - | - | 1,350,000 | 2,550,000 | 1,350,000 | 2,550,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 1,350,000 | 2,550,000 | 1,350,000 | 2,550,000 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

Background

Funding of \$1 million in FY 26 and \$2.2 million in FY 27 will be used to establish the social work and law enforcement project at Southern Connecticut State University and a police training center at Central Connecticut State University. The Police Officer Standards and Training Council will require \$350,000 in both years to hire three additional staff to develop a training curriculum for police officers' interactions with persons who have mental illness or mental or physical disabilities.

Committee

Provide funding of \$850,000 in FY 26, \$2.55 million in FY 27, and three positions in both years to establish a social work and law enforcement project at Southern Connecticut State University and establish a police training center at Central Connecticut State University.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Maintain Funding for Volunteer Fire Companies on Limited Highways Program

| | _ | | | - | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Other Expenses | (1,500,000) | (1,500,000) | - | - | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (1,500,000) | (1,500,000) | - | - | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| | | | | | | |

Background

Section 75 of *PA* 22-118 (as amended by *PA* 22-146), the FY 23 Revised Budget, requires the State Fire Administrator to reimburse volunteer fire companies for responding to calls on certain limited access highways.

In FY 24, 3,142 claims were submitted and \$1.5 million was expended. As of 1/31/2025, 1,943 claims have been submitted with \$612,000 expended in FY 25.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$1.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 for reimbursements to volunteer fire companies responding to calls on certain limited access highways.

Committee

Continue funding at current level.

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

| | 0 | | | | |
|-----------|--|---|---|---|---|
| 509,758 | 509,758 | - | - | (509,758) | (509,758) |
| 124,000 | 124,000 | - | - | (124,000) | (124,000) |
| 633,758 | 633,758 | - | - | (633,758) | (633,758) |
| 2 | 2 | - | - | (2) | (2) |
| (509,758) | (509,758) | - | - | 509,758 | 509,758 |
| (124,000) | (124,000) | - | - | 124,000 | 124,000 |
| (633,758) | (633,758) | - | - | 633,758 | 633,758 |
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| (2) | (2) | - | - | 2 | 2 |
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Background

PA 21-1 JSS, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$633,758 and 2 positions in both FY 26 and FY27 for cannabis regulation and enforcement duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Committee

Do not transfer funding of \$633,758 and 2 positions in both FY 26 and FY27 for cannabis regulation and enforcement duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 1,995,324 | 1,995,324 | 1,995,324 | 1,995,324 | _ | - |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Criminal Justice Information System | 22,965 | 22,965 | 22,965 | 22,965 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 2,018,289 | 2,018,289 | 2,018,289 | 2,018,289 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,018,289 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Clean Slate System Upgrades

| Other Expenses | 563,460 | 580,364 | 563,460 | 580,364 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 563,460 | 580,364 | 563,460 | 580,364 | - | - |

Background

DESPP currently contracts with Idemia and pays annual maintenance fees to implement the Clean Slate System. These maintenance costs were previously paid from sources outside the General Fund. Future increases to these costs in the out years are expected to only include a 3% annual increase.

Governor

Provide funding of \$563,460 in FY 26 and \$580,364 in FY 27 to support annual maintenance costs for the Clean Slate system.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (529,000) | (529,000) | (529,000) | (529,000) | _ | - |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | (80,000) | (80,000) | (80,000) | (80,000) | - | - |
| Fleet Purchase | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - |
| Criminal Justice Information System | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (1,359,000) | (1,359,000) | (1,359,000) | (1,359,000) | - | - |
| Personal Services | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | - | - |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,959,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for State Forensic Science Laboratory Maintenance

| Other Expenses | 477,188 | 861,188 | 477,188 | 861,188 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 477,188 | 861,188 | 477,188 | 861,188 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$477,188 in FY 26 and \$861,188 in FY 27 to adjust for scheduled annual increases in the State Forensic Science Laboratory equipment maintenance and information technology contracts.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Fleet Lease Obligations

| Fleet Purchase | 212,827 | 545,781 | 212,827 | 545,781 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 212,827 | 545,781 | 212,827 | 545,781 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$212,827 in FY 26 and \$545,781 in FY 27 to cover the costs of new fleet leases.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference fr | om Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|---------------|-------------|--|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |

Provide Funding for Computerized Criminal History System Maintenance

| Other Expenses 62,655 | 127,540 | 62,655 | 127,540 | - | - |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---|---|
| | | | | | |
| Total - General Fund 62,655 | 127,540 | 62,655 | 127,540 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$62,665 in FY 26 and \$127,540 in FY 27 to adjust for scheduled annual increases in the Computerized Criminal History System maintenance contracts.

Committee

Same as Governor

| | Totals | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ttee | Difference from Governor | | | | | | |
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | | | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 232,578,473 | 232,578,473 | 232,578,473 | 232,578,473 | - | - | | | | | |
| Policy Revisions | (3,866,242) | (6,866,242) | (50,000) | (450,000) | 3,816,242 | 6,416,242 | | | | | |
| Current Services | 1,975,419 | 2,774,162 | 1,975,419 | 2,774,162 | - | - | | | | | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 230,687,650 | 228,486,393 | 234,503,892 | 234,902,635 | 3,816,242 | 6,416,242 | | | | | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 1,233,758 | 1,233,758 | 1,233,758 | 1,233,758 | - | - | | | | | |
| Policy Revisions | (633,758) | (633,758) | - | - | 633,758 | 633,758 | | | | | |
| Current Services | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | - | - | | | | | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 633,758 | 633,758 | 633,758 | 633,758 | | | | | |

| | Governor Reco | ommended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 1,461 | 1,461 | 1,461 | 1,461 | _ | _ | |
| Policy Revisions | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 1,463 | 1,463 | 1,464 | 1,464 | 1 | 1 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (2) | (2) | - | - | 2 | 2 | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |

Department of Banking DOB37000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Eurod | Actual | Actual | | | commended | Committee | | |
|--------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|
| Fund | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Banking Fund | 115 | 125 | 128 | 130 | 130 | 128 | 128 | |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | |
| Personal Services | 11,274,082 | 11,518,625 | 14,628,566 | 15,416,809 | 15,416,809 | 15,181,809 | 15,181,809 | | | |
| Other Expenses | 1,267,691 | 1,312,820 | 1,375,510 | 1,375,510 | 1,375,510 | 1,375,510 | 1,375,510 | | | |
| Equipment | 256 | 41,448 | 44,900 | 44,900 | 44,900 | 44,900 | 44,900 | | | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fringe Benefits | 10,422,839 | 10,106,094 | 13,763,422 | 12,333,447 | 12,333,447 | 12,145,447 | 12,145,447 | | | |
| Indirect Overhead | 554,708 | 319,072 | 319,072 | 1,404,178 | 1,404,178 | 1,404,178 | 1,404,178 | | | |
| Agency Total - Banking Fund | 23,519,576 | 23,298,059 | 30,131,470 | 30,574,844 | 30,574,844 | 30,151,844 | 30,151,844 | | | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Adjust Funding to Expand the Financial Protection and Innovation Team

| Personal Services | 235,000 | 235,000 | - | - | (235,000) | (235,000) |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Fringe Benefits | 188,000 | 188,000 | - | - | (188,000) | (188,000) |
| Total - Banking Fund | 423,000 | 423,000 | - | - | (423,000) | (423,000) |
| Positions - Banking Fund | 2 | 2 | - | - | (2) | (2) |

Background

The Financial Protection and Innovation Team was created in FY 24. The team is responsible for analyzing, regulating, and overseeing highly specialized areas of the banking industry such as cannabis banking, cryptocurrency, and cybersecurity, with more enforcement focus on Fair Credit, Truth-in-Lending, and other consumer protection laws.

Governor

Provide funding of \$423,000 and two positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 to expand the Financial Protection and Innovation Team.

Committee

Continue funding at current level.

Current Services

Adjust Fringe Benefits to Reflect Actual Rates

| Fringe Benefits | (1,617,975) | (1,617,975) | (1,617,975) | (1,617,975) | - | - |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - Banking Fund | (1,617,975) | (1,617,975) | (1,617,975) | (1,617,975) | - | - |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

The fringe benefit costs for employees supported by funds other than the General Fund are budgeted within their respective agencies, as opposed to the fringe benefits account within the Office of the State Comptroller.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,617,975 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect necessary funds for fringe benefits.

Committee

Same as Governor

Fund Indirect Overhead at Comptroller's Projected Amount

| Indirect Overhead | 1,085,106 | 1,085,106 | 1,085,106 | 1,085,106 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - Banking Fund | 1,085,106 | 1,085,106 | 1,085,106 | 1,085,106 | - | - |

Background

Agencies funded outside the General Fund are charged with indirect overhead costs by the Office of the State Comptroller for utilizing certain centralized state agency services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,085,106 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to ensure sufficient funds for indirect overhead.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 553,243 | 553,243 | 553,243 | 553,243 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - Banking Fund | 553,243 | 553,243 | 553,243 | 553,243 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$553,243 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | Governor Recommended | | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - BF | 30,131,470 | 30,131,470 | 30,131,470 | 30,131,470 | _ | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 423,000 | 423,000 | - | _ | (423,000) | (423,000) | |
| Current Services | 20,374 | 20,374 | 20,374 | 20,374 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - BF | 30,574,844 | 30,574,844 | 30,151,844 | 30,151,844 | (423,000) | (423,000) | |

| Positions | Governor Recommended | | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - BF | 128 | 128 | 128 | 128 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 2 | 2 | - | - | (2) | (2) | |
| Total Recommended - BF | 130 | 130 | 128 | 128 | (2) | (2) | |

Insurance Department DOI37500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Eurod | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|----------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fund | | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Insurance Fund | 145 | 157 | 157 | 157 | 157 | 157 | 157 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual Actual A | | Governor Red | commended | Committee | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 14,704,501 | 14,896,042 | 17,459,258 | 17,428,950 | 17,428,950 | 17,428,950 | 17,428,950 |
| Other Expenses | 1,569,882 | 1,604,202 | 1,609,489 | 1,609,489 | 1,609,489 | 1,609,489 | 1,609,489 |
| Equipment | 51,978 | 137,674 | 62,500 | 62,500 | 62,500 | 62,500 | 62,500 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Fringe Benefits | 13,328,446 | 12,881,694 | 16,149,814 | 13,071,712 | 13,071,712 | 13,071,712 | 13,071,712 |
| Indirect Overhead | 325,994 | 247,375 | 247,375 | 1,594,604 | 1,594,604 | 1,594,604 | 1,594,604 |
| Agency Total - Insurance Fund | 29,980,801 | 29,766,987 | 35,528,436 | 33,767,255 | 33,767,255 | 33,767,255 | 33,767,255 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Current Services

Adjust Fringe Benefits to Reflect Actual Rates

| Fringe Benefits | (2,515,602) | (2,515,602) | (2,515,602) | (2,515,602) | - | - |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - Insurance Fund | (2,515,602) | (2,515,602) | (2,515,602) | (2,515,602) | - | - |

Background

The fringe benefits costs for employees supported by funds other than the General Fund are budgeted within their respective agencies, as opposed to the fringe benefits account within the Office of the State Comptroller.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,515,602 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect necessary funds for fringe benefits.

Committee

Same as Governor

Fund Indirect Overhead at Comptroller's Projected Amount

| | - | , | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Indirect Overhead | 1,347,229 | 1,347,229 | 1,347,229 | 1,347,229 | - | - |
| Total - Insurance Fund | 1,347,229 | 1,347,229 | 1,347,229 | 1,347,229 | - | - |

Background

Agencies funded outside the General Fund are charged with indirect overhead costs by the Office of the State Comptroller for utilizing certain centralized state agency services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,347,229 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to ensure sufficient funds for indirect overhead.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Total - Insurance Fund | (1,312,500) | (1,312,500) | (1,312,500) | (1,312,500) | - | - |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Fringe Benefits | (562,500) | (562,500) | (562,500) | (562,500) | - | - |
| Personal Services | (750,000) | (750,000) | (750,000) | (750,000) | - | - |
| Porconal Compiess | (750,000) | (750,000) | (750,000) | (750,000) | | |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,312,500 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 719,692 | 719,692 | 719,692 | 719,692 | - | - |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - Insurance Fund | 719,692 | 719,692 | 719,692 | 719,692 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide \$719,692 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | ommended | Commi | ittee | Difference from Governor | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 35,528,436 | 35,528,436 | 35,528,436 | 35,528,436 | - | |
| Current Services | (1,761,181) | (1,761,181) | (1,761,181) | (1,761,181) | - | |
| Total Recommended - IF | 33,767,255 | 33,767,255 | 33,767,255 | 33,767,255 | - | |

Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate OBH39300

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|----------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Insurance Fund | - | 4 | 4 | - | - | 4 | 4 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual FY 23 | Actual FY 24 | Appropriation FY 25 | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Account | | | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | | |
| Personal Services | - | - | 387,000 | - | - | 387,000 | 387,000 | | | | |
| Other Expenses | - | - | 65,500 | - | - | 65,500 | 65,500 | | | | |
| Other Current Expenses | Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fringe Benefits | - | - | 401,000 | - | - | 401,000 | 401,000 | | | | |
| Indirect Overhead | - | - | 22,500 | - | - | 22,500 | 22,500 | | | | |
| Agency Total - Insurance Fund | - | - | 876,000 | - | - | 876,000 | 876,000 | | | | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Eliminate the Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate and Transfer the Behavioral Health Advocate to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate

| Personal Services | (387,000) | (387,000) | - | - | 387,000 | 387,000 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|
| Other Expenses | (65,500) | (65,500) | - | - | 65,500 | 65,500 |
| Fringe Benefits | (401,000) | (401,000) | - | - | 401,000 | 401,000 |
| Indirect Overhead | (22,500) | (22,500) | - | - | 22,500 | 22,500 |
| Total - Insurance Fund | (876,000) | (876,000) | - | - | 876,000 | 876,000 |
| Positions - Insurance Fund | (4) | (4) | - | - | 4 | 4 |

Background

The Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate (OBH) was established by Sections 10 and 11 of PA 23-101, *An Act Concerning the Mental*, *Physical and Emotional Wellness of Children*. The office's responsibilities are to: (1) assist mental and behavioral health care providers with receiving payments for claims submitted to health carriers for services provided to covered patients, and (2) assist residents with accessing mental and behavioral health care and related resources. One of the four positions, the Behavioral Health Advocate, originally funded in FY 24 has been filled.

Governor

Eliminate OBH as a separate agency and transfer one position, the Behavioral Health Advocate, and funding of \$257,544 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from OBH to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate (OHA). Eliminate the remaining three positions in OBH and funding of \$618,456 in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

Do not eliminate OBH as a separate agency and do not transfer any positions or funding from OBH to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate (OHA). Do not eliminate any positions or funding in OBH.

| Budget Components | Governor Recommended | | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------------------------|---------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 876,000 | 876,000 | 876,000 | 876,000 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (876,000) | (876,000) | - | - | 876,000 | 876,000 | |
| Total Recommended - IF | - | _ | 876,000 | 876,000 | 876,000 | 876,000 | |

| Positions | Governor Recommended | | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | _ | _ | |
| Policy Revisions | (4) | (4) | - | - | 4 | 4 | |
| Total Recommended - IF | - | - | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |

Office of the Healthcare Advocate MCO39400

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|----------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Insurance Fund | 18 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 19 | 19 |

Budget Summary

| Associat | Actual | Actual | Appropriation FY 25 | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Account | FY 23 F | FY 24 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Personal Services | 1,620,031 | 1,539,474 | 1,876,329 | 2,072,836 | 2,072,836 | 1,947,836 | 1,947,836 | |
| Other Expenses | 210,303 | 226,766 | 292,991 | 302,991 | 302,991 | 342,991 | 292,991 | |
| Equipment | 4,715 | 4,239 | 5,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Fringe Benefits | 1,550,653 | 1,373,342 | 1,831,655 | 1,949,199 | 1,949,199 | 1,831,655 | 1,831,655 | |
| Indirect Overhead | 95,934 | 49,885 | 49,885 | 79,775 | 79,775 | 79,775 | 79,775 | |
| Agency Total - Insurance Fund | 3,481,636 | 3,193,706 | 4,055,860 | 4,414,801 | 4,414,801 | 4,207,257 | 4,157,257 | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Eliminate the Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate and Transfer the Behavioral Health Advocate to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate

| Positions - Insurance Fund | 1 | 1 | - | - | (1) | (1) |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total - Insurance Fund | 257,544 | 257,544 | _ | - | (257,544) | (257,544) |
| Fringe Benefits | 117,544 | 117,544 | - | - | (117,544) | (117,544) |
| Equipment | 5,000 | 5,000 | - | - | (5,000) | (5,000) |
| Other Expenses | 10,000 | 10,000 | - | - | (10,000) | (10,000) |
| Personal Services | 125,000 | 125,000 | - | - | (125,000) | (125,000) |

Background

The Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate (OBH) was established by Sections 10 and 11 of PA 23-101, *An Act Concerning the Mental, Physical and Emotional Wellness of Children*. The office's responsibilities are to: (1) assist mental and behavioral health care providers with receiving payments for claims submitted to health carriers for services provided to covered patients, and (2) assist residents with accessing mental and behavioral health care and related resources. One of the four positions, the Behavioral Health Advocate, originally funded in FY 24 has been filled.

Governor

Transfer one position, the Behavioral Health Advocate, and funding of \$257,544 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate.

Committee

Do not transfer any positions or funding from the Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate.

Provide Funding for Hospital Financial Assistance Portal

| Other Expenses | - | - | 50,000 | - | 50,000 | - |
|------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--------|---|
| Total - Insurance Fund | - | - | 50,000 | - | 50,000 | - |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

Hospitals provide financial assistance programs to help low-income and uninsured patients reduce or eliminate their medical bills. These programs vary by hospital but typically include discounts, payment plans, or full coverage for those who qualify based on income and financial hardship. To improve access and transparency, SB 1192, *An Act Concerning Hospital Financial Assistance*, creates a portal where patients can easily find these assistance options.

Committee

Provide funding of \$50,000 in FY 26 to contract with a vendor to develop an online hospital financial assistance portal for patients and family members.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 71,507 | 71,507 | 71,507 | 71,507 | - | - |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - Insurance Fund | 71,507 | 71,507 | 71,507 | 71,507 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$71,507 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Fund Indirect Overhead at Comptroller's Projected Amount

| Indirect Overhead | 29,890 | 29,890 | 29,890 | 29,890 | - | - |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - Insurance Fund | 29,890 | 29,890 | 29,890 | 29,890 | - | - |

Background

Agencies funded outside the General Fund are charged with indirect overhead costs by the Office of the State Comptroller for utilizing certain centralized state agency services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$29,890 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to ensure sufficient funds for indirect overhead.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Common ato | Governor Reco | ommended | Commi | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 4,055,860 | 4,055,860 | 4,055,860 | 4,055,860 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 257,544 | 257,544 | 50,000 | - | (207,544) | (257,544) | |
| Current Services | 101,397 | 101,397 | 101,397 | 101,397 | _ | - | |
| Total Recommended - IF | 4,414,801 | 4,414,801 | 4,207,257 | 4,157,257 | (207,544) | (257,544) | |

| Positions | Governor Recommended | | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 1 | 1 | - | - | (1) | (1) | |
| Total Recommended - IF | 20 | 20 | 19 | 19 | (1) | (1) | |

Department of Consumer Protection DCP39500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| runu | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 217 | 220 | 220 | 285 | 288 | 220 | 223 |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fund | - | 62 | 62 | - | - | 62 | 62 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Red | commended | Comn | nittee |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 13,734,080 | 12,027,480 | 16,030,358 | 20,583,972 | 21,055,568 | 15,169,127 | 15,414,213 |
| Other Expenses | 1,187,796 | 913,684 | 1,717,440 | 1,154,209 | 1,054,209 | 697,940 | 697,940 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 14,921,876 | 12,941,164 | 17,747,798 | 21,738,181 | 22,109,777 | 15,867,067 | 16,112,153 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | - | 4,216,030 | 5,656,047 | - | - | 5,335,317 | 5,335,317 |
| Other Expenses | - | 335,611 | 348,769 | - | - | 348,769 | 348,769 |
| Agency Total - Cannabis | | | | | | | |
| Regulatory Fund | - | 4,551,641 | 6,004,816 | - | - | 5,684,086 | 5,684,086 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 14,921,876 | 17,492,805 | 23,752,614 | 21,738,181 | 22,109,777 | 21,551,153 | 21,796,239 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

| Other Expenses | 348,769 | 348,769 | - | - | (348,769) | (348,769) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total - General Fund | 5,684,086 | 5,684,086 | - | - | (5,684,086) | (5,684,086) |
| Positions - General Fund | 62 | 62 | - | - | (62) | (62) |
| Personal Services | (5,335,317) | (5,335,317) | - | - | 5,335,317 | 5,335,317 |
| Other Expenses | (348,769) | (348,769) | - | - | 348,769 | 348,769 |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | (5,684,086) | (5,684,086) | - | - | 5,684,086 | 5,684,086 |
| Positions - Cannabis Regulatory | | | | | | |
| Fund | (62) | (62) | - | - | 62 | 62 |

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$5,684,086 and 62 positions in both FY 26 and FY27 for cannabis regulation duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$5,684,086 and 62 positions in both FY 26 and FY27 in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Adjust Funding to Establish the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program

| Personal Services | 79,528 | 306,038 | - | - | (79,528) | (306,038) |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Other Expenses | 107,500 | 7,500 | - | - | (107,500) | (7,500) |
| Total - General Fund | 187,028 | 313,538 | - | - | (187,028) | (313,538) |
| Positions - General Fund | 3 | 3 | - | - | (3) | (3) |

Background

HB 6870, An Act Addressing Patients' Prescription Drug Costs, requires the department to establish a Canadian drug importation program. Funding is provided for a consultant to draft a feasibility study and help submit a program application to the FDA and for two drug control agents and one staff attorney to oversee the program.

Governor

Provide funding of \$187,028 in FY 26 and \$313,538 in FY 27 to fund a consultant and three positions to establish the Canadian prescription drug importation program.

Committee

Remove funding of \$187,028 in FY 26 and \$313,538 in FY 27 to fund a consultant and three positions to establish the Canadian prescription drug importation program.

Transfer Funding for Software to DAS

| Other Expenses | (694,500) | (694,500) | (694,500) | (694,500) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (694,500) | (694,500) | (694,500) | (694,500) | - | - |

Background

Bamboo Health maintains the Connecticut Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) for the state. During previous IT consolidation a part of this contract was transferred to DAS BITS.

The PDMP collects prescription data for Schedule II through Schedule V drugs into a centralized database, the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS), which can then be used by healthcare providers and pharmacists in the active treatment of their patients.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$694,500 in FY 26 and FY 27 to DAS BITS for the PDMP software contract.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Enforce the Junk Fees Legislation

| Personal Services | - | 172,328 | - | 172,328 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|---|---------|---|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | - | 172,328 | - | 172,328 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |

Background

SB 1248, An Act Expanding Consumer Protections, requires price disclosure and transparency for various fees and makes a violation an unfair trade practice.

Governor

Provide funding of \$172,328 in FY 27 for one staff attorney and one special investigator to enforce the junk fees legislation.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Homemaker Companion Agency Oversight

| Personal Services | - | 72,758 | - | 72,758 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|---|--------|---|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | - | 72,758 | - | 72,758 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |

Background

A Homemaker Companion Agency is any public or private organization, employing one or more persons that is engaged in the business of providing companion services or homemaker services. Since 2008 any homemaker companion agency is required to

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

register with the Department which regulates the industry through audits and investigations of complaints. The industry currently has over 1,000 Homemaker Companion Agencies.

Governor

Provide funding of \$72,758 in FY 27 for one special investigator to help regulate this industry.

Committee

Same as Governor

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (1,600,000) | (1,600,000) | (1,600,000) | (1,600,000) | - | - |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | (325,000) | (325,000) | (325,000) | (325,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (1,925,000) | (1,925,000) | (1,925,000) | (1,925,000) | - | - |
| Personal Services | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,925,000 in FY 26 and in FY 27 to the General Fund and \$500,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 738,769 | 738,769 | 738,769 | 738,769 | - | - |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 738,769 | 738,769 | 738,769 | 738,769 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 179,270 | 179,270 | 179,270 | 179,270 | - | - |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | 179,270 | 179,270 | 179,270 | 179,270 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$738,769 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the General Fund and \$179,270 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ttee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 17,747,798 | 17,747,798 | 17,747,798 | 17,747,798 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 5,176,614 | 5,548,210 | (694,500) | (449,414) | (5,871,114) | (5,997,624) | |
| Current Services | (1,186,231) | (1,186,231) | (1,186,231) | (1,186,231) | _ | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 21,738,181 | 22,109,777 | 15,867,067 | 16,112,153 | (5,871,114) | (5,997,624) | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 6,004,816 | 6,004,816 | 6,004,816 | 6,004,816 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (5,684,086) | (5,684,086) | - | - | 5,684,086 | 5,684,086 | |
| Current Services | (320,730) | (320,730) | (320,730) | (320,730) | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 5,684,086 | 5,684,086 | 5,684,086 | 5,684,086 | |

| Destrieure | Governor Reco | ommended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 220 | 220 | 220 | 220 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 65 | 68 | - | 3 | (65) | (65) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 285 | 288 | 220 | 223 | (65) | (65) | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 62 | 62 | 62 | 62 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (62) | (62) | - | - | 62 | 62 | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 62 | 62 | 62 | 62 | |

Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities HRO41100

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Find | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|--------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | FY 23 | | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 84 | 91 | 91 | 91 | 91 | 95 | 99 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Account | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | |
| Personal Services | 7,785,805 | 7,831,969 | 7,919,578 | 8,257,749 | 8,257,749 | 8,543,283 | 8,768,241 | |
| Other Expenses | 782,406 | 1,786,393 | 248,527 | 248,527 | 248,527 | 418,527 | 398,527 | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | · · · · · | | | | |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. | | | | | | | | |
| Commission | 5,624 | 5,040 | 5,977 | 5,977 | 5,977 | 5,977 | 5,977 | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 8,573,835 | 9,623,402 | 8,174,082 | 8,512,253 | 8,512,253 | 8,967,787 | 9,172,745 | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding to Support Additional HRO Complaint Intake Officers

| Personal Services | - | - | 126,118 | 252,236 | 126,118 | 252,236 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 126,118 | 252,236 | 126,118 | 252,236 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$126,118 and two FTE in FY 26, and \$252,236 in FY 27 and four FTE to support HRO Compliant Intake Officers.

Provide Funding to Streamline the Affirmative Action Program

| Other Expenses | - | - | 170,000 | 150,000 | 170,000 | 150,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 170,000 | 150,000 | 170,000 | 150,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$170,000 in FY 26 and \$150,000 in FY 27 to support the development and maintenance of an automated affirmative action program.

Provide Funding to Support a Secretary I

| Personal Services | - | - | - | 50,475 | - | 50,475 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|--------|---|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 50,475 | - | 50,475 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$50,475 and one FTE in FY 27, to support a Secretary I.

Provide Funding to Support an Office Assistant

| Personal Services | - | - | - | 48,365 | - | 48,365 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|--------|---|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 48,365 | - | 48,365 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$48,365 and one FTE in FY 27, to support an Office Assistant.

Provide Funding to Transition Two Durational Positions to Permanent Positions.

| Personal Services | - | - | 159,416 | 159,416 | 159,416 | 159,416 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 159,416 | 159,416 | 159,416 | 159,416 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$159,416 and two FTE in FY 26 and FY 27 to support a HRO Complaint Intake Officer, and a Human Rights Attorney II. These positions are currently durational and will expire on June 30th.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 338,171 | 338,171 | 338,171 | 338,171 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 338,171 | 338,171 | 338,171 | 338,171 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$338,171 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 8,174,082 | 8,174,082 | 8,174,082 | 8,174,082 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | 455,534 | 660,492 | 455,534 | 660,492 | |
| Current Services | 338,171 | 338,171 | 338,171 | 338,171 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 8,512,253 | 8,512,253 | 8,967,787 | 9,172,745 | 455,534 | 660,492 | |

| Positions | Governor Recommended | | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| rositions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 91 | 91 | 91 | 91 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | 4 | 8 | 4 | 8 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 91 | 91 | 95 | 99 | 4 | 8 | |

Workers' Compensation Commission WCC42000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual Actual Approp | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Fund | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Workers' Compensation Fund | 111 | 111 | 111 | 111 | 111 | 111 | 111 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 9,083,658 | 9,118,656 | 10,144,612 | 9,729,348 | 9,729,348 | 9,729,348 | 9,841,921 |
| Other Expenses | 2,705,114 | 2,412,447 | 2,476,091 | 2,476,091 | 2,476,091 | 2,476,091 | 2,476,091 |
| Equipment | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Fringe Benefits | 8,874,410 | 8,545,020 | 10,482,494 | 8,527,772 | 8,527,772 | 8,527,772 | 8,561,814 |
| Indirect Overhead | 380,125 | 495,277 | 495,277 | 1,586,205 | 1,586,205 | 1,586,205 | 1,586,205 |
| Agency Total - Workers' | | | | | | | |
| Compensation Fund | 21,043,307 | 20,571,400 | 23,598,475 | 22,319,417 | 22,319,417 | 22,319,417 | 22,466,032 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Judges' Salary Increases

| Personal Services | - | - | - | 112,573 | _ | 112,573 |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---------|---|---------|
| Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | 34,042 | - | 34,042 |
| Total - Workers' Compensation | | | | | | |
| Fund | - | - | - | 146,615 | - | 146,615 |

Background

This budget includes a 3.5% raise for judges in FY 27. CGS § 31-277 provides that the salary of an Administrative Law Judge in the Workers' Compensation Commission be tied to that of a Superior Court Judge.

Committee

Provide funding of \$146,615 in FY 27 to reflect an increase in judges' salaries.

Current Services

Adjust Fringe Benefits to Reflect Actual Rates

| Fringe Benefits | (1,954,722) | (1,954,722) | (1,954,722) | (1,954,722) | - | - |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - Workers' Compensation | | | | | | |
| Fund | (1,954,722) | (1,954,722) | (1,954,722) | (1,954,722) | - | - |

Background

The fringe benefit costs for employees supported by funds other than the General Fund are budgeted within their respective agencies, as opposed to the fringe benefits account within the Office of the State Comptroller.

| Assount | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,954,722 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect necessary funds for fringe benefits.

Committee

Same as Governor

Fund Indirect Overhead at Comptroller's Projected Amount

| Indirect Overhead | 1,090,928 | 1,090,928 | 1,090,928 | 1,090,928 | - | - |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - Workers' Compensation | | | | | | |
| Fund | 1,090,928 | 1,090,928 | 1,090,928 | 1,090,928 | - | - |

Background

Agencies funded outside the General Fund are charged with indirect overhead costs by the Office of the State Comptroller for utilizing certain centralized state agency services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,090,928 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to ensure sufficient funds for indirect overhead.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (700,000) | (700,000) | (700,000) | (700,000) | - | - |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - Workers' Compensation | | | | | | |
| Fund | (700,000) | (700,000) | (700,000) | (700,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$700,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 284,736 | 284,736 | 284,736 | 284,736 | - | - |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - Workers' Compensation | | | | | | |
| Fund | 284,736 | 284,736 | 284,736 | 284,736 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$284,736 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Comm | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - WF | 23,598,475 | 23,598,475 | 23,598,475 | 23,598,475 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | _ | - | - | 146,615 | - | 146,615 | |
| Current Services | (1,279,058) | (1,279,058) | (1,279,058) | (1,279,058) | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - WF | 22,319,417 | 22,319,417 | 22,319,417 | 22,466,032 | - | 146,615 | |

Conservation and Development

Coordinator – Sarah Bourne

Office of Fiscal Analysis

| | | | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comn | nittee |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Page # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | | 11 | | | | 1 | I | I | |
| Labor Department | 96 | CR, CW | 102,956,598 | 89,001,293 | 90,216,419 | 83,300,618 | 83,282,618 | 89,859,907 | 89,844,907 |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 102 | SB | 10,287,107 | 10,196,687 | 8,182,243 | 6,848,102 | 6,848,102 | 8,528,102 | 8,678,102 |
| Department of Energy | | | | | | | | | |
| and Environmental | | | | | | | | | |
| Protection | 105 | SB | 59,786,005 | 58,309,749 | 56,341,647 | 58,249,541 | 58,249,541 | 57,864,121 | 58,949,541 |
| Council on | | | | , , | | . , | , , | | |
| Environmental Quality | | MR | 3,183 | - | - | _ | _ | - | - |
| Department of | | | 0,100 | | | | | | |
| Economic and | | | | | | | | | |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Development | 110 | EW | 45,817,921 | 46,354,890 | 37,481,644 | 29,866,635 | 30,264,035 | 35,110,330 | 35,272,830 |
| Department of | 110 | 2 | 10/01/ //21 | 10,00 1,070 | 07,101,011 | 2),000,000 | 00,201,000 | 00,110,000 | 00,2,2,000 |
| Housing | 121 | BP | 112,695,237 | 123,331,485 | 113,907,534 | 130,486,218 | 139,610,259 | 133,006,218 | 145,130,259 |
| Agricultural | 121 | DI | 112,075,257 | 120,001,400 | 115,707,554 | 130,400,210 | 137,010,237 | 155,000,210 | 140,100,207 |
| Experiment Station | 126 | SB | 7,968,732 | 8,384,175 | 8,904,132 | 9,594,079 | 9,594,079 | 9,270,012 | 9,270,012 |
| Total - General Fund | 120 | 50 | | | | | | | |
| | P 1 | | 339,514,783 | 335,578,279 | 315,033,619 | 318,345,193 | 327,848,634 | 333,638,690 | 347,145,651 |
| Special Transportation | Funa | | | | | | | | |
| Department of Energy | | | | | | | | | |
| and Environmental | 405 | CD | 2 250 (20) | 4450.004 | | 4 4 4 4 5 0 0 | 1 116 500 | 4.446 500 | 4 444 500 |
| Protection | 105 | SB | 3,250,639 | 4,179,086 | 4,342,541 | 4,446,582 | 4,446,582 | 4,446,582 | 4,446,582 |
| Banking Fund | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Labor Department | 96 | CR, CW | 1,358,709 | 1,665,397 | 1,704,397 | 1,704,397 | 1,704,397 | 1,704,397 | 1,704,397 |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Housing | 121 | BP | 670,000 | 670,000 | | 670,000 | 670,000 | 670,000 | 670,000 |
| Total - Banking Fund | | | 2,028,709 | 2,335,397 | 2,374,397 | 2,374,397 | 2,374,397 | 2,374,397 | 2,374,397 |
| Insurance Fund | | | | | | | | | |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Housing | 121 | BP | 170,311 | 177,592 | 178,788 | 182,977 | 182,977 | 182,977 | 182,977 |
| Consumer Counsel and | Public Uti | lity Cont | rol Fund | | | | | | |
| Office of Consumer | | | | | | | | | |
| Counsel | 94 | SB | 3,401,495 | 3,798,326 | 4,611,081 | 4,586,903 | 4,586,903 | 4,586,903 | 4,586,903 |
| Department of Energy | | | | -, -, | , | ,,. | , , | ,, | ,, |
| and Environmental | | | | | | | | | |
| Protection | 105 | SB | 25,611,562 | 27,145,772 | 32,547,341 | 31,455,685 | 31,455,685 | 31,455,685 | 31,455,685 |
| Total - Consumer | 100 | 0.0 | | _,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 02,017,011 | 01/100/000 | 01/100/000 | 01/100/000 | 01/100/000 |
| Counsel and Public | | | | | | | | | |
| Utility Control Fund | | | 29,013,057 | 30,944,098 | 37,158,422 | 36,042,588 | 36,042,588 | 36,042,588 | 36,042,588 |
| Workers' Compensation | Fund | | | 00,512,050 | 01,100,111 | 00,012,000 | 00,012,000 | 00,012,000 | 00,012,000 |
| Labor Department | | CR, CW | 685,882 | 686,448 | 708,113 | 708,113 | 708,113 | 708,113 | 708,113 |
| Tourism Fund | 70 | ch, ch | 000,002 | 000,110 | 700,110 | 700,110 | 700,110 | 700,110 | 700,110 |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Economic and | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Community Development | 110 | EW | 13 202 404 | 17 150 110 | 16 144 452 | 14 100 001 | 14 100 001 | 17 450 500 | 17,940,810 |
| • | | I | 13,393,426 | 17,458,418 | 16,144,453 | 14,100,901 | 14,100,901 | 17,459,502 | 17,940,810 |
| Cannabis Social Equity | anu innov | ation Fui | iu | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Economic and | | | | | | | | | |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Development | 110 | EW | - | 2,108,708 | 10,200,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fu | ınd | | | | | | | | |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Economic and | 110 | EW | - | 60,355 | 100,000 | - | - | 104,305 | 104,305 |

| | Daga # | Amalaset | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|------------------------|--------|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Page # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Development | | | | | | | | | |
| Agricultural | | | | | | | | | |
| Experiment Station | 126 | SB | - | 313,669 | 313,669 | - | - | 324,067 | 324,067 |
| Total - Cannabis | | | | | | | | | |
| Regulatory Fund | | | - | 374,024 | 413,669 | - | - | 428,372 | 428,372 |
| Total - Appropriated | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds | | | 388,056,807 | 393,842,050 | 386,554,002 | 376,200,751 | 385,704,192 | 395,281,221 | 409,269,490 |

Office of Consumer Counsel DCC38100

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| runu | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Consumer Counsel and Public | | | | | | | |
| Utility Control Fund | 19 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | commended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 1,602,883 | 1,771,409 | 2,193,528 | 2,279,065 | 2,279,065 | 2,279,065 | 2,279,065 |
| Other Expenses | 238,125 | 384,443 | 332,907 | 461,482 | 461,482 | 461,482 | 461,482 |
| Equipment | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | |
| Fringe Benefits | 1,501,846 | 1,549,302 | 1,991,474 | 1,686,508 | 1,686,508 | 1,686,508 | 1,686,508 |
| Indirect Overhead | 56,441 | 90,972 | 90,972 | 157,648 | 157,648 | 157,648 | 157,648 |
| Agency Total - Consumer | | | | | | | |
| Counsel and Public Utility | | | | | | | |
| Control Fund | 3,401,495 | 3,798,326 | 4,611,081 | 4,586,903 | 4,586,903 | 4,586,903 | 4,586,903 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------|----------------------|--|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |

Current Services

Adjust Fringe Benefits to Reflect Actual Rates

| Fringe Benefits | (304,966) | (304,966) | (304,966) | (304,966) | - | - |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - Consumer Counsel and | | | | | | |
| Public Utility Control Fund | (304,966) | (304,966) | (304,966) | (304,966) | - | - |

Background

The fringe benefit costs for employees supported by funds other than the General Fund are budgeted within their respective agencies, as opposed to the fringe benefits account within the Office of the State Comptroller.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$304,966 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect necessary funds for fringe benefits.

Committee

Same as Governor

Increase Funding for Other Expenses

| Other Expenses | 128,575 | 128,575 | 128,575 | 128,575 | - | - |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - Consumer Counsel and | | | | | | |
| Public Utility Control Fund | 128,575 | 128,575 | 128,575 | 128,575 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$128,575 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support training expenses, technical consultants, and computer upgrades.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 85,537 | 85,537 | 85,537 | 85,537 | - | - |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - Consumer Counsel and | | | | | | |
| Public Utility Control Fund | 85,537 | 85,537 | 85,537 | 85,537 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$85,537 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Fund Indirect Overhead at Comptroller's Projected Amount

| Indirect Overhead | 66,676 | 66,676 | 66,676 | 66,676 | _ | - |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - Consumer Counsel and | | | | | | |
| Public Utility Control Fund | 66,676 | 66,676 | 66,676 | 66,676 | - | - |

Background

Agencies funded outside the General Fund are charged with indirect overhead costs by the Office of the State Comptroller for utilizing certain centralized state agency services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$66,676 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to ensure sufficient funds for indirect overhead.

Committee

Same as Governor

Governor Recommended Committee **Difference from Governor Budget Components** FY 26 FY 26 FY 27 FY 26 FY 27 FY 27 FY 25 Appropriation - PF 4,611,081 4,611,081 4,611,081 4,611,081 _ Current Services (24, 178)(24, 178)(24, 178)(24, 178)--Total Recommended - PF 4,586,903 4,586,903 4,586,903 4,586,903 _

Labor Department DOL40000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fund | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 932 | 261 | 261 | 270 | 270 | 274 | 274 |
| Workers' Compensation Fund | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Budget Summary

| A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Reco | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 40,495,801 | 19,368,296 | 15,725,667 | 17,234,887 | 17,234,887 | 17,628,466 | 17,628,466 |
| Other Expenses | 1,441,100 | 4,441,841 | 2,443,100 | 2,499,520 | 2,481,520 | 3,490,230 | 3,475,230 |
| Other Current Expenses | , , , | , , | | , , , | , , | | , , |
| CETC Workforce | 488,660 | 667,363 | 590,125 | 606,460 | 606,460 | 606,460 | 606,460 |
| Workforce Investment Act | 33,591,524 | 35,484,255 | 35,339,550 | 32,533,606 | 32,533,606 | 32,533,606 | 32,533,606 |
| Job Funnels Projects | 706,688 | 696,841 | 712,857 | 712,857 | 712,857 | 712,857 | 712,857 |
| Connecticut's Youth | | | | | | | |
| Employment Program | 5,066,362 | 5,267,892 | 10,268,488 | 5,268,488 | 5,268,488 | 10,268,488 | 10,268,488 |
| Jobs First Employment Services | 12,552,423 | 12,104,783 | 13,153,107 | 13,173,620 | 13,173,620 | 13,173,620 | 13,173,620 |
| Apprenticeship Program | 600,412 | 573,510 | 580,431 | 604,369 | 604,369 | 604,369 | 604,369 |
| Connecticut Career Resource | | | | | | | |
| Network | 157,365 | 135,991 | 146,775 | 152,112 | 152,112 | 152,112 | 152,112 |
| STRIVE | 70,012 | 108,127 | 88,779 | 88,779 | 88,779 | 88,779 | 88,779 |
| Opportunities for Long Term | | | | | | | |
| Unemployed | 3,604,038 | 4,254,919 | 4,621,184 | 4,621,184 | 4,621,184 | 4,621,184 | 4,621,184 |
| Veterans' Opportunity Pilot | - | 245,047 | 245,047 | - | - | - | - |
| Second Chance Initiative | 325,862 | 319,452 | 327,038 | 327,038 | 327,038 | 327,038 | 327,038 |
| Cradle To Career | 98,642 | 97,765 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| New Haven Jobs Funnel | 362,476 | 667,643 | 750,000 | 750,000 | 750,000 | 750,000 | 750,000 |
| Healthcare Apprenticeship | | | | | | | |
| Initiative | - | - | 500,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Manufacturing Pipeline | | | | | | | |
| Initiative | 3,395,233 | 4,567,568 | 4,624,271 | 4,627,698 | 4,627,698 | 4,627,698 | 4,627,698 |
| Domestic Workers Education | | | | | | | |
| and Training Grant Program | - | - | - | - | - | 175,000 | 175,000 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 102,956,598 | 89,001,293 | 90,216,419 | 83,300,618 | 83,282,618 | 89,859,907 | 89,844,907 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Opportunity Industrial Centers | 485,481 | 721,593 | 738,708 | 738,708 | 738,708 | 738,708 | 738,708 |
| Customized Services | 873,228 | 943,804 | 965,689 | 965,689 | 965,689 | 965,689 | 965,689 |
| Agency Total - Banking Fund | 1,358,709 | 1,665,397 | 1,704,397 | 1,704,397 | 1,704,397 | 1,704,397 | 1,704,397 |
| Occupational Health Clinics | 685,882 | 686,448 | 708,113 | 708,113 | 708,113 | 708,113 | 708,113 |
| Agency Total - Workers' | | | | | | | |
| Compensation Fund | 685,882 | 686,448 | 708,113 | 708,113 | 708,113 | 708,113 | 708,113 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 105,001,189 | 91,353,138 | 92,628,929 | 85,713,128 | 85,695,128 | 92,272,417 | 92,257,417 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Nine Positions to Support Unemployment Insurance

| Personal Services | 491,565 | 491,565 | 491,565 | 491,565 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | 47,130 | 32,130 | 47,130 | 32,130 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 538,695 | 523,695 | 538,695 | 523,695 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | - | - |

Background

PA 21-2 JSS, the FY 22 and FY 23 budget implementer, allocated \$15 million in FY 22 from ARPA funds to support unemployment insurance (UI) system needs.

Carryforward funding of \$25 million was authorized for FY 23 in section 14 of PA 22-118 (as amended by PA 22-146), the FY 23 Revised Budget, for staff to mitigate UI processing times including claims intake, consumer contact center responses, and claims adjudication and appeals.

Additional ARPA funding of \$2.5 million and carryforward funding of \$3.3 million was provided in FY 24 to maintain temporary UI staff to process benefits, adjudicate claims and appeals, and respond to Consumer Contact Center inquiries.

Governor

Provide funding of \$538,695 in FY 26 and \$523,695 in FY 27 for nine positions to support various functions including the UI Contact Center and the Integrity Unit.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Connecticut Youth Employment Program Funding

| Connecticut's Youth Employment | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Program | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | - | - | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | - | - | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 |

Background

Connecticut's Youth Employment Program supports job opportunities and work experiences for economically-disadvantaged youth from ages 14-24. Additional funding of \$5 million was added in FY 25 only.

Governor

Remove funding of \$5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of one-time funding provided in FY 25 only.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Connecticut's Youth Employment Program.

Transfer Veterans' Opportunity Pilot from DOL to DVA

| | - | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Veterans' Opportunity Pilot | (245,047) | (245,047) | (245,047) | (245,047) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (245,047) | (245,047) | (245,047) | (245,047) | - | - |

Background

The Veterans Opportunity Pilot Program was created within the Department of Labor (DOL) in 2014 to assist veterans seeking job opportunities. Due to the pandemic, this program ceased operations in March 2020, and it has not since been reestablished.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$245,047 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Veterans' Opportunity Pilot from the Department of Labor to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to better align programmatic requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Eliminate Funding for Healthcare Apprenticeship Program

| Healthcare Apprenticeship Initiative | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

The Healthcare Apprenticeship Initiative supplements federal American Apprenticeship Initiative funding to support apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships statewide in the healthcare field.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$500,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 as the program is not operational and annually lapses the full appropriation.

Committee

Same as Governor

Eliminate Existing and Recommended Additional Funding for the Enhanced Wage Reporting Provisions

| _ | | | - | - | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Personal Services | (463,327) | (873,773) | (463,327) | (873,773) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (463,327) | (873,773) | (463,327) | (873,773) | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | (6) | (11) | (6) | (11) | - | - |

Background

Currently, employers subject to the state's unemployment law report each employee's name, social security number and amount of wages paid to such employee on a quarterly basis to the Department of Labor.

Section 270 of PA 21-2 JSS, the budget implementer, required these employers to also report certain demographic data about each employee in their quarterly wage reports, starting in the third calendar quarter of 2024. Funding was provided in the FY 23 Revised Budget for one position and technical upgrades to the UI system to implement the new reporting requirements.

Subsequently, PA 23-4 repealed the demographic data requirement and added the employee's occupation and hours worked as well as the employer's business mailing address zip code starting with the third quarter of 2026.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$463,327 and six positions in FY 26 and \$873,773 and 11 positions in FY 27 for the wage reporting provisions to be provided under PA 23-4. Section 11 of H.B. 6865, the general government implementer, repeals the expanded wage reporting provision from PA 23-4.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Apprenticeship Program Oversight and Integrity Council

| Personal Services | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |

Committee

Provide total funding of \$500,000 and 5 positions, with 3 positions and \$300,000 for the Integrity Council and 2 positions and \$200,000 for the Oversight Apprenticeship Program.

Current Services

Provide Additional Funding for the Enhanced Wage Reporting Provisions

| Personal Services | 388,000 | 798,446 | 388,000 | 798,446 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 388,000 | 798,446 | 388,000 | 798,446 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | 5 | 10 | 5 | 10 | - | - |

Background

Currently, employers subject to the state's unemployment law report each employee's name, social security number and amount of wages paid to such employee on a quarterly basis to the Labor Department.

Section 270 of PA 21-2 JSS, the budget implementer, required these employers to also report certain demographic data about each employee in their quarterly wage reports, starting in the third calendar quarter of 2024. Funding was provided in the FY 23 Revised Budget for one position and technical upgrades to the UI system to implement the new reporting requirements.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Subsequently, PA 23-4 repealed the demographic data requirement and added the employee's occupation and hours worked as well as the employer's business mailing address zip code starting with the third quarter of 2026.

Governor

Provide funding of \$388,000 and five positions in FY 26 and \$798,446 and 10 positions in FY 27 to perform duties associated with the current statutory requirement under PA 23-4.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 986,561 | 986,561 | 986,561 | 986,561 | - | - |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| CETC Workforce | 16,335 | 16,335 | 16,335 | 16,335 | - | - |
| Workforce Investment Act | 134,917 | 134,917 | 134,917 | 134,917 | - | - |
| Jobs First Employment Services | 20,513 | 20,513 | 20,513 | 20,513 | - | - |
| Apprenticeship Program | 23,938 | 23,938 | 23,938 | 23,938 | - | - |
| Connecticut Career Resource | | | | | | |
| Network | 5,337 | 5,337 | 5,337 | 5,337 | - | - |
| Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative | 3,427 | 3,427 | 3,427 | 3,427 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 1,191,028 | 1,191,028 | 1,191,028 | 1,191,028 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of approximately \$1.2 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to Reflect Federal Appropriation

| Workforce Investment Act | (2,940,861) | (2,940,861) | (2,940,861) | (2,940,861) | - | - |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (2,940,861) | (2,940,861) | (2,940,861) | (2,940,861) | - | - |

Background

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a fully federally-funded grant. Per Sec. 191 of PL 113-128, states must appropriate WIOA Title I funds.

Governor

Reduce funding for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) by approximately \$2.9 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect a decrease in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for One Position to Support Paid Sick Leave Legal Services

| | 115,711 | 112,711 | - | - | (115,711) | (112,711) |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Personal Services | 106,421 | 106,421 | - | - | (106,421) | (106,421) |
| Other Expenses | 9,290 | 6,290 | - | - | (9,290) | (6,290) |
| Total - General Fund | 115,711 | 112,711 | - | - | (115,711) | (112,711) |
| Positions - General Fund | 1 | 1 | - | - | (1) | (1) |

Background

PA 24-8 expanded the state's paid sick leave law in numerous ways, such as broadening the range of family members for whom an employee may use the leave and increasing the rate at which employees accrue leave. It also expanded eligibility, covering nearly all private sector employees and employers with at least 25 employees in 2025, those with at least 11 employees in 2026, and then those with at least one employee in 2027.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Provide one position and funding of \$115,711 in FY 26 and \$112,711 in FY 27 to perform duties associated with the current statutory requirement under PA 24-8.

Committee

Accommodate the workload associated with PA 24-8 through existing staffing.

Provide Funding for the Domestic Workers Education and Training Grant Program

| Domestic Workers Education and | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Training Grant Program | - | - | 175,000 | 175,000 | 175,000 | 175,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 175,000 | 175,000 | 175,000 | 175,000 |

Background

Section 5 of PA 21-2 JSS, the budget implementer, established the domestic workers education and training grant program to provide grants to qualified organizations. The FY 22-FY 23 Biennial Budget provided Personal Services funding for one position starting in FY 22 as well as \$200,000 in Other Expenses funding for FY 22 only. The FY 23 Revised Budget authorized any unexpended FY 22 balance to be carried forward into FY 23. Additionally, the program received ARPA funding in the amount of \$200,000 for each of FY 22 and FY 23.

Committee

Provide funding of \$175,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the domestic workers education and training grant program. Grants are provided as follows:

- \$12,500 for Comunidades sin Fronteras
- \$75,000 for Connecticut Worker Center;
- \$12,500 for Naugatuck Valley Project; and
- \$75,000 for Comunidad Latina en Accion

Provide Funding to the Workplace

| Other Expenses | - | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |

Committee

Provide Other Expenses funding of \$1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Workplace, provided that \$500,000 must go to the Retail Project.

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 90,216,419 | 90,216,419 | 90,216,419 | 90,216,419 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (5,669,679) | (6,095,125) | (169,679) | (595,125) | 5,500,000 | 5,500,000 | |
| Current Services | (1,246,122) | (838,676) | (186,833) | 223,613 | 1,059,289 | 1,062,289 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 83,300,618 | 83,282,618 | 89,859,907 | 89,844,907 | 6,559,289 | 6,562,289 | |

| Positions | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 261 | 261 | 261 | 261 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 3 | (2) | 8 | 3 | 5 | 5 | |
| Current Services | 6 | 11 | 5 | 10 | (1) | (1) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 270 | 270 | 274 | 274 | 4 | 4 | |

Department of Agriculture DAG42500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee |
|--------------|-------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fund | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 54 | 54 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | commended | Comm | ittee | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | |
| Personal Services | 4,237,016 | 4,138,165 | 4,518,302 | 4,413,414 | 4,413,414 | 4,563,414 | 4,713,414 | | | |
| Other Expenses | 4,592,885 | 4,939,846 | 1,898,332 | 898,332 | 898,332 | 2,198,332 | 2,198,332 | | | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| Senior Food Vouchers | 297,085 | 97,849 | 517,671 | 368,418 | 368,418 | 518,418 | 518,418 | | | |
| Dairy Farmer - Agriculture | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sustainability | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | | | |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | | · · · · · · | · · · · · · | | | | |
| WIC Coupon Program for Fresh | | | | | | | | | | |
| Produce | 160,121 | 20,827 | 247,938 | 167,938 | 167,938 | 247,938 | 247,938 | | | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 10,287,107 | 10,196,687 | 8,182,243 | 6,848,102 | 6,848,102 | 8,528,102 | 8,678,102 | | | |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Maintain Funding for CT Grown for CT Kids

| Other Expenses | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | - | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | - | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |

Background

The Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Grant Program is a competitive no-match grant to provide funds to various education organizations and entities administering or assisting in the development of a farm to school program.

Historical funding for the program includes:

- FY 22 (ARPA): \$250,000, 14 projects awarded;
- FY 23 (ARPA): \$500,000, 33 projects awarded;
- FY 24 (State Appropriation): \$1 million, 45 projects awarded;
- FY 24 (ARPA): \$2.0 million, 8 projects awarded; and
- FY 25 (State Appropriation): \$1 million, 34 projects awarded.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 (which eliminates the state appropriation) for the Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Grant Program.

Committee

Maintain funding for the Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Grant Program.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Funding for Food Related Programs

| | 0 | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Other Expenses | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$150,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Eastend Popup Market (\$50,000) and Filling in the Banks (\$150,000).

Provide Funding for New Positions

| Personal Services | - | - | 150,000 | 300,000 | 150,000 | 300,000 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 150,000 | 300,000 | 150,000 | 300,000 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$150,000 in FY 26 and \$300,000 in FY 27 and two positions, to support the Assist State Veterinarian and Assist Bureau Director positions.

Increase Funding for Other Expenses

| Other Expenses | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$150,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for Other Expenses.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 195,112 | 195,112 | 195,112 | 195,112 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Senior Food Vouchers | 747 | 747 | 747 | 747 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 195,859 | 195,859 | 195,859 | 195,859 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$195,859 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$300,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Maintain State Supplemental Food Voucher Programs

| Senior Food Vouchers | (150,000) | (150,000) | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|
| WIC Coupon Program for Fresh | | | | | | |
| Produce | (80,000) | (80,000) | - | - | 80,000 | 80,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (230,000) | (230,000) | - | - | 230,000 | 230,000 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

State supplemental food voucher programs serve participants of Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) and seniors, over the age of 60, who meet income eligibility guidelines by providing a mobile application or preloaded benefit cards to purchase Connecticut grown fresh fruit, vegetables, cut herbs, honey, and chicken eggs at authorized locations throughout Connecticut.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$230,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 related to Supplemental Food Voucher programs.

Committee

Maintain funding for state supplemental food voucher programs.

| Totals | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| Budget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Commit | ttee | Difference from Governor | | | | |
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 8,182,243 | 8,182,243 | 8,182,243 | 8,182,243 | - | - | | | |
| Policy Revisions | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | 450,000 | 600,000 | 1,450,000 | 1,600,000 | | | |
| Current Services | (334,141) | (334,141) | (104,141) | (104,141) | 230,000 | 230,000 | | | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 6,848,102 | 6,848,102 | 8,528,102 | 8,678,102 | 1,680,000 | 1,830,000 | | | |

| Positions | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 52 | 52 | 54 | 54 | 2 | 2 | |

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection DEP43000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|
| Fulla | Fund FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 550 | 557 | 557 | 560 | 560 | 562 | 562 | |
| Special Transportation Fund | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | |
| Consumer Counsel and Public | | | | | | | | |
| Utility Control Fund | 140 | 148 | 148 | 148 | 148 | 148 | 148 | |

Budget Summary

| A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Reco | ommended | Committee | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Personal Services | 22,894,578 | 22,986,152 | 22,589,573 | 23,682,590 | 23,682,590 | 23,882,590 | 23,882,590 | |
| Other Expenses | 1,877,020 | 2,026,010 | 997,261 | 997,261 | 997,261 | 997,261 | 997,261 | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Mosquito and Tick Control | 289,409 | 233,959 | 274,924 | 284,240 | 284,240 | 284,240 | 284,240 | |
| State Superfund Site | | | | | | | | |
| Maintenance | 395,200 | 393,868 | 399,577 | 399,577 | 399,577 | 399,577 | 399,577 | |
| Laboratory Fees | 96,925 | 122,565 | 122,565 | 122,565 | 122,565 | 122,565 | 122,565 | |
| Dam Maintenance | 200,319 | 90,396 | 148,083 | 151,902 | 151,902 | 151,902 | 151,902 | |
| Emergency Spill Response | 8,385,799 | 7,017,567 | 7,405,416 | 7,657,024 | 7,657,024 | 7,657,024 | 7,657,024 | |
| Solid Waste Management | 5,606,925 | 5,298,225 | 3,985,129 | 4,078,312 | 4,078,312 | 4,078,312 | 4,078,312 | |
| Underground Storage Tank | 1,078,398 | 1,034,304 | 1,045,684 | 1,085,420 | 1,085,420 | - | 1,085,420 | |
| Clean Air | 4,323,900 | 4,200,896 | 4,261,769 | 4,727,624 | 4,727,624 | 4,449,309 | 4,449,309 | |
| Environmental Conservation | 4,610,292 | 4,672,748 | 4,688,695 | 4,893,567 | 4,893,567 | 4,893,567 | 4,893,567 | |
| Environmental Quality | 7,042,926 | 6,723,551 | 6,867,631 | 7,056,504 | 7,056,504 | 7,056,504 | 7,056,504 | |
| Fish Hatcheries | 2,875,899 | 3,427,647 | 3,446,925 | 3,004,540 | 3,004,540 | 3,504,540 | 3,504,540 | |
| U.S. Nuclear Regulatory | | | | | | | | |
| Commission | - | - | - | - | - | 278,315 | 278,315 | |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | | | | | |
| Interstate Environmental | | | | | | | | |
| Commission | 3,333 | 3,333 | 3,333 | 3,333 | 3,333 | 3,333 | 3,333 | |
| New England Interstate Water | | | | | | | | |
| Pollution Commission | 26,554 | - | 26,554 | 26,554 | 26,554 | 26,554 | 26,554 | |
| Northeast Interstate Forest Fire | | | | | | | | |
| Compact | 3,082 | 3,082 | 3,082 | 3,082 | 3,082 | 3,082 | 3,082 | |
| Connecticut River Valley Flood | | | | | | | | |
| Control Commission | 30,295 | 30,295 | 30,295 | 30,295 | 30,295 | 30,295 | 30,295 | |
| Thames River Valley Flood | | | | | | | | |
| Control Commission | 45,151 | 45,151 | 45,151 | 45,151 | 45,151 | 45,151 | 45,151 | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 59,786,005 | 58,309,749 | 56,341,647 | 58,249,541 | 58,249,541 | 57,864,121 | 58,949,541 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 2,548,665 | 3,470,687 | 3,627,535 | 3,781,576 | 3,781,576 | 3,781,576 | 3,781,576 | |
| Other Expenses | 701,974 | 708,399 | 715,006 | 665,006 | 665,006 | 665,006 | 665,006 | |
| Agency Total - Special | | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Fund | 3,250,639 | 4,179,086 | 4,342,541 | 4,446,582 | 4,446,582 | 4,446,582 | 4,446,582 | |
| | 10 000 000 | 10 50 4 04 5 | 16040400 | 16 005 000 | 16005 000 | 16 005 000 | 14 005 000 | |
| Personal Services | 13,388,373 | 13,736,017 | 16,349,130 | 16,935,338 | 16,935,338 | 16,935,338 | 16,935,338 | |
| Other Expenses | 1,340,634 | 1,423,216 | 1,479,367 | 1,479,367 | 1,479,367 | 1,479,367 | 1,479,367 | |
| Equipment | 19,500 | 19,003 | 19,500 | 19,500 | 19,500 | 19,500 | 19,500 | |
| Fringe Benefits | 10,556,217 | 11,764,196 | 14,496,004 | 12,532,150 | 12,532,150 | 12,532,150 | 12,532,150 | |
| Indirect Overhead | 306,838 | 203,340 | 203,340 | 489,330 | 489,330 | 489,330 | 489,330 | |

| Account Actual FY 23 | Actual Actual A | | Appropriation FY 25 | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | |
|---|-----------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | FY 24 | FY 26 | | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Agency Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility | | | | | | | |
| Control Fund | 25,611,562 | 27,145,772 | 32,547,341 | 31,455,685 | 31,455,685 | 31,455,685 | 31,455,685 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 88,648,206 | 89,634,607 | 93,231,529 | 94,151,808 | 94,151,808 | 93,766,388 | 94,851,808 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Fund Underground Storage Tanks Program with Bond Funds

| Underground Storage Tank | - | - | (1,085,420) | - | (1,085,420) | - |
|--------------------------|---|---|-------------|---|-------------|---|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | (1,085,420) | - | (1,085,420) | - |

Committee

Reduce Funding in the Underground Storage Tanks account by \$1,085,420 in FY 26 to reflect funding program with bond funds.

Reduce Funding for Printing Services

| Other Expenses | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | _ | - |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$50,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 associated with printing services.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer IT Funds from the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

| Environmental Quality | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | - | - |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | - | - |

Governor

Transfer funding of \$50,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from DEEP to DAS for existing applications and licensing costs that have been shifted to DAS.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for the Transfer Act Transition to the Release Based Model

| Personal Services | - | - | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$200,000 and two positions in FY 26 and FY 27 to support the transition from the Transfer Act to the Release Based Model.
| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| 6 | 0 0 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Personal Services | 1,093,017 | 1,093,017 | 1,093,017 | 1,093,017 | - | - |
| Mosquito and Tick Control | 9,316 | 9,316 | 9,316 | 9,316 | - | - |
| Dam Maintenance | 3,819 | 3,819 | 3,819 | 3,819 | - | - |
| Emergency Spill Response | 251,608 | 251,608 | 251,608 | 251,608 | - | - |
| Solid Waste Management | 93,183 | 93,183 | 93,183 | 93,183 | - | - |
| Underground Storage Tank | 39,736 | 39,736 | 39,736 | 39,736 | - | - |
| Clean Air | 187,540 | 187,540 | 187,540 | 187,540 | - | - |
| Environmental Conservation | 204,872 | 204,872 | 204,872 | 204,872 | - | - |
| Environmental Quality | 238,873 | 238,873 | 238,873 | 238,873 | - | - |
| Fish Hatcheries | 57,615 | 57,615 | 57,615 | 57,615 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 2,179,579 | 2,179,579 | 2,179,579 | 2,179,579 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 154,041 | 154,041 | 154,041 | 154,041 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 154,041 | 154,041 | 154,041 | 154,041 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 586,208 | 586,208 | 586,208 | 586,208 | - | - |
| Total - Consumer Counsel and | | | | | | |
| Public Utility Control Fund | 586,208 | 586,208 | 586,208 | 586,208 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,179,579 in the General Fund in both FY 26 and FY 27, \$154,041 in the Special Transportation Fund in both FY 26 and FY 27, and \$586,208 in the Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Fringe Benefits to Reflect Actual Rates

| Fringe Benefits | (1,963,854) | (1,963,854) | (1,963,854) | (1,963,854) | - | - |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - Consumer Counsel and | | | | | | |
| Public Utility Control Fund | (1,963,854) | (1,963,854) | (1,963,854) | (1,963,854) | - | - |

Background

The fringe benefit costs for employees supported by funds other than the General Fund are budgeted within their respective agencies, as opposed to the fringe benefits account within the Office of the State Comptroller.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,963,854 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect necessary funds for fringe benefits.

Committee

Same as Governor

Maintain Funding for Fish Hatcheries

| Fish Hatcheries | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 |

Background

DEEP operates three fish hatcheries: Burlington, Kensington, and Quinebaug. At each facility various fish including Atlantic salmon, brook trout, brown trout, Kokanee salmon, rainbow trout, and tiger trout are raised to be released into CT waters for recreational fishing.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$500,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current fish hatchery needs.

Committee

Maintain funding for fish hatcheries.

Fund Indirect Overhead at Comptroller's Projected Amount

| Indirect Overhead | 285,990 | 285,990 | 285,990 | 285,990 | - | - |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - Consumer Counsel and | | | | | | |
| Public Utility Control Fund | 285,990 | 285,990 | 285,990 | 285,990 | - | - |

Background

Agencies funded outside the General Fund are charged with indirect overhead costs by the Office of the State Comptroller for utilizing certain centralized state agency services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$285,990 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to ensure sufficient funds for indirect overhead.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for the Implementation of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Agreement State Program

| Clean Air | 278,315 | 278,315 | - | - | (278,315) | (278,315) |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| U.S. Nuclear Regulatory | | | | | | |
| Commission | - | - | 278,315 | 278,315 | 278,315 | 278,315 |
| Total - General Fund | 278,315 | 278,315 | 278,315 | 278,315 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | - | - |

Background

In December of 2020, the State of Connecticut entered into an agreement with the United States (U.S.) Nuclear Regulatory Commission. As part of the agreement, Connecticut would be responsible for the regulatory responsibility for certain radioactive materials in use for commercial, academic, research, and medical applications, within the state.

Governor

Provide funding of \$278,315 and three positions in FY 26 and FY 27 related to responsibilities associated with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Agreement State Program. The three new positions include: one Environmental Protection Supervising Radiation Control Physicist, one Environmental Compliance Specialist, and one Environmental Analyst.

Committee

Same as Governor

Governor Recommended Committee **Difference from Governor Budget Components** FY 26 FY 27 FY 26 FY 26 FY 27 FY 27 56,341,647 FY 25 Appropriation - GF 56,341,647 56,341,647 56,341,647 _ 200,000 Policy Revisions (50,000)(50,000) (935, 420)150,000 (885, 420)Current Services 1,957,894 1,957,894 2,457,894 2,457,894 500,000 500,000 Total Recommended - GF 700,000 58,249,541 58,249,541 57,864,121 58,949,541 (385,420) FY 25 Appropriation - TF 4,342,541 4,342,541 4,342,541 4,342,541 _ _ Policy Revisions (50,000)(50,000) (50,000) (50,000) --Current Services 154,041 154,041 154,041 154,041 --Total Recommended - TF 4,446,582 4,446,582 4,446,582 4,446,582 --FY 25 Appropriation - PF 32,547,341 32,547,341 32,547,341 32,547,341 --**Current Services** (1,091,656) (1,091,656) (1,091,656) (1,091,656) --Total Recommended - PF 31,455,685 31,455,685 31,455,685 31,455,685 --

| Positions | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 557 | 557 | 557 | 557 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| Current Services | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 560 | 560 | 562 | 562 | 2 | 2 | |

Department of Economic and Community Development ECD46000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----|--|
| Fund FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | 24 FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | |
| General Fund | 86 | 102 | 102 | 103 | 105 | 105 | 105 | |
| Cannabis Social Equity and | | | | | | | | |
| Innovation Fund | - | 13 | 13 | - | - | - | - | |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fund | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | |

Budget Summary

| Assource | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Reco | ommended | Commi | ittee |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 7,962,105 | 8,636,275 | 9,100,611 | 9,111,748 | 9,309,148 | 9,224,248 | 9,336,748 |
| Other Expenses | 29,858,609 | 8,634,976 | 611,278 | 611,278 | 611,278 | 611,278 | 611,278 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | i | | | · · · |
| Spanish-American Merchants | | | | | | | |
| Association | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 |
| Office of Military Affairs | 159,644 | 157,532 | 213,992 | 181,521 | 181,521 | 181,521 | 181,521 |
| CCAT-CT Manufacturing | | | | | | | |
| Supply Chain | 85,000 | 1,585,000 | 2,585,000 | 2,585,000 | 2,585,000 | 2,585,000 | 2,585,000 |
| Capital Region Development | | | | | | | |
| Authority | 6,249,121 | 12,949,942 | 10,845,022 | 10,845,022 | 10,845,022 | 10,845,022 | 10,845,022 |
| Manufacturing Growth Initiative | 156,860 | 158,672 | 169,780 | 178,133 | 178,133 | 178,133 | 178,133 |
| Hartford 2000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Office of Workforce Strategy | - | 720,911 | 1,234,379 | 1,407,351 | 1,407,351 | 1,303,046 | 1,303,046 |
| Black Business Alliance | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 |
| Hartford Economic | | | | | | | |
| Development Corporation | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 | 442,194 |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | I | I | I | |
| CONNSTEP | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Various Grants | - | 9,665,000 | 8,275,000 | - | - | 5,250,500 | 5,200,500 |
| MRDA | - | - | 600,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,300,000 | 900,000 | 1,000,000 |
| AdvanceCT | - | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| Futures Inc | - | - | - | - | - | 85,000 | 85,000 |
| Forge City Works | - | - | - | - | - | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 45,817,921 | 46,354,890 | 37,481,644 | 29,866,635 | 30,264,035 | 35,110,330 | 35,272,830 |
| | | | | | · · · | · · · | |
| Statewide Marketing | 4,251,007 | 4,500,380 | 4,500,000 | 4,500,000 | 4,500,000 | 4,500,000 | 4,500,000 |
| Hartford Urban Arts Grant | 242,371 | 242,371 | 242,371 | 199,956 | 199,956 | 242,371 | 242,371 |
| New Britain Arts Council | 39,380 | 39,380 | 39,380 | 32,488 | 32,488 | 39,380 | 39,380 |
| Westville Village Renaissance | | | | | | | |
| Alliance | 145,000 | 145,000 | 145,000 | 145,000 | 145,000 | 145,000 | 145,000 |
| Neighborhood Music School | 150,540 | 200,540 | 200,540 | 165,445 | 165,445 | 200,540 | 200,540 |
| Greater Hartford Community | | | | | | | |
| Foundation Travelers | | | | | | | |
| Championship | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | 123,750 | 123,750 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| CT Convention & Sports Bureau | - | - | - | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Nutmeg Games | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 33,000 | 33,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Discovery Museum | 196,895 | 196,895 | 196,895 | 162,438 | 162,438 | 196,895 | 196,895 |
| National Theatre of the Deaf | 78,758 | 78,758 | 78,758 | 64,975 | 64,975 | 78,758 | 78,758 |
| Connecticut Science Center | 446,626 | 546,626 | 546,626 | 450,966 | 450,966 | 546,626 | 546,626 |
| CT Flagship Producing Theaters | 259,950 | 259,950 | 259,951 | 259,951 | 259,951 | 360,000 | 360,000 |

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Reco | ommended | Commi | ttee |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Grant | | | | | | | |
| Performing Arts Centers | 787,571 | 787,571 | 787,571 | 787,571 | 787,571 | 787,571 | 787,571 |
| Performing Theaters Grant | 392,600 | 1,400,600 | 550,600 | 550,600 | 550,600 | 625,600 | 625,600 |
| Arts Commission | 1,495,530 | 1,497,298 | 1,497,298 | 1,497,298 | 1,497,298 | 1,497,298 | 1,497,298 |
| Art Museum Consortium | 487,313 | 687,313 | 687,313 | 687,313 | 687,313 | 687,313 | 687,313 |
| Litchfield Jazz Festival | 29,000 | 29,000 | 29,000 | 23,925 | 23,925 | 29,000 | 29,000 |
| Arte Inc. | 20,735 | 20,735 | 20,735 | 17,106 | 17,106 | 20,735 | 20,735 |
| CT Virtuosi Orchestra | 15,250 | 15,250 | 15,250 | 12,581 | 12,581 | 15,250 | 15,250 |
| Barnum Museum | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 41,250 | 41,250 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Various Grants | 393,856 | 1,775,000 | 1,275,000 | - | - | 1,375,000 | 1,375,000 |
| Creative Youth Productions | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 123,750 | 123,750 | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| Music Haven | - | 100,000 | 100,000 | 82,500 | 82,500 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| West Hartford Pride | - | 40,000 | 40,000 | 33,000 | 33,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 |
| Amistad Center for Arts and | | | | | | | |
| Culture | - | 100,000 | 100,000 | 82,500 | 82,500 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Leffingwell House Museum | - | - | - | - | - | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| CT Main Street Center | - | - | - | - | - | 350,000 | 350,000 |
| Grant Payments to Local Govern | nents | | 1 | | | , | , |
| Greater Hartford Arts Council | 74,079 | 74,079 | 74,079 | 61,115 | 61,115 | 74,079 | 74,079 |
| Stepping Stones Museum for | | ,, | , | , | | , | , |
| Children | 30,863 | 80,863 | 80,863 | 66,712 | 66,712 | 80,863 | 80,863 |
| Maritime Center Authority | 303,705 | 803,705 | 803,705 | 663,057 | 663,057 | 803,705 | 803,705 |
| Connecticut Humanities Council | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 |
| Amistad Committee for the | | | | | | | |
| Freedom Trail | 36,414 | - | 36,414 | 30,042 | 30,042 | 36,414 | 36,414 |
| New Haven Festival of Arts and | | | | | | | |
| Ideas | 414,511 | 414,511 | 414,511 | 341,972 | 341,972 | 414,511 | 414,511 |
| New Haven Arts Council | 52,000 | 77,000 | 77,000 | 63,525 | 63,525 | 77,000 | 77,000 |
| Beardsley Zoo | 253,879 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 330,000 | 330,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Mystic Aquarium | 322,397 | 322,397 | 322,397 | 265,978 | 265,978 | 322,397 | 803,705 |
| Northwestern Tourism | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Eastern Tourism | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Central Tourism | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Twain/Stowe Homes | 81,196 | 81,196 | 81,196 | 66,987 | 66,987 | 81,196 | 81,196 |
| Cultural Alliance of Fairfield | 52,000 | 52,000 | 52,000 | 42,900 | 42,900 | 52,000 | 52,000 |
| Stamford Downtown Special | | | | | | | |
| Services District | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 41,250 | 41,250 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Agency Total - Tourism Fund | 13,393,426 | 17,458,418 | 16,144,453 | 14,100,901 | 14,100,901 | 17,459,502 | 17,940,810 |
| Personal Services | _ | 770,595 | 1,276,351 | _ | _ | _ | - |
| Other Expenses | _ | 701,217 | 7,679,717 | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Fringe Benefits | _ | 636,896 | 1,243,932 | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Agency Total - Cannabis Social | | 200,070 | | | | | |
| Equity and Innovation Fund | - | 2,108,708 | 10,200,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Personal Services | | 60,355 | 100,000 | | | 104,305 | 104,305 |
| Agency Total - Cannabis | | 00,000 | 100,000 | | | 101,000 | 101,000 |
| Regulatory Fund | | 60,355 | | _ | | 104,305 | 104,305 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 59,211,347 | 65,982,371 | 63,926,097 | 43,967,536 | 44,364,936 | 52,674,137 | 53,317,945 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Adjust Funding for Various Grants (General Fund)

| Various Grants | (8,275,000) | (8,275,000) | (3,174,500) | (3,224,500) | 5,100,500 | 5,050,500 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | (8,275,000) | (8,275,000) | (3,174,500) | (3,224,500) | 5,100,500 | 5,050,500 |

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$8,275,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 for the "Various Grants" account to achieve savings.

Committee

Adjust the "Various Grants" items as listed below for a net decrease of \$3,174,500 in FY 26 and \$3,224,500 in FY 27.

| Recipient | FY 25 Appropriation | Committee Adjustments | Committee Recommended |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| South End Community Center | 5,000 | 200,000 | 205,000 |
| Dixwell Community House | 30,000 | (30,000) | - |
| America 250 Commission | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| Latinas & Power, Corp. | 125,000 | - | 125,000 |
| Youth programming at Parker Memorial Community | | | |
| Center, Hartford | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| Kamora's Cultural Corner, Hartford | 10,000 | - | 10,000 |
| ActUp Theater, Hartford | 25,000 | - | 25,000 |
| Windsor Community Center | 15,000 | - | 15,000 |
| Food Desert Tax Abatement | 500,000 | (500,000) | - |
| Cornerstone Community Foundation | 50,000 | - | 50,000 |
| Youth Business Initiative | 20,000 | - | 20,000 |
| Homes for Hope | 25,000 | - | 25,000 |
| PAL Hartford | 500,000 | - | 500,000 |
| High Poverty Community Leadership Development | 500,000 | - | 500,000 |
| Color a Positive Thought | 75,000 | - | 75,000 |
| Saint Joseph Parenting Center | 200,000 | - | 200,000 |
| RF Youth Boxing, Inc. (RFYB Fitness Professional | | | |
| Academy) | 110,000 | - | 110,000 |
| Boys and Girls Club of Stamford | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| 100 Girls Leading | 50,000 | - | 50,000 |
| Colors of the World | 40,000 | - | 40,000 |
| Sisters at the Shore | 50,000 | - | 50,000 |
| Town of Farmington - Part Time Seasonal Help | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| Blue Hills Civic Organization | 5,500,000 | (5,500,000) | - |
| YMCA of Meriden, New Britain, Berlin | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| Ridgefield Meeting House | 25,000 | - | 25,000 |
| Bethlehem House, Bridgeport | - | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Bridgeport Fitness Academy | - | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Buddy Jordan Foundation | - | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Center for Family Justice, Bridgeport | - | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Community Resources for Justice (Family ReEntry) | | | , |
| "Rise" Program, New Haven | - | 528,000 | 528,000 |
| Consortium of 3 Faith Based Organizations, providing, | | , | , |
| counseling services, violence prevention, mentoring, | | | |
| educational training | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| CT Community Empowerment Foundation | - | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Jerome Orcutt Boys and Girls Club, Bridgeport | - | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Juneteenth of Fairfield County | - | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Junior Achievement of Greater Fairfield County | | | , |
| "Disconnected Youth" Program | - | 287,500 | 287,500 |
| Raymond Boathouse, Norwalk (FY 26 only) | - | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Trumbull Gardens (through Color a Positive Thought) | - | 90,000 | 90,000 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| | | | | | | |

| Recipient | FY 25 Appropriation | Committee Adjustments | Committee Recommended |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Trumbull Nature and Arts Center | - | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Total | 8,275,000 | (3,174,500) | 5,100,500 |

Adjust Funding for Various Grants (Tourism Fund)

| Various Grants | (1,275,000) | (1,275,000) | 100,000 | 100,000 | 1,375,000 | 1,375,000 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - Tourism Fund | (1,275,000) | (1,275,000) | 100,000 | 100,000 | 1,375,000 | 1,375,000 |

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$1,275,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 for the "Various Grants" account to achieve savings.

Committee

Adjust the "Various Grants" items as listed below for a net increase of \$100,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27.

- Increase funding by \$100,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for Discovering Amistad
- Increase funding by \$30,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the New Haven Symphony.
- Eliminate \$30,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the West Hartford Art League which has not received funding as of March 2025.
- Maintain funding for all other grants.

The table below provides the Committee's recommended appropriation by recipient.

| Recipient | FY 25 Appropriation | Committee Adjustments | Committee Recommended |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Discovering Amistad | 515,000 | 100,000 | 615,000 |
| New Haven Symphony | 50,000 | 30,000 | 80,000 |
| Op Sail (New London) | 80,000 | - | 80,000 |
| West Hartford Art League | 30,000 | (30,000) | - |
| Hartford Summer in the City | 200,000 | - | 200,000 |
| Norwalk International Cultural Exchange - NICE | | | |
| Festival | 50,000 | - | 50,000 |
| Norwalk Symphony | 50,000 | - | 50,000 |
| Ball and Sockets | 300,000 | - | 300,000 |
| Total Tourism Fund | 1,275,000 | 100,000 | 1,375,000 |

Adjust Funding for Various Arts/Culture/Tourism Fund Grants

| , . | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|---|---|--------|--------|
| Hartford Urban Arts Grant | (42,415) | (42,415) | - | - | 42,415 | 42,415 |
| New Britain Arts Council | (6,892) | (6,892) | - | - | 6,892 | 6,892 |
| Neighborhood Music School | (35,095) | (35,095) | - | - | 35,095 | 35,095 |
| Greater Hartford Community | | | | | | |
| Foundation Travelers Championship | (26,250) | (26,250) | - | - | 26,250 | 26,250 |
| Nutmeg Games | (7,000) | (7,000) | - | - | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| Discovery Museum | (34,457) | (34,457) | - | - | 34,457 | 34,457 |
| National Theatre of the Deaf | (13,783) | (13,783) | - | - | 13,783 | 13,783 |
| Connecticut Science Center | (95,660) | (95,660) | - | - | 95,660 | 95,660 |
| Litchfield Jazz Festival | (5,075) | (5,075) | - | - | 5,075 | 5,075 |
| Arte Inc. | (3,629) | (3,629) | - | - | 3,629 | 3,629 |
| CT Virtuosi Orchestra | (2,669) | (2,669) | - | - | 2,669 | 2,669 |
| Barnum Museum | (8,750) | (8,750) | - | - | 8,750 | 8,750 |
| Creative Youth Productions | (26,250) | (26,250) | - | - | 26,250 | 26,250 |
| Music Haven | (17,500) | (17,500) | - | - | 17,500 | 17,500 |
| West Hartford Pride | (7,000) | (7,000) | - | - | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| Amistad Center for Arts and Culture | (17,500) | (17,500) | - | - | 17,500 | 17,500 |
| Greater Hartford Arts Council | (12,964) | (12,964) | - | - | 12,964 | 12,964 |
| Stepping Stones Museum for | | | | | | |
| Children | (14,151) | (14,151) | - | - | 14,151 | 14,151 |

114 - Department of Economic and Community Development

| Anner | Governor Reco | mmended | Committee Difference | | Difference from | from Governor | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------|--|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Maritime Center Authority | (140,648) | (140,648) | - | - | 140,648 | 140,648 | |
| Amistad Committee for the Freedom | | | | | | | |
| Trail | (6,372) | (6,372) | - | - | 6,372 | 6,372 | |
| New Haven Festival of Arts and | | | | | | | |
| Ideas | (72,539) | (72,539) | - | - | 72,539 | 72,539 | |
| New Haven Arts Council | (13,475) | (13,475) | - | - | 13,475 | 13,475 | |
| Beardsley Zoo | (70,000) | (70,000) | - | - | 70,000 | 70,000 | |
| Mystic Aquarium | (56,419) | (56,419) | - | - | 56,419 | 56,419 | |
| Twain/Stowe Homes | (14,209) | (14,209) | - | - | 14,209 | 14,209 | |
| Cultural Alliance of Fairfield | (9,100) | (9,100) | - | - | 9,100 | 9,100 | |
| Stamford Downtown Special | | | | | | | |
| Services District | (8,750) | (8,750) | - | - | 8,750 | 8,750 | |
| Total - Tourism Fund | (768,552) | (768,552) | - | - | 768,552 | 768,552 | |

Governor

Reduce various arts/culture/tourism grants by a total \$768,552 in FY 26 and FY 27, or 17.5% per line item, to achieve savings.

Committee

Maintain funding for the arts/culture/tourism grants.

Provide Funding for Three Grant Positions

| Personal Services | - | - | 112,500 | 225,000 | 112,500 | 225,000 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 112,500 | 225,000 | 112,500 | 225,000 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$112,500 in FY 26 and \$225,000 in FY 27 for three full-time positions to administer the grants appropriated through the Department.

Increase funding to MRDA for Operating Expenses

| MRDA | 500,000 | 700,000 | 300,000 | 400,000 | (200,000) | (300,000) |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | 500,000 | 700,000 | 300,000 | 400,000 | (200,000) | (300,000) |

Background

PA 19-117, the FY 20 and FY 21 budget, established the Municipal Redevelopment Authority (MRDA) as a quasi-public agency to stimulate economic and transit-oriented development in specified development districts. The Authority was formally established in practice in July 2024 and is overseen by an executive director and a board of directors. The FY 24 and FY 25 biennial budget provided \$600,000 and three positions in each fiscal year to support the administration of MRDA.

Governor

Increase funding by \$500,000 in FY 26 and \$700,000 in FY 27 to support the administration of MRDA.

Committee

Increase funding by \$300,000 in FY 26 and \$400,000 in FY 27 to support the administration of MRDA.

Adjust Two Positions for AI Innovation Economy Development

| Personal Services | - | 197,400 | - | - | - | (197,400) |
|---------------------------------|---|---------|---|---|---|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | 197,400 | - | - | - | (197,400) |
| Positions - General Fund | - | 2 | - | - | - | (2) |

Background

AdvanceCT is a nonprofit organization that works to engage, retain and recruit businesses and advance overall economic competitiveness in Connecticut. AdvanceCT receives a state appropriated \$2 million grant annually to support their operations.

Governor

Provide funding of \$197,400 in FY 27 and two full-time positions to support economic development and innovation initiatives associated with artificial intelligence (AI).

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Do not provide funding of \$197,400 and two full-time positions in FY 27 to support economic development initiatives in AI. Instead require AdvanceCT to support economic development initiatives in AI with a portion of the \$2 million state appropriation to their organization.

Provide Funding for CT Convention and Sports Bureau

| CT Convention & Sports Bureau | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - Tourism Fund | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |

Background

The Connecticut Convention & Sports Bureau is Connecticut's only statewide meetings and sports event sales and marketing organization. Their mission is to attract conventions, meetings, and sports events for Connecticut, generating economic growth for the State and its regions through public and private partnerships. The Department of Economic and Community Development provided funding of \$550,000 to the organization through the Statewide Marketing account in FY 25. It is unclear if this funding to support the organization will be available through the Statewide Marketing account for FY 26 or FY 27.

Committee

Provide funding of \$500,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support the operation of the CT Convention & Sports Bureau.

Increase Funding for Certain Grants

| CT Flagship Producing Theaters | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Grant | - | - | 100,049 | 100,049 | 100,049 | 100,049 |
| Performing Theaters Grant | - | - | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Creative Youth Productions | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| West Hartford Pride | - | - | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Mystic Aquarium | - | - | - | 481,308 | - | 481,308 |
| Total - Tourism Fund | - | - | 340,049 | 821,357 | 340,049 | 821,357 |

Committee

Increase funding by \$340,049 in FY 26 and 821,357 in FY 27 for the following grants.

| Line Item | Subgrant Recipient | FY 25 Approp | Increase FY 26 | Comm FY 26 Recomm | Increase FY 27 | Comm FY 27 Recomm |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Flagship Producing Theaters | Eugene O'Neill Theater Center | 43,325 | 16,675 | 60,000 | 16,675 | 60,000 |
| Flagship Producing Theaters | Goodspeed Opera House | 43,325 | 16,675 | 60,000 | 16,675 | 60,000 |
| Flagship Producing Theaters | Hartford Stage | 43,325 | 16,675 | 60,000 | 16,675 | 60,000 |
| Flagship Producing Theaters | Long Wharf Theatre | 43,325 | 16,675 | 60,000 | 16,675 | 60,000 |
| Flagship Producing Theaters | Westport County Playhouse | 43,325 | 16,675 | 60,000 | 16,675 | 60,000 |
| Flagship Producing Theaters | Yale Reparatory Theatre | 43,325 | 16,675 | 60,000 | 16,675 | 60,000 |
| Performing Theater Grant | Playhouse on Park | 15,158 | 50,000 | 65,158 | 50,000 | 65,158 |
| Creative Youth Productions | Creative Youth Productions | 150,000 | 150,000 | 300,000 | 150,000 | 300,000 |
| West Hartford Pride Festival | West Hartford Pride Festival | 40,000 | 40,000 | 80,000 | 40,000 | 80,000 |
| Mystic Aquarium | Mystic Aquarium | 322,397 | - | 322,397 | 481,308 | 803,705 |
| Total Change in Grants | | | 340,049 | | 821,357 | |

Provide Funding for CT Main Street

| CT Main Street Center | - | - | 350,000 | 350,000 | 350,000 | 350,000 |
|-----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - Tourism Fund | - | - | 350,000 | 350,000 | 350,000 | 350,000 |

Background

Connecticut Main Street Center is a nonprofit whose mission is to revitalize Connecticut's main streets and downtowns. The organization received \$350,000 in ARPA grants each year from FY 22 to FY 25.

Committee

Provide funding of \$350,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support CT Main Street.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Funding to Brass City Harvest Regional Food Hub

| U | , 0 | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Various Grants | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| | | | | | | |

Background

The Brass City Regional Food Hub, located in Waterbury, supports the growth of the local economy through employment and training opportunities. The facility focuses on creating new fresh food access points by offering farmers' markets, nutrition education for seniors and students, farm-to-school initiatives, and healthful shopping options in a food desert.

Brass City Harvest received funding of \$150,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 in carry forward appropriations through the Department of Agriculture to support the operation of the Brass City Regional Food Hub.

Committee

Provide funding of \$150,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to Brass City Harvest to continue support of the operations of the Brass City Regional Food Hub.

Provide Funding for Forge City Works

| Forge City Works | - | - | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |

Background

Forge City Works' Grocery is a small neighborhood grocery store that is committed to addressing food insecurity and providing access to healthy, affordable food in Hartford, CT using a fair pricing/sliding scale model. Started in partnership with Connecticut Foodshare, the organization currently serves 1,000 families (2,500 individuals) annually and anticipate scaling up to serve 1,800 families (5,400 individuals) in FY 26, reflecting the growing need for our services in the community.

Committee

Provide new funding of \$100,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to Forge City Works to support its operations.

Provide Funding for the Leffingwell House Museum

| Leffingwell House Museum | - | - | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
|--------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - Tourism Fund | - | - | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |

Background

The Leffingwell House Museum is owned and operated by the Society of the Founders of Norwich, CT and is a renowned example New England colonial architecture. Visitors to this living museum catch a glimpse of early 17th-18th century life. The House, built in 1675, celebrates its 350th anniversary in 2025.

Committee

Provide new funding of \$50,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Leffingwell House Museum to support its operations.

Provide Funding for Futures Inc

| Futures Inc | - | - | 85,000 | 85,000 | 85,000 | 85,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 85,000 | 85,000 | 85,000 | 85,000 |

Background

Founded in 1988, Futures Inc is a state-wide non-profit agency that prepare students and adults with disabilities for an independent life with on-the-job coaching, competitive employment opportunities, socialization, life skills and recreation opportunities.

Committee

Provide new funding of \$85,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to Futures Inc. to support its operations.

Reduce Funding for the Travelers Championship Golf Tournament

| Greater Hartford Community | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Foundation Travelers Championship | - | - | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) |
| Total - Tourism Fund | - | - | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) |

Background

The Greater Hartford Community Foundation is the nonprofit organization that runs the Travelers Championship, Connecticut's annual PGA golf tournament. The tournament is the Foundation's primary mission and the net proceeds realized by the tournament

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
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| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

and other such activities and events are for the benefit of the citizens, social welfare organizations and other institutions of the community.

Committee

Reduce funding for the Travelers Championship by \$50,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27, a 50% decrease of the FY 25 appropriation, to achieve savings.

Provide Funding for the Niantic Bay Playhouse

| Performing Theaters Grant | - | - | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
|---------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - Tourism Fund | - | - | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |

Background

The Niantic Bay Playhouse, a non-profit organization established in 2010, presents the highest quality performances that engage, inspire, educate and provide equal opportunity to performers of all ages while valuing diversity and empowering all artists.

Committee

Providing new funding of \$25,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Niantic Bay Playhouse.

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

| Office of Workforce Strategy | 104,305 | 104,305 | - | - | (104,305) | (104,305) |
|--|-----------|-----------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | 104,305 | 104,305 | - | - | (104,305) | (104,305) |
| Positions - General Fund | 1 | 1 | - | - | (1) | (1) |
| Personal Services | (104,305) | (104,305) | - | - | 104,305 | 104,305 |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | (104,305) | (104,305) | - | - | 104,305 | 104,305 |
| Positions - Cannabis Regulatory | | | | | | |
| Fund | (1) | (1) | - | - | 1 | 1 |

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$104,305 and one position in both FY 26 and FY27 from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund. This position supports workforce development initiatives in the cannabis industry.

Committee

Maintain position and funding in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

Transfer Social Equity and Innovation Fund Off-Budget

| Personal Services | (1,401,631) | (1,401,631) | (1,401,631) | (1,401,631) | - | - |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | (7,679,717) | (7,679,717) | (7,679,717) | (7,679,717) | - | - |
| Fringe Benefits | (1,366,883) | (1,366,883) | (1,366,883) | (1,366,883) | - | - |
| Total - Cannabis Social Equity and | | | | | | |
| Innovation Fund | (10,448,231) | (10,448,231) | (10,448,231) | (10,448,231) | - | - |
| Positions - Cannabis Social Equity | | | | | | |
| and Innovation Fund | (13) | (13) | (13) | (13) | - | - |

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, *An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis*, established the Social Equity Council (SEC) to promote and encourage full participation in the cannabis industry by people from communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement. The SEC was initially supported through a temporary non-appropriated account in FY 23 with funds from cannabis-related taxes and fees. The Social Equity and Innovation Fund (SEIF) became the primary funding source for the SEC in FY 24, receiving \$5.8 million in FY 24 and \$10.2 million in appropriations through the FY 24 and FY 25 biennium budget. The SEIF is funded through a portion of cannabis excise tax revenues and hybrid retailer conversion fees.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Transfer funding of \$10,448,231 and 13 positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the "social equity and innovation account," a non-appropriated account, to support administration of the SEC.

HB 6865, the general government implementer, re-establishes the "social equity and innovation account" as a non-appropriated account to support the SEC and its initiatives. This bill provides a portion of cannabis excise tax collections and transfers the balance of the SEIF as of the end of FY 25 to this account.

Committee

Same as Governor

Current Services

Annualize Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 311,137 | 311,137 | 311,137 | 311,137 | - | - |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Office of Military Affairs | 7,529 | 7,529 | 7,529 | 7,529 | - | - |
| Manufacturing Growth Initiative | 8,353 | 8,353 | 8,353 | 8,353 | - | - |
| Office of Workforce Strategy | 68,667 | 68,667 | 68,667 | 68,667 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 395,686 | 395,686 | 395,686 | 395,686 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 36,796 | 36,796 | 36,796 | 36,796 | - | - |
| Fringe Benefits | 28,392 | 28,392 | 28,392 | 28,392 | - | - |
| Total - Cannabis Social Equity and | | | | | | |
| Innovation Fund | 65,188 | 65,188 | 65,188 | 65,188 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 4,305 | 4,305 | 4,305 | 4,305 | - | - |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | 4,305 | 4,305 | 4,305 | 4,305 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$465,179 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize FY 25 Holdbacks

| Personal Services | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - |

Background

The Office of Policy and Management implemented FY 25 holdbacks totaling \$129 million. The Governor's FY 26 and FY 27 Budget annualizes \$9.9 million of these holdbacks in FY 26 and FY 27 in the Department of Economic and Community Development and the State Department of Education.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$300,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize this agency's FY 25 holdbacks.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Social Equity Council Funding to Reflect Current Staff Expenses

| Personal Services | 88,484 | 88,484 | 88,484 | 88,484 | - | - |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Fringe Benefits | 94,559 | 94,559 | 94,559 | 94,559 | - | - |
| Total - Cannabis Social Equity and | | | | | | |
| Innovation Fund | 183,043 | 183,043 | 183,043 | 183,043 | - | - |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Provide funding of \$183,043 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current staffing costs for the Social Equity Council.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements of the Office of Military Affairs

| | _ | | - | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|
| Office of Military Affairs | (40,000) | (40,000) | (40,000) | (40,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (40,000) | (40,000) | (40,000) | (40,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$40,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Pulled Commence | Governor Reco | ommended | Commi | ttee | Difference from | Governor |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 37,481,644 | 37,481,644 | 37,481,644 | 37,481,644 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (7,670,695) | (7,273,295) | (2,427,000) | (2,264,500) | 5,243,695 | 5,008,795 |
| Current Services | 55,686 | 55,686 | 55,686 | 55,686 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - GF | 29,866,635 | 30,264,035 | 35,110,330 | 35,272,830 | 5,243,695 | 5,008,795 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - ED | 16,144,453 | 16,144,453 | 16,144,453 | 16,144,453 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (2,043,552) | (2,043,552) | 1,315,049 | 1,796,357 | 3,358,601 | 3,839,909 |
| Total Recommended - ED | 14,100,901 | 14,100,901 | 17,459,502 | 17,940,810 | 3,358,601 | 3,839,909 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CSEIF | 10,200,000 | 10,200,000 | 10,200,000 | 10,200,000 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (10,448,231) | (10,448,231) | (10,448,231) | (10,448,231) | - | - |
| Current Services | 248,231 | 248,231 | 248,231 | 248,231 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - CSEIF | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (104,305) | (104,305) | - | - | 104,305 | 104,305 |
| Current Services | 4,305 | 4,305 | 4,305 | 4,305 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 104,305 | 104,305 | 104,305 | 104,305 |

| Positions | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference fr | om Governor |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|---------------|-------------|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | - |
| Total Recommended - GF | 103 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 2 | - |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CSEIF | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (13) | (13) | (13) | (13) | - | - |
| Total Recommended - CSEIF | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (1) | (1) | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Department of Housing DOH46900

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|----------------|-------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 23 | 25 | 25 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| Insurance Fund | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Budget Summary

| A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 1,926,129 | 2,363,601 | 2,384,817 | 2,564,343 | 2,564,343 | 2,564,343 | 2,564,343 |
| Other Expenses | 214,106 | 287,210 | 112,210 | 137,210 | 137,210 | 157,210 | 157,210 |
| Other Current Expenses | · · · · · · | | | | | · · · · · · | |
| Elderly Rental Registry and | | | | | | | |
| Counselors | 980,870 | 1,006,446 | 1,011,170 | 1,011,170 | 1,011,170 | 1,011,170 | 1,011,170 |
| Homeless Youth | 3,030,729 | 3,136,200 | 3,154,590 | 3,235,121 | 3,235,121 | 3,235,121 | 3,235,121 |
| Outreach Services for Norwich | - | - | - | - | - | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | | | · · · · · | |
| Subsidized Assisted Living | | | | | | | |
| Demonstration | 2,703,000 | 2,676,000 | 2,733,000 | 3,200,000 | 3,402,000 | 3,200,000 | 3,402,000 |
| Congregate Facilities Operation | | | | | | | |
| Costs | 9,814,480 | 11,367,908 | 11,441,710 | 12,642,659 | 12,864,700 | 12,642,659 | 12,864,700 |
| Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy | 1,935,626 | 1,967,336 | 2,011,839 | 2,172,786 | 2,172,786 | 2,172,786 | 2,172,786 |
| Housing/Homeless Services | 91,469,052 | 97,985,575 | 87,882,789 | 102,088,923 | 110,788,923 | 104,088,923 | 115,788,923 |
| Project Longevity - Housing | - | 1,875,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,741,355 | 2,741,355 | 2,491,355 | 2,491,355 |
| Grant Payments to Local Governme | ments | | | | | · · · · · | |
| Housing/Homeless Services - | | | | | | | |
| Municipality | 621,245 | 666,209 | 675,409 | 692,651 | 692,651 | 1,192,651 | 1,192,651 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 112,695,237 | 123,331,485 | 113,907,534 | 130,486,218 | 139,610,259 | 133,006,218 | 145,130,259 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Fair Housing | 670,000 | 670,000 | 670,000 | 670,000 | 670,000 | 670,000 | 670,000 |
| Agency Total - Banking Fund | 670,000 | 670,000 | 670,000 | 670,000 | 670,000 | 670,000 | 670,000 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Crumbling Foundations | 170,311 | 177,592 | 178,788 | 182,977 | 182,977 | 182,977 | 182,977 |
| Agency Total - Insurance Fund | 170,311 | 177,592 | 178,788 | 182,977 | 182,977 | 182,977 | 182,977 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 113,535,548 | 124,179,077 | 114,756,322 | 131,339,195 | 140,463,236 | 133,859,195 | 145,983,236 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Transfer Norwich Project Longevity Funding to Thames Valley Council for Community Action

| Outreach Services for Norwich | - | - | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Project Longevity - Housing | - | - | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Background

Project Longevity is an initiative between police departments, community advocates, and social service organizations to reduce gun violence in certain cities. The Justice Education Center serves as the statewide administrator and coordinator. Section 55 of PA 22-118,

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

the FY 23 Revised Budget, transferred \$2 million from the non-appropriated Community Investment Account (CIA) to DOH to fund Project Longevity housing vouchers to be issued in Hartford, Waterbury, Bridgeport, and New Haven in FY 23. Section 56 of PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, expanded the Project Longevity initiative to New London and Norwich. Funds have historically been split between rapid rehousing and other associated services.

Committee

Transfer \$250,000 from Norwich's portion of Project Longevity to the Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA).

Provide Funding to Norwalk Housing Authority Scholarship Fund

| Other Expenses | - | - | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$20,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to Norwalk Housing Authority Scholarship Fund.

Provide Funding to Holy Family Home and Shelter

| Housing/Homeless Services - | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Municipality | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$500,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to Holy Family Home and Shelter in Willimantic.

Provide Funding for Additional Rental Assistance Program (RAP) Vouchers

| Housing/Homeless Services | - | 8,700,000 | - | 8,700,000 | _ | _ |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|---|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | - | 8,700,000 | - | 8,700,000 | - | - |

Background

The Rental Assistance Program (RAP) is the major state-supported program for assisting very-low-income families to afford housing in the private market. A family that is issued a RAP certificate is responsible for choosing a suitable housing unit where the owner agrees to rent under the program. The state pays the housing subsidy directly to the landlord on behalf of the participating family. The family pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program.

Governor

Provide funding of \$4.5 million in FY 27 to the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) to create approximately 275 new HeadStart on Housing RAP vouchers and \$4.2 million in FY 27 to create approximately 425 new elderly and disabled RAP vouchers. Priority will be given to those who are most at risk for homelessness and who may have multiple barriers to housing.

Committee

Provide funding of \$4.5 million in FY 27 to the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) to create approximately 275 new HeadStart on Housing RAP vouchers, \$1 million in FY 27 to create approximately 100 new Department of Developmental Services (DDS) RAP vouchers, and \$3.2 million in FY 27 to create approximately 325 new elderly and disabled RAP vouchers.

Provide Funding for Eviction Prevention and HUBs

| Housing/Homeless Services | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 3,500,000 | 5,000,000 | (1,500,000) | - |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---|
| Total - General Fund | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 3,500,000 | 5,000,000 | (1,500,000) | - |

Background

HUBs are physical locations where individuals and their families can seek supports for homelessness. HUBs are part of the Coordinated Access Networks (CAN).

Governor

Provide funding of \$5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to for eviction prevention and HUBs. Funding includes up to three months of rental assistance payments for past due payments to support tenants facing eviction.

Committee

Provide funding of \$3.5 million in FY 26 and \$5 million in FY 27 to for eviction prevention and HUBs. Funding includes up to three months of rental assistance payments for past due payments to support tenants facing eviction.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide One Position and Funding to Support the Business Office and Asset Management Unit

| | | | | | - | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Personal Services | 90,309 | 90,309 | 90,309 | 90,309 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 90,309 | 90,309 | 90,309 | 90,309 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| | | | | | | |

Governor

Provide funding of \$90,309 and one position in FY 26 and FY 27 to support the Asset Management Unit at DOH. The position will aid in monitoring the state's portfolio of affordable housing and to support records retention requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding from DAS to DOH for IT Centralization

| Other Expenses | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | - | - |

Background

PA 22-118 (as amended by PA 22-146), the FY 23 Revised Budget, centralized certain Executive Branch IT functions in the Department of Administrative Services' new unit, the Bureau of Information Technology Solutions (BITS). Funds were transferred to support this centralization beginning in FY 23.

Governor

Transfer \$25,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 from DAS to DOH to correct past error.

Committee

Same as Governor

Maintain Services Through General Fund

| Housing/Homeless Services | - | - | 3,500,000 | 5,000,000 | 3,500,000 | 5,000,000 |
|---------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 3,500,000 | 5,000,000 | 3,500,000 | 5,000,000 |

Background

Section 31 of HB 6864, the Governor's budget bill, allocates funding of \$16.1 million in FY 26 and \$18 million in FY 27 from the Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) to several agencies. Funds are allocated to the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families, and Housing to maintain certain services after American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds expire. Additionally, an OSF allocation is recommended for the Department of Public Health to offset a reduction in fee receipts dedicated to the assistance program for healthcare professionals (known as HAVEN) that results from the Governor's proposed elimination of certain occupational licensure fees.

Connecticut is expected to receive more than \$600 million over 18 years as part of nationwide opioid litigation settlement agreements with various pharmaceutical distributors and opioid manufacturers. The Opioid Settlement Fund is a separate, nonlapsing fund administered by the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee with assistance from DMHAS. Expenditures must be approved by the Committee and used in accordance with the controlling judgment, consent decree, or settlement.

Governor

Provide \$4.5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the OSF to maintain support for cold weather emergency response.

Committee

Provide \$3.5 million in FY 26 and \$5 million in FY 27 from the General Fund to maintain support for cold weather emergency response.

Current Services

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Adjust Funding Due to Increased Housing Costs

| Congregate Facilities Operation | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Costs | 1,128,757 | 1,350,798 | 1,128,757 | 1,350,798 | - | - |
| Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy | 160,947 | 160,947 | 160,947 | 160,947 | - | - |
| Housing/Homeless Services | 8,801,035 | 8,801,035 | 8,801,035 | 8,801,035 | - | - |
| Project Longevity - Housing | 203,063 | 203,063 | 203,063 | 203,063 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 10,293,802 | 10,515,843 | 10,293,802 | 10,515,843 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$10,293,802 in FY 26 and \$10,515,843 in FY 27 to various accounts with the Department of Housing to reflect increased housing costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

| Homeless Youth | 80,531 | 80,531 | 80,531 | 80,531 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Congregate Facilities Operation | | | | | | |
| Costs | 72,192 | 72,192 | 72,192 | 72,192 | - | - |
| Housing/Homeless Services | 405,099 | 405,099 | 405,099 | 405,099 | - | - |
| Project Longevity - Housing | 38,292 | 38,292 | 38,292 | 38,292 | - | - |
| Housing/Homeless Services - | | | | | | |
| Municipality | 17,242 | 17,242 | 17,242 | 17,242 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 613,356 | 613,356 | 613,356 | 613,356 | - | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$613,356 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for the Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration

| Subsidized Assisted Living | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Demonstration | 467,000 | 669,000 | 467,000 | 669,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 467,000 | 669,000 | 467,000 | 669,000 | - | - |

Background

The Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration (SALD) program was developed to provide a community-based housing and service setting for low-income seniors who are eligible for the Department of Social Services' Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders. The program consists of four properties with a total of 226 units, developed with bonds issued by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA). DOH, through the SALD account, provides subsidies to help offset the cost of rent for the low- and very low-income elderly residents. Pursuant to a longstanding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), CHFA calculates the rental subsidy amount sufficient to pay the actual debt service on the mortgage loans and bonds. The MOU further requires the Office of Policy and Management to include this amount in the Governor's budget submission.

Governor

Provide funding of \$467,000 in FY 26 and \$669,000 in FY 27 to align SALD with projected debt service costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 89,217 | 89,217 | 89,217 | 89,217 | - | - |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 89,217 | 89,217 | 89,217 | 89,217 | - | - |
| Crumbling Foundations | 4,189 | 4,189 | 4,189 | 4,189 | - | - |
| Total - Insurance Fund | 4,189 | 4,189 | 4,189 | 4,189 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$89,217 to Personal Services and \$4,189 to Crumbling Foundations in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

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|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| De last Campanya | Governor Reco | ommended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 113,907,534 | 113,907,534 | 113,907,534 | 113,907,534 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 5,115,309 | 13,815,309 | 7,635,309 | 19,335,309 | 2,520,000 | 5,520,000 | |
| Current Services | 11,463,375 | 11,887,416 | 11,463,375 | 11,887,416 | _ | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 130,486,218 | 139,610,259 | 133,006,218 | 145,130,259 | 2,520,000 | 5,520,000 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 178,788 | 178,788 | 178,788 | 178,788 | - | - | |
| Current Services | 4,189 | 4,189 | 4,189 | 4,189 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - IF | 182,977 | 182,977 | 182,977 | 182,977 | - | - | |

| Positions | Governor Rec | commended | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | - | - | |

Agricultural Experiment Station AES48000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| FundActual FY 23Actual FY 24 | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|------|--------|
| | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | |
| General Fund | 74 | 75 | 75 | 78 | 78 | 75 | 75 |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fund | - | 3 | 3 | - | - | 3 | 3 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 6,152,304 | 6,584,164 | 7,087,352 | 7,456,600 | 7,456,600 | 7,197,533 | 7,197,533 |
| Other Expenses | 941,245 | 941,499 | 941,499 | 1,146,499 | 1,146,499 | 1,081,499 | 1,081,499 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Mosquito and Tick Disease | | | | | | | |
| Prevention | 741,170 | 734,973 | 746,270 | 857,623 | 857,623 | 857,623 | 857,623 |
| Wildlife Disease Prevention | 134,013 | 123,539 | 129,011 | 133,357 | 133,357 | 133,357 | 133,357 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 7,968,732 | 8,384,175 | 8,904,132 | 9,594,079 | 9,594,079 | 9,270,012 | 9,270,012 |
| Personal Services | _ | 248,669 | 248,669 | _ | _ | 259,067 | 259,067 |
| Other Expenses | - | 65,000 | 65,000 | - | - | 65,000 | 65,000 |
| Agency Total - Cannabis | | , | , | | | , | , |
| Regulatory Fund | - | 313,669 | 313,669 | - | - | 324,067 | 324,067 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 7,968,732 | 8,697,844 | 9,217,801 | 9,594,079 | 9,594,079 | 9,594,079 | 9,594,079 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|--|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

| Personal Services | 259,067 | 259,067 | - | - | (259,067) | (259,067) |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Other Expenses | 65,000 | 65,000 | - | - | (65,000) | (65,000) |
| Total - General Fund | 324,067 | 324,067 | - | - | (324,067) | (324,067) |
| Positions - General Fund | 3 | 3 | - | - | (3) | (3) |
| Personal Services | (259,067) | (259,067) | - | - | 259,067 | 259,067 |
| Other Expenses | (65,000) | (65,000) | - | - | 65,000 | 65,000 |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | (324,067) | (324,067) | - | - | 324,067 | 324,067 |
| Positions - Cannabis Regulatory | | | | | | |
| Fund | (3) | (3) | - | - | 3 | 3 |

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Transfer funding of \$324,067 and three positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 for cannabis regulation duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Committee

Maintain cannabis funding within the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

Provide Funding for the Active Tick Surveillance Program

| Mosquito and Tick Disease | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Prevention | 95,049 | 95,049 | 95,049 | 95,049 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 95,049 | 95,049 | 95,049 | 95,049 | - | - |

Background

The Tick Surveillance program involves field collected ticks from sites around Connecticut which are tested for tick-borne pathogens including Lyme disease. The results are posted on the Agriculture Experiment Station (AES) website and reported to the state local health departments to monitor disease risk. Funding for this program was historically supported by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) but has been eliminated.

Governor

Provide funding of \$95,049 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to fund two research technicians in the Tick Surveillance program.

Committee

Same as Governor

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 310,181 | 310,181 | 310,181 | 310,181 | - | - |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Mosquito and Tick Disease | | | | | | |
| Prevention | 16,304 | 16,304 | 16,304 | 16,304 | - | - |
| Wildlife Disease Prevention | 4,346 | 4,346 | 4,346 | 4,346 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 330,831 | 330,831 | 330,831 | 330,831 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 10,398 | 10,398 | 10,398 | 10,398 | - | - |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | 10,398 | 10,398 | 10,398 | 10,398 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$330,831 in the General Fund in both FY 26 and FY 27, and \$10,398 in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund in both FY 26 and FY 27, to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (200,000) | (200,000) | (200,000) | (200,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (200,000) | (200,000) | (200,000) | (200,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$200,00 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Assourt | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|--|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Funding for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Testing on Farming Soil

| • | • | • | | - | • | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | - | - |
| | | | | | | |

Governor

Provide funding of \$50,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for laboratory supplies to conduct testing of farm soil.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding Due to Increased Electric Costs

| Other Expenses | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$90,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support increased electric costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Companyerts | Governor Rec | ommended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 8,904,132 | 8,904,132 | 8,904,132 | 8,904,132 | _ | _ | |
| Policy Revisions | 419,116 | 419,116 | 95,049 | 95,049 | (324,067) | (324,067) | |
| Current Services | 270,831 | 270,831 | 270,831 | 270,831 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 9,594,079 | 9,594,079 | 9,270,012 | 9,270,012 | (324,067) | (324,067) | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 313,669 | 313,669 | 313,669 | 313,669 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (324,067) | (324,067) | - | - | 324,067 | 324,067 | |
| Current Services | 10,398 | 10,398 | 10,398 | 10,398 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 324,067 | 324,067 | 324,067 | 324,067 | |

| | Governor Rec | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 3 | 3 | - | - | (3) | (3) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 78 | 78 | 75 | 75 | (3) | (3) | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (3) | (3) | - | - | 3 | 3 | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |

Health Coordinator – Lindsey Donston Office of Fiscal Analysis

| | Page | | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee |
|---------------------------|------|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | | | | | 11 | | | | |
| Department of Public | | | | | | | | | |
| Health | 130 | NB | 64,926,087 | 63,835,430 | 74,117,150 | 73,832,693 | 73,832,693 | 76,643,587 | 77,503,587 |
| Office of Health Strategy | 136 | JP | 17,450,527 | 7,499,996 | 4,467,571 | 4,233,648 | 3,733,648 | 5,040,861 | 4,540,861 |
| Office of the Chief | | | | | | | | | |
| Medical Examiner | 141 | NB | 9,900,054 | 10,190,195 | 10,817,534 | 11,563,325 | 11,563,325 | 11,563,325 | 11,563,325 |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Developmental Services | 143 | LD | 597,217,663 | 1,452,372,637 | 1,511,683,835 | 1,527,946,724 | 1,562,195,506 | 1,530,259,421 | 1,562,465,506 |
| Department of Mental | | | | | | | | | |
| Health and Addiction | | | | | | | | | |
| Services | 147 | ES | 705,289,367 | 751,014,988 | 740,496,273 | 774,180,598 | 773,192,598 | 784,542,749 | 786,932,249 |
| Psychiatric Security | | | | | | | | | |
| Review Board | 154 | ES | 358,388 | 359,183 | 375,102 | 392,213 | 392,213 | 392,213 | 392,213 |
| Total - General Fund | | | 1,395,142,086 | 2,285,272,429 | 2,341,957,465 | 2,392,149,201 | 2,424,909,983 | 2,408,442,156 | 2,443,397,741 |
| Insurance Fund | | | | | | | | | |
| Department of Public | | | | | | | | | |
| Health | 130 | NB | 52,488,855 | 37,002,698 | 76,978,749 | 69,184,600 | 70,852,886 | 69,484,600 | 71,152,886 |
| Office of Health Strategy | 136 | JP | 7,496,778 | 13,328,158 | 13,761,267 | 15,184,840 | 16,017,667 | 13,550,367 | 13,302,693 |
| Department of Mental | | | | | | | | | |
| Health and Addiction | | | | | | | | | |
| Services | 147 | ES | 434,687 | 462,686 | 451,181 | 462,699 | 462,699 | 462,699 | 462,699 |
| Total - Insurance Fund | | | 60,420,320 | 50,793,542 | 91,191,197 | 84,832,139 | 87,333,252 | 83,497,666 | 84,918,278 |
| Cannabis Prevention and | Reco | very Serv | ices Fund | | | | | | |
| Department of Mental | | | | | | | | | |
| Health and Addiction | | | | | | | | | |
| Services | 147 | ES | - | 2,231,718 | 3,358,000 | - | - | 3,365,268 | 3,365,268 |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fur | nd | | | | | | | | |
| Department of Public | | | | | | | | | |
| Health | 130 | NB | - | 296,836 | 463,659 | - | - | 468,220 | 468,220 |
| Total - Appropriated | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds | | | 1,455,562,406 | 2,338,594,525 | 2,436,970,321 | 2,476,981,340 | 2,512,243,235 | 2,495,773,310 | 2,532,149,507 |

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 472 | 480 | 481 | 484 | 484 | 481 | 481 | |
| Insurance Fund | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fund | - | 3 | 3 | - | - | 3 | 3 | |

Budget Summary

| A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 34,836,711 | 36,534,617 | 40,945,779 | 40,753,079 | 40,753,079 | 40,560,559 | 40,560,559 |
| Other Expenses | 8,009,921 | 6,252,942 | 7,605,228 | 7,880,928 | 7,880,928 | 8,330,228 | 8,330,228 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity | | | | | | | |
| Network | 115,603 | - | - | - | _ | - | - |
| Office of Pandemic Preparedness | 172,344 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tobacco Prevention | 1,000,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gun Violence Prevention | 247,572 | 700,032 | 3,900,000 | 3,904,299 | 3,904,299 | 3,904,299 | 3,904,299 |
| Lung Cancer Detection and | | | | | | | |
| Referrals | - | 408,268 | 477,857 | 479,137 | 479,137 | 479,137 | 479,137 |
| Other Than Payments to Local Go | overnments | | | | | | |
| Community Health Services | 1,702,908 | 1,862,846 | 1,851,235 | 1,898,494 | 1,898,494 | 1,898,494 | 1,898,494 |
| Rape Crisis | 600,893 | 600,754 | 600,893 | 616,233 | 616,233 | 616,233 | 616,233 |
| Grant Payments to Local Govern | nents | | | | | | |
| Local and District Departments | | | | | | | |
| of Health | 7,186,576 | 7,210,900 | 7,192,101 | 6,509,802 | 6,509,802 | 8,213,916 | 8,213,916 |
| School Based Health Clinics | 11,053,559 | 10,265,071 | 11,544,057 | 11,790,721 | 11,790,721 | 12,640,721 | 13,500,721 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 64,926,087 | 63,835,430 | 74,117,150 | 73,832,693 | 73,832,693 | 76,643,587 | 77,503,587 |
| Needle and Syringe Exchange | | | | | | | |
| Program | 468,498 | 429,312 | 501,629 | 513,515 | 513,515 | 513,515 | 513,515 |
| Children's Health Initiatives | 3,151,454 | 3,158,623 | 3,315,046 | 3,389,838 | 3,389,838 | 3,389,838 | 3,389,838 |
| AIDS Services | 4,561,574 | 4,016,491 | 5,284,470 | 5,066,231 | 5,066,231 | 5,366,231 | 5,366,231 |
| Breast and Cervical Cancer | | | | | | | •,••••,=• |
| Detection and Treatment | 2,435,580 | 2,274,786 | 2,503,761 | 2,563,100 | 2,563,100 | 2,563,100 | 2,563,100 |
| Immunization Services | 40,908,975 | 26,515,015 | 64,201,121 | 56,476,811 | 58,145,097 | 56,476,811 | 58,145,097 |
| X-Ray Screening and | | -,, | | | | | , -, |
| Tuberculosis Care | 805,265 | 442,338 | 970,931 | 971,849 | 971,849 | 971,849 | 971,849 |
| Venereal Disease Control | 157,509 | 166,133 | 201,791 | 203,256 | 203,256 | 203,256 | 203,256 |
| Agency Total - Insurance Fund | 52,488,855 | 37,002,698 | 76,978,749 | 69,184,600 | 70,852,886 | 69,484,600 | 71,152,886 |
| Personal Services | | 102,203 | 187,959 | | | 192,520 | 192,520 |
| | - | 102,203 | | - | - | | |
| Other Expenses | - | 194,033 | 275,700 | - | - | 275,700 | 275,700 |
| Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | _ | 296,836 | 463,659 | _ | _ | 468,220 | 468,220 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 117,414,942 | 101,134,964 | 151,559,558 | 143,017,293 | 144,685,579 | 146,596,407 | 149,124,693 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------|--------------------------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 FY 27 | |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for School Based Health Centers

| School Based Health Clinics | - | - | 200,000 | 1,060,000 | 200,000 | 1,060,000 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 200,000 | 1,060,000 | 200,000 | 1,060,000 |

Background

School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) are comprehensive primary care facilities located in or on the grounds of schools. SBHCs provide a range of physical and mental healthcare, and in some sites, dental services. All students who attend a school in which an SBHC is located are eligible for care regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, but require written consent signed by the parent/guardian to receive it. The Department of Public Health funds several SBHC contractors servicing 91 different health centers across various communities.

Committee

Provide funding of \$200,000 in FY 26 and \$1,060,000 in FY 27 to Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut for eight School Based Health Centers (serving nine schools across Groton, Ledyard, and Stonington) to cover budget shortfalls and support ongoing services.

| School-Based Health Center | Municipality | FY 26 | FY 27 |
|--|--------------|---------|-----------|
| Ella T. Grasso Technical High School | Groton | 83,000 | 200,000 |
| Northeast Academy Arts Magnet School | Groton | 22,000 | 150,000 |
| Gallup Hill School | Ledyard | - | 100,000 |
| Gales Ferry Elementary School & Juliet Long Elementary School | Ledyard | _ | 100,000 |
| Ledyard Middle School | Ledyard | - | 100,000 |
| Ledyard High School | Ledyard | 95,000 | 200,000 |
| Stonington High School | Stonington | - | 105,000 |
| West Vine Elementary School | Stonington | - | 105,000 |
| TOTAL | | 200,000 | 1,060,000 |

Provide Funding for Other School Based Health Centers

| School Based Health Clinics | - | - | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 |

Background

The Education Finance Reform account held a \$150 million FY 25 appropriation established by PA 23-204 to increase funding for ECS and certain choice programs. PA 24-81 adjusted the distribution of the appropriation. The distribution of the Education Finance Reform appropriation included \$10.4 million in FY 25 for a variety of education-related programs and purposes. Among them, funding of \$650,000 was appropriated to InterCommunity Health Care, an organization that provides primary care and behavioral health services in nine East Hartford schools through school-based health centers.

Committee

Provide funding of \$650,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to continue funding for InterCommunity Health Care.

Adjust Funding for Local Health Department & District Grants

| Local and District Departments of | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Health | (723,311) | (723,311) | 980,803 | 980,803 | 1,704,114 | 1,704,114 |
| Total - General Fund | (723,311) | (723,311) | 980,803 | 980,803 | 1,704,114 | 1,704,114 |

Background

The Local and District Departments of Health account provides per capita grants as follows:

• Each **health district** that has a population of at least 50,000 or serves at least three municipalities receives **\$2.60 per capita** for each town, city and borough of such district, provided: (1) the Commissioner approves the district's public health program and budget, and (2) the towns, cities and boroughs of such district appropriate from annual tax receipts for the maintenance of the health district not less than \$1 per capita; and

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference fr | om Governor |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|---------------|-------------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

• Each **municipal health department** receives **\$1.93 per capita**, provided the municipality: (1) employs a full-time director of health, (2) submits a public health program and budget which is approved by the Commissioner, (3) appropriates at least \$1 per capita from annual tax receipts for health department services, and (4) has a population of at least 50,000. By law, every city or town having a population over 40,000 for a period of five consecutive years must hire a full-time local director of health.

These grants are reduced proportionately if available appropriations fail to fully fund the amount determined by statutory formula, pursuant to CGS Sec. 19a-202(b) and CGS Sec. 19a-245(b). The grants have been fully funded since FY 22 when an increase of \$0.75 per capita was implemented for eligible full-time and district health departments.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$723,311 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for grant payments to qualifying local health authorities. This represents a 10% decrease from the amount needed to fully fund statutory per capita formula grants based on updated population estimates; grants will be reduced pro rata.

Committee

Provide funding of \$980,803 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to fully fund eligible full-time local and district health departments at per capita rates of \$2.13 (an increase of \$0.20 over current law) and \$3.00 (an increase of \$0.40), respectively.

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

| Fund | (3) | (3) | - | - | 3 | 3 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Positions - Cannabis Regulatory | | | | | | |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | (468,220) | (468,220) | - | - | 468,220 | 468,220 |
| Other Expenses | (275,700) | (275,700) | - | - | 275,700 | 275,700 |
| Personal Services | (192,520) | (192,520) | - | - | 192,520 | 192,520 |
| Positions - General Fund | 3 | 3 | - | - | (3) | (3) |
| Total - General Fund | 468,220 | 468,220 | - | - | (468,220) | (468,220) |
| Other Expenses | 275,700 | 275,700 | - | - | (275,700) | (275,700) |
| Personal Services | 192,520 | 192,520 | - | - | (192,520) | (192,520) |

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$468,220 and three positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 for cannabis regulation, prevention, and education duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$468,220 and three positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 for cannabis regulation, prevention, and education duties within the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

Provide Funding for HAVEN through General Fund

| Other Expenses | - | - | 725,000 | 725,000 | 725,000 | 725,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 725,000 | 725,000 | 725,000 | 725,000 |

Background

Section 31 of HB 6864, the Governor's budget bill, allocates funding of \$16.1 million in FY 26 and \$18 million in FY 27 from the Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) to several agencies. Funds are allocated to the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families, and Housing to maintain certain services after American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds expire. Additionally, an OSF allocation is recommended for the Department of Public Health to offset a reduction in fee receipts dedicated to the assistance program for healthcare professionals (known as HAVEN) that results from the Governor's proposed elimination of certain occupational licensure fees.

Connecticut is expected to receive more than \$600 million over 18 years as part of nationwide opioid litigation settlement agreements with various pharmaceutical distributors and opioid manufacturers. The Opioid Settlement Fund is a separate, nonlapsing fund administered by the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee with assistance from DMHAS. Expenditures must be approved by the Committee and used in accordance with the controlling judgment, consent decree, or settlement.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | Committee Difference from Gover | | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Provide \$725,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the OSF to maintain support for the HAVEN program. HAVEN provides confidential assistance for licensed healthcare professionals to access educational, rehabilitative, and support services pertaining to behavioral and physical health conditions as well as misuse or abuse of substances.

Committee

Provide funding of \$725,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the General Fund to maintain support for the HAVEN program.

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (2,100,000) | (2,100,000) | (2,100,000) | (2,100,000) | - | - |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | (2,100,000) | (2,100,000) | (2,100,000) | (2,100,000) | - | - |
| AIDS Services | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| Immunization Services | (7,735,531) | (6,067,245) | (7,735,531) | (6,067,245) | - | - |
| Total - Insurance Fund | (8,035,531) | (6,367,245) | (7,735,531) | (6,067,245) | 300,000 | 300,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$10,135,531 in FY 26 and \$8,467,245 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements. The reduction to Immunization Services reflects the anticipated drawdown of an existing vaccine stockpile.

Committee

Reduce funding by \$9,835,531 in FY 26 and \$8,167,245 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements. Do not reduce AIDS Services funding.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 1,714,780 | 1,714,780 | 1,714,780 | 1,714,780 | - | - |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Gun Violence Prevention | 4,299 | 4,299 | 4,299 | 4,299 | - | - |
| Lung Cancer Detection and Referrals | 1,280 | 1,280 | 1,280 | 1,280 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 1,720,359 | 1,720,359 | 1,720,359 | 1,720,359 | - | - |
| Children's Health Initiatives | 10,785 | 10,785 | 10,785 | 10,785 | - | - |
| Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection | | | | | | |
| and Treatment | 9,653 | 9,653 | 9,653 | 9,653 | - | - |
| Immunization Services | 11,221 | 11,221 | 11,221 | 11,221 | - | - |
| Total - Insurance Fund | 31,659 | 31,659 | 31,659 | 31,659 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 4,561 | 4,561 | 4,561 | 4,561 | - | - |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | 4,561 | 4,561 | 4,561 | 4,561 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,756,579 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

| Community Health Services | 47,259 | 47,259 | 47,259 | 47,259 | - | - |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Rape Crisis | 15,340 | 15,340 | 15,340 | 15,340 | - | - |
| School Based Health Clinics | 246,664 | 246,664 | 246,664 | 246,664 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 309,263 | 309,263 | 309,263 | 309,263 | - | - |
| Needle and Syringe Exchange | | | | | | |
| Program | 11,886 | 11,886 | 11,886 | 11,886 | - | - |

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| Account | Governor Reco | ommended | Commi | ttee | Difference fro | m Governor |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|---------|---------|----------------|------------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| | | | | | | |
| Children's Health Initiatives | 64,007 | 64,007 | 64,007 | 64,007 | - | - |
| AIDS Services | 81,761 | 81,761 | 81,761 | 81,761 | - | - |
| Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection | | | | | | |
| and Treatment | 49,686 | 49,686 | 49,686 | 49,686 | - | - |
| X-Ray Screening and Tuberculosis | | | | | | |
| Care | 918 | 918 | 918 | 918 | - | - |
| Venereal Disease Control | 1,465 | 1,465 | 1,465 | 1,465 | - | - |
| Total - Insurance Fund | 209,723 | 209,723 | 209,723 | 209,723 | - | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$518,986 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

Fund Statutory Per Capita Local Health Department & District Grants

| Local and District Departments of | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Health | 41,012 | 41,012 | 41,012 | 41,012 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 41,012 | 41,012 | 41,012 | 41,012 | - | - |

Background

A statutory per capita grant is paid by the Department of Public Health to eligible local health authorities.

Governor

Provide funding of \$41,012 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect updated population estimates for health districts' and municipal health departments' per capita grants. (See also the Policy Revisions adjustment to this account.)

Committee

Same as Governor

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|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|
| De last Campagnata | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ttee | Difference from | n Governor |
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 74,117,150 | 74,117,150 | 74,117,150 | 74,117,150 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (255,091) | (255,091) | 2,555,803 | 3,415,803 | 2,810,894 | 3,670,894 |
| Current Services | (29,366) | (29,366) | (29,366) | (29,366) | - | - |
| Total Recommended - GF | 73,832,693 | 73,832,693 | 76,643,587 | 77,503,587 | 2,810,894 | 3,670,894 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 76,978,749 | 76,978,749 | 76,978,749 | 76,978,749 | - | - |
| Current Services | (7,794,149) | (6,125,863) | (7,494,149) | (5,825,863) | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| Total Recommended - IF | 69,184,600 | 70,852,886 | 69,484,600 | 71,152,886 | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 463,659 | 463,659 | 463,659 | 463,659 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (468,220) | (468,220) | - | - | 468,220 | 468,220 |
| Current Services | 4,561 | 4,561 | 4,561 | 4,561 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 468,220 | 468,220 | 468,220 | 468,220 |

| Positions | Governor Recommended | | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| 1 051(101)5 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 481 | 481 | 481 | 481 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 3 | 3 | - | - | (3) | (3) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 484 | 484 | 481 | 481 | (3) | (3) | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (3) | (3) | _ | _ | 3 | 3 | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|----------------|------------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fund | Fund FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 34 | 35 | 35 | 36 | 36 | 33 | 33 |
| Insurance Fund | 10 | 18 | 18 | 15 | 20 | 13 | 13 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Personal Services | 2,615,666 | 2,903,476 | 3,454,529 | 3,720,606 | 3,720,606 | 3,370,606 | 3,370,606 | |
| Other Expenses | 10,385 | 7,924 | 13,042 | 13,042 | 13,042 | 1,170,255 | 1,170,255 | |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | | | | | |
| CT Virtuosi Orchestra | 55,264 | 16,231 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Covered Connecticut Program | 14,769,212 | 4,572,365 | 1,000,000 | 500,000 | - | 500,000 | - | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 17,450,527 | 7,499,996 | 4,467,571 | 4,233,648 | 3,733,648 | 5,040,861 | 4,540,861 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 1,101,999 | 1,078,047 | 1,982,363 | 1,756,969 | 2,304,169 | 1,487,574 | 1,487,574 | |
| Other Expenses | 5,395,946 | 11,347,990 | 9,829,264 | 11,803,667 | 11,555,993 | 10,646,454 | 10,398,780 | |
| Equipment | 7,483 | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | · · · · · | · · · · | | | |
| Fringe Benefits | 991,350 | 902,121 | 1,939,640 | 1,614,204 | 2,147,505 | 1,406,339 | 1,406,339 | |
| Agency Total - Insurance Fund | 7,496,778 | 13,328,158 | 13,761,267 | 15,184,840 | 16,017,667 | 13,550,367 | 13,302,693 | |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 24,947,305 | 20,828,154 | 18,228,838 | 19,418,488 | 19,751,315 | 18,591,228 | 17,843,554 | |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Adjust Funding for Out-of-Network Hospital Price Limit Legislation

| Personal Services | - | 547,200 | - | - | - | (547,200) |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|---|---|---|-------------|
| Fringe Benefits | - | 533,301 | - | - | - | (533,301) |
| Total - Insurance Fund | - | 1,080,501 | - | - | - | (1,080,501) |
| Positions - Insurance Fund | - | 5 | - | - | - | (5) |

Background

The Governor's proposed budget includes funding to support H.B. 6871, which caps out-of-network hospital prices at 240 percent of the Medicare rate for the same service in the same geographic region. The Office of Health Strategy (OHS) is tasked with tracking innetwork and out-of-network cost trends across the state, and will report its findings and recommendations to the Insurance Committee. OHS is permitted to design and adopt regulations to implement the bill's provisions, conduct audits regarding provider compliance, and impose civil penalties for noncompliance.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,080,501 in FY 27 to support five positions to enforce out-of-network hospital price limits.

Committee

Do not provide funding to implement legislation regarding out-of-network hospital price limits.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Adjust Funding for a Deputy Commissioner

| Personal Services | 180,000 | 180,000 | - | - | (180,000) | (180,000) |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Fringe Benefits | 138,888 | 138,888 | - | - | (138,888) | (138,888) |
| Total - Insurance Fund | 318,888 | 318,888 | - | - | (318,888) | (318,888) |
| Positions - Insurance Fund | 1 | 1 | - | - | (1) | (1) |

Governor

Provide funding of \$318,888 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to hire a Deputy Commissioner to support agency activities.

Committee

Funding is not provided for a deputy commissioner.

Adjust Funding for Notice of Material Change Legislation

| Personal Services | 350,000 | 350,000 | - | - | (350,000) | (350,000) |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | 350,000 | 350,000 | - | - | (350,000) | (350,000) |
| Positions - General Fund | 3 | 3 | - | - | (3) | (3) |

Background

The Governor's proposed budget includes funding for H.B. 6873, which significantly expands the Office of the Attorney General's oversight over both the type of healthcare transactions and type of entities that will require the Office of Health Strategy to evaluate how health quality and access would be affected by such a transfer.

Governor

Provide funding of \$350,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support three positions to implement the proposed legislation.

Committee

Do not provide funding to OHS to expand agency oversight over certain healthcare transactions and entities.

Centralize Information Technology Functions Under the Department of Administrative Services

| | | | - | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Personal Services | (223,113) | (223,113) | (223,113) | (223,113) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (223,113) | (223,113) | (223,113) | (223,113) | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | - | - |
| Other Expenses | (38,471) | (38,471) | (38,471) | (38,471) | - | - |
| Total - Insurance Fund | (38,471) | (38,471) | (38,471) | (38,471) | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget consolidates IT positions from five agencies across the General Fund and Special Transportation Fund into the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). In total, 158 positions and \$65 million are transferred in FY 26 and FY 27.

Governor

Transfer two positions and \$261,584 to DAS in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Gross Fund Federal Share of Health Information Exchange Costs

| Other Expenses | - | - | 1,157,213 | 1,157,213 | 1,157,213 | 1,157,213 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 1,157,213 | 1,157,213 | 1,157,213 | 1,157,213 |
| Other Expenses | 1,157,213 | 1,157,213 | - | - | (1,157,213) | (1,157,213) |
| Total - Insurance Fund | 1,157,213 | 1,157,213 | - | - | (1,157,213) | (1,157,213) |

Background

The Office of Health Strategy received \$2.1 million in FY 23 and \$3.9 million in FY 24 in federal grants related to the operation of the state's health information technology programs. The agency is anticipating a reduction in federal grant funding as the Health Information Exchange (HIE) becomes operational.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,157,213 in both FY 26 and 27 to maintain the operations of the Health Information Exchange.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$1,157,213 in both FY 26 and 27 through the General Fund instead of the Insurance Fund. Any federal reimbursement related to these costs shall be deposited into the General Fund.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 139,190 | 139,190 | 139,190 | 139,190 | - | - |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 139,190 | 139,190 | 139,190 | 139,190 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 52,411 | 52,411 | 52,411 | 52,411 | - | - |
| Total - Insurance Fund | 52,411 | 52,411 | 52,411 | 52,411 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in both FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$191,601 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Adjust Funding for the Senior Director for Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health Position

| Personal Services | 89,395 | 89,395 | - | - | (89,395) | (89,395) |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Fringe Benefits | 68,977 | 68,977 | - | - | (68,977) | (68,977) |
| Total - Insurance Fund | 158,372 | 158,372 | - | - | (158,372) | (158,372) |
| Positions - Insurance Fund | 1 | 1 | - | - | (1) | (1) |

Background

The Senior Director of Health Equity and SDOH was brought on as a Durational Project Manager to lead the State Health Improvement Plan – previously managed by the Department of Public Health – which is now integrated into OHS's facilities and services plan. This role is responsible for overseeing the following efforts:

- State Health Improvement Plan
- Universal Nurse Home Visiting program evaluation and sustainability planning
- Planning for the HHS Agencies Social Determinants of Health Summit
- CoveredCT Community Outreach and Engagement efforts
- Community Health Workers Advisory Body (sits in OHS)
- Supports coordination of the Race, Ethnicity and Language Data standardization across health and human services state agencies
- AHEAD a federal demonstration model from CMS/CMMI that CT was selected to implement.

Governor

Provide funding of \$158,372 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to make the Senior Director for Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health position permanent.

Committee

Funding is not provided for the Senior Director position.

Reduce Funding to Reflect Legislation That Was Not Enacted

| Personal Services | (547,200) | (547,200) | (547,200) | (547,200) | - | - |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Fringe Benefits | (533,301) | (533,301) | (533,301) | (533,301) | - | - |
| Total - Insurance Fund | (1,080,501) | (1,080,501) | (1,080,501) | (1,080,501) | - | - |
| Positions - Insurance Fund | (5) | (5) | (5) | (5) | - | - |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

The FY 24-FY 25 biennial budget included funding of \$1,080,501 and five positions to implement the health care affordability activities described in S.B. 983 of the 2023 legislative session. However, the corresponding legislation was never passed.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,080,501 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of funding related to legislation that was not enacted.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Reflect Reduced Covered CT Outreach Needs

| Covered Connecticut Program | (500,000) | (1,000,000) | (500,000) | (1,000,000) | - | - |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (500,000) | (1,000,000) | (500,000) | (1,000,000) | - | - |

Background

The CoveredCT program offers no-cost health insurance, dental insurance, and non-emergency medical transportation to all Connecticut residents between the ages of 19-64 that qualify. Administration of the program was transferred from the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) to the Department of Social Services in 2022, however OHS retained a \$1 million appropriation for program outreach and education.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$500,000 in FY 26 and by \$1 million in FY 27 to reflect a reduced need for program outreach.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Support Increased Operational Costs of Health Information Technology Initiatives

| Other Expenses | 855,661 | 607,987 | 855,661 | 607,987 | - | - |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - Insurance Fund | 855,661 | 607,987 | 855,661 | 607,987 | - | - |

Background

The Office of Health Strategy is responsible for overseeing a variety of health information programs, including the All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) and the Health Information Exchange (Connie). These programs collect healthcare records from insurers and support increased communication between healthcare providers.

Governor

Provide funding of \$855,661 in FY 26 and \$607,987 in FY 27 to reflect increased costs associated with the state's health information technology programs.

Committee

Same as Governor.

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|--------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 4,467,571 | 4,467,571 | 4,467,571 | 4,467,571 | _ | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 126,887 | 126,887 | 934,100 | 934,100 | 807,213 | 807,213 | |
| Current Services | (360,810) | (860,810) | (360,810) | (860,810) | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 4,233,648 | 3,733,648 | 5,040,861 | 4,540,861 | 807,213 | 807,213 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 13,761,267 | 13,761,267 | 13,761,267 | 13,761,267 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 1,437,630 | 2,518,131 | (38,471) | (38,471) | (1,476,101) | (2,556,602) | |
| Current Services | (14,057) | (261,731) | (172,429) | (420,103) | (158,372) | (158,372) | |
| Total Recommended - IF | 15,184,840 | 16,017,667 | 13,550,367 | 13,302,693 | (1,634,473) | (2,714,974) | |

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| Positions | Governor Rec | commended | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | _ | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 1 | 1 | (2) | (2) | (3) | (3) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 36 | 36 | 33 | 33 | (3) | (3) | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 1 | 6 | - | - | (1) | (6) | |
| Current Services | (4) | (4) | (5) | (5) | (1) | (1) | |
| Total Recommended - IF | 15 | 20 | 13 | 13 | (2) | (7) | |

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|--------------|------------------|--------|---------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|----|
| runu | Fund FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 63 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual Actual A | | Appropriation | Governor Rec | commended | Committee | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Personal Services | 8,203,195 | 8,270,818 | 8,666,281 | 9,036,394 | 9,036,394 | 9,036,394 | 9,036,394 | |
| Other Expenses | 1,654,378 | 1,868,866 | 2,104,257 | 2,479,935 | 2,479,935 | 2,479,935 | 2,479,935 | |
| Equipment | 21,231 | 29,213 | 24,846 | 24,846 | 24,846 | 24,846 | 24,846 | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Medicolegal Investigations | 21,250 | 21,298 | 22,150 | 22,150 | 22,150 | 22,150 | 22,150 | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 9,900,054 | 10,190,195 | 10,817,534 | 11,563,325 | 11,563,325 | 11,563,325 | 11,563,325 | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 370,113 | 370,113 | 370,113 | 370,113 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 370,113 | 370,113 | 370,113 | 370,113 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$370,113 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Contracted Security Services

| Other Expenses | 306,465 | 306,465 | 306,465 | 306,465 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 306,465 | 306,465 | 306,465 | 306,465 | - | - |

Background

Currently, there is no designated funding for premises security services. The agency contracts security services for one 24 hours a day, seven days a week staff position in the agency lobby. The proposed funding is the FY 24 expense paid for these services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$306,465 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for contracted security services.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Funding for IT Maintenance and Toxicology Contract Increases

| • | | ••• | | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | 69,213 | 69,213 | 69,213 | 69,213 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 69,213 | 69,213 | 69,213 | 69,213 | - | - |
| | | | | | | |

Background

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner uses case management software (the Electronic Death Registry System) which allows for collaborative use between this agency and the Department of Public Health. The software requires IT maintenance for continued use.

The agency contracts for lab services for certain postmortem toxicology tests. The costs of two tests have increased in FY 25, under the current contract: (1) the OCME-4 Expanded Test cost increased by \$20 per test, from \$200 to \$220, with a total projected cost increase of \$40,000; and (2) the OCME-1 Expanded Test cost rose \$7 per test, from \$142 to \$149, with a total projected cost increase of \$3,500.

Governor

Provide funding of \$69,213 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for IT maintenance costs (\$25,713 annually) and toxicology contract increases (\$43,500 annually).

Committee

Same as Governor

| Pudant Commence | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 10,817,534 | 10,817,534 | 10,817,534 | 10,817,534 | - | |
| Current Services | 745,791 | 745,791 | 745,791 | 745,791 | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 11,563,325 | 11,563,325 | 11,563,325 | 11,563,325 | - | |
Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|--------------|---------------|-------|---------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 2,457 | 2,316 | 2,307 | 2,287 | 2,287 | 2,287 | 2,287 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comn | nittee | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | |
| Personal Services | 211,079,792 | 208,934,474 | 231,016,245 | 224,654,418 | 224,654,418 | 224,654,418 | 224,654,418 | | | |
| Other Expenses | 19,599,875 | 21,802,233 | 21,197,718 | 20,119,245 | 21,019,245 | 20,119,245 | 21,019,245 | | | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| Housing Supports and Services | 916,253 | 1,234,378 | 1,400,000 | 1,400,000 | 1,400,000 | 1,400,000 | 1,400,000 | | | |
| Family Support Grants | 3,680,655 | 3,700,840 | 3,700,840 | 3,700,840 | 3,700,840 | 3,700,840 | 3,700,840 | | | |
| Clinical Services | 1,903,227 | 1,917,493 | 2,337,724 | 2,337,724 | 2,337,724 | 2,337,724 | 2,337,724 | | | |
| Behavioral Services Program | 9,587,975 | 10,037,810 | 12,146,979 | 12,857,593 | 12,857,593 | 12,857,593 | 12,857,593 | | | |
| Supplemental Payments for | | | | | | | | | | |
| Medical Services | 2,456,894 | 2,339,848 | 2,558,132 | 2,288,132 | 2,288,132 | 2,558,132 | 2,558,132 | | | |
| ID Partnership Initiatives | 2,166,342 | 1,742,229 | 2,529,000 | 2,528,138 | 2,528,138 | 2,528,138 | 2,528,138 | | | |
| Emergency Placements | 4,433,720 | 5,912,745 | 5,933,002 | 5,980,932 | 5,980,932 | 5,980,932 | 5,980,932 | | | |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | | | | | | | |
| Rent Subsidy Program | 5,029,884 | 5,151,751 | 5,262,312 | 5,262,312 | 5,262,312 | 5,262,312 | 5,262,312 | | | |
| Employment Opportunities and | | | | | | | | | | |
| Day Services | 336,363,046 | 346,308,355 | 373,156,038 | 393,563,096 | 407,451,072 | 395,605,793 | 407,451,072 | | | |
| Community Residential Services | - | 793,290,482 | 800,445,845 | 853,254,294 | 872,715,100 | 853,254,294 | 872,715,100 | | | |
| Provider Bonuses | - | 49,999,999 | 50,000,000 | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 597,217,663 | 1,452,372,637 | 1,511,683,835 | 1,527,946,724 | 1,562,195,506 | 1,530,259,421 | 1,562,465,506 | | | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Centralize Information Technology Functions Under the Department of Administrative Services

| Total - General Fund | (4,115,894) | (4,115,894) | (4,115,894) | (4,115,894) | - | - |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Emergency Placements | (40,071) | (40,071) | (40,071) | (40,071) | _ | |
| ID Partnership Initiatives | (862) | (862) | (862) | (862) | - | - |
| Other Expenses | (1,449,102) | (1,449,102) | (1,449,102) | (1,449,102) | - | - |
| Personal Services | (2,625,859) | (2,625,859) | (2,625,859) | (2,625,859) | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget consolidates IT positions from five agencies across the General Fund and Special Transportation Fund into the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). In total, 158 positions and \$65 million are transferred in FY 26 and FY 27.

Governor

Transfer 20 positions and \$4,115,894 to DAS in both FY 26 and FY 27.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Same as Governor

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 9,201,230 | 9,201,230 | 9,201,230 | 9,201,230 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Emergency Placements | 88,001 | 88,001 | 88,001 | 88,001 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 9,289,231 | 9,289,231 | 9,289,231 | 9,289,231 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$9,289,231 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Distribute Provider Bonus Funding to Fully Integrate Private Provider Rates

| Behavioral Services Program | 502,737 | 502,737 | 502,737 | 502,737 | - | - |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| Employment Opportunities and Day | | | | | | |
| Services | 16,073,226 | 16,073,226 | 16,073,226 | 16,073,226 | - | - |
| Community Residential Services | 33,424,037 | 33,424,037 | 33,424,037 | 33,424,037 | - | - |
| Provider Bonuses | (50,000,000) | (50,000,000) | (50,000,000) | (50,000,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Governor

Transfer funding of \$50 million from the Provider Bonuses SID to the Behavioral Services SID, Employment Opportunities and Day Services SID, and Community Residential Services SID to enable full integration of the funding into private provider rates.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

| Behavioral Services Program | 207,877 | 207,877 | 207,877 | 207,877 | - | - |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Employment Opportunities and Day | | | | | | |
| Services | 7,309,416 | 7,309,416 | 7,309,416 | 7,309,416 | - | - |
| Community Residential Services | 7,279,933 | 17,432,543 | 7,279,933 | 17,432,543 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 14,797,226 | 24,949,836 | 14,797,226 | 24,949,836 | - | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veteran's Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$14,797,226 in FY 26 and \$24,949,836 in FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Annualize Costs of Personal Care Attendant Collective Bargaining Agreement

| | | | 0 0 0 | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Employment Opportunities and Day | | | | | | |
| Services | 3,234,186 | 3,095,278 | 3,234,186 | 3,095,278 | - | - |
| Community Residential Services | 7,937,406 | 7,596,494 | 7,937,406 | 7,596,494 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 11,171,592 | 10,691,772 | 11,171,592 | 10,691,772 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$11,171,592 in FY 26 and \$10,691,772 in FY 27 to annualize the cost of the Personal Care Attendant Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Committee

Same as Governor

Continue ARPA Home and Community-Based Services Ongoing Initiatives

| Personal Services | (782,036) | (782,036) | (782,036) | (782,036) | - | _ |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | 471,429 | 1,371,429 | 471,429 | 1,371,429 | _ | - |
| Employment Opportunities and Day | | , , , - | , . | ,- , - | | |
| Services | - | (188,468) | - | (188,468) | - | - |
| Community Residential Services | - | (411,532) | - | (411,532) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (310,607) | (10,607) | (310,607) | (10,607) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$310,607 in FY 26 and \$10,607 in FY 27 in order to continue to utilize temporary enhanced federal reimbursement for reinvestment in qualifying services which support community-based long-term services and supports.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Residential and Day Services

| Employment Opportunities and Day | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|---|
| Services | (6,209,770) | 8,005,582 | (4,167,073) | 8,005,582 | 2,042,697 | - |
| Community Residential Services | 4,167,073 | 14,227,713 | 4,167,073 | 14,227,713 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (2,042,697) | 22,233,295 | - | 22,233,295 | 2,042,697 | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,042,697 in FY 26 and provide funding of \$22,233,295 in FY 27 to support the annualization of caseload growth for employment and day services and residential placements.

Committee

Reduce funding by \$4,167,073 in Employment Opportunities and Day Services and provide funding of \$4,167,073 in Community Residential Services in FY 26.

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (11,600,000) | (11,600,000) | (11,600,000) | (11,600,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (11,600,000) | (11,600,000) | (11,600,000) | (11,600,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$11.6 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current staffing levels.

Committee

Same as Governor

Consolidate Southbury Training School Cottages to Reflect Declining Census

| Personal Services | (555,162) | (555,162) | (555,162) | (555,162) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (555,162) | (555,162) | (555,162) | (555,162) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$555,162 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the declining census at Southbury Training School.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference fr | om Governor |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|---------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Supplemental Payments for Medical Services

| Supplemental Payments for Medical | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|
| Services | (270,000) | (270,000) | - | - | 270,000 | 270,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (270,000) | (270,000) | - | - | 270,000 | 270,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$270,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support anticipated reductions in Intermediate Care Facility census during the biennium.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$270,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 for supplemental payments for medical services.

Reduce DDS Vehicle Fleet

| Other Expenses | (100,800) | (100,800) | (100,800) | (100,800) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (100,800) | (100,800) | (100,800) | (100,800) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding of \$100,800 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the reduction of 20 vehicles in the DDS vehicle fleet.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

| Budget Companyete | Governor Recommended | | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 1,511,683,835 | 1,511,683,835 | 1,511,683,835 | 1,511,683,835 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (4,115,894) | (4,115,894) | (4,115,894) | (4,115,894) | _ | - | |
| Current Services | 20,378,783 | 54,627,565 | 22,691,480 | 54,897,565 | 2,312,697 | 270,000 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 1,527,946,724 | 1,562,195,506 | 1,530,259,421 | 1,562,465,506 | 2,312,697 | 270,000 | |

| Positions | Governor Recommended | | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| 1 051(10115 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 2,307 | 2,307 | 2,307 | 2,307 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (20) | (20) | (20) | (20) | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 2,287 | 2,287 | 2,287 | 2,287 | - | _ | |

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services MHA53000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| runa | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 3,420 | 3,421 | 3,421 | 3,370 | 3,370 | 3,416 | 3,416 |
| Cannabis Prevention and | | | | | | | |
| Recovery Services Fund | - | 3 | 3 | - | - | 3 | 3 |

Budget Summary

| A1 | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 230,047,188 | 235,115,448 | 246,638,398 | 253,239,225 | 250,989,225 | 259,328,417 | 257,078,417 |
| Other Expenses | 44,290,179 | 38,090,154 | 28,143,895 | 32,302,168 | 32,498,168 | 37,421,895 | 37,617,895 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | i | | | |
| Housing Supports and Services | 27,019,900 | 28,390,799 | 27,763,723 | 28,391,445 | 28,391,445 | 29,153,945 | 29,716,445 |
| Managed Service System | 65,883,855 | 72,172,284 | 71,494,588 | 77,232,053 | 77,232,053 | 74,437,785 | 77,437,785 |
| Legal Services | 745,911 | 764,660 | 745,911 | 764,660 | 764,660 | 764,660 | 764,660 |
| Connecticut Mental Health | | | | | | | |
| Center | 9,229,406 | 9,229,406 | 9,229,406 | 9,229,406 | 9,229,406 | 9,229,406 | 9,229,406 |
| Professional Services | 21,003,959 | 26,281,082 | 16,400,697 | 23,400,697 | 23,400,697 | 23,400,697 | 23,400,697 |
| Behavioral Health Recovery | | | | | | | |
| Services | 18,622,504 | 23,318,050 | 26,066,287 | 26,407,864 | 26,407,864 | 26,592,864 | 26,407,864 |
| Nursing Home Screening | 652,784 | 652,784 | 652,784 | 652,784 | 652,784 | 652,784 | 652,784 |
| Young Adult Services | 88,361,457 | 93,464,810 | 93,332,231 | 95,902,326 | 95,902,326 | 95,902,326 | 95,902,326 |
| TBI Community Services | 8,896,377 | 9,368,820 | 9,208,125 | 9,443,717 | 9,443,717 | 9,443,717 | 9,443,717 |
| Behavioral Health Medications | 7,220,023 | 7,720,752 | 7,220,754 | 8,170,754 | 8,170,754 | 8,170,754 | 8,170,754 |
| Medicaid Adult Rehabilitation | | | | | | | |
| Option | 4,312,825 | 4,219,683 | 4,419,683 | 4,419,683 | 4,419,683 | 4,419,683 | 4,419,683 |
| Discharge and Diversion | | | | | | | |
| Services | 34,028,804 | 41,857,990 | 40,945,054 | 43,157,991 | 43,157,991 | 43,157,991 | 43,157,991 |
| Home and Community Based | | | | | | | |
| Services | 21,375,948 | 23,706,187 | 25,475,421 | 25,657,158 | 26,723,158 | 25,657,158 | 26,723,158 |
| Nursing Home Contract | 447,287 | 1,152,856 | 1,152,856 | 1,152,856 | 1,152,856 | 1,152,856 | 1,152,856 |
| Katie Blair House | 15,970 | 17,016 | 16,608 | 17,016 | 17,016 | 17,016 | 17,016 |
| Forensic Services | 10,890,488 | 11,583,938 | 11,192,080 | 11,544,887 | 11,544,887 | 11,544,887 | 11,544,887 |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | | | · · · · · | |
| Grants for Substance Abuse | | | | | | | |
| Services | 32,276,430 | 36,917,479 | 35,824,604 | 36,603,118 | 36,603,118 | 37,103,118 | 37,103,118 |
| Grants for Mental Health | | | | | | | |
| Services | 70,623,977 | 77,117,159 | 74,937,619 | 76,617,159 | 76,617,159 | 77,117,159 | 77,117,159 |
| Employment Opportunities | 9,344,095 | 9,873,631 | 9,635,549 | 9,873,631 | 9,873,631 | 9,873,631 | 9,873,631 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 705,289,367 | 751,014,988 | 740,496,273 | 774,180,598 | 773,192,598 | 784,542,749 | 786,932,249 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Managed Service System | 434,687 | 462,686 | 451,181 | 462,699 | 462,699 | 462,699 | 462,699 |
| Agency Total - Insurance Fund | 434,687 | 462,686 | 451,181 | 462,699 | 462,699 | 462,699 | 462,699 |
| Fringe Benefits | - | 98,685 | 221,000 | - | - | 221,000 | 221,000 |
| Cannabis Prevention | - | 2,133,033 | 3,137,000 | - | - | 3,144,268 | 3,144,268 |
| Agency Total - Cannabis | | | | | | | |
| Prevention and Recovery | | | | | | | |
| Services Fund | _ | 2,231,718 | 3,358,000 | _ | _ | 3,365,268 | 3,365,268 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 705,724,054 | 753,709,392 | 744,305,454 | 774,643,297 | 773,655,297 | 788,370,716 | 790,760,216 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference fr | om Governor |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|---------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Artreach Norwich

| Tatal Canaral Fund 2E0,000 2E0,000 2E0,000 | | Service System 350,000 | 350,000 350 | 350,000 |
|--|-----------|------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Total - General Fund - 350,000 350,000 350,000 | al Fund - | | 350,000 350 | 350,000 |

Background

Artreach Inc is a non-profit organization focused on assisting adults who have experienced mental health issues achieve sustainable recovery through performing and creative arts.

Committee

Provide funding of \$350,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support Artreach Inc in Norwich.

Provide Funding for Homes for the Brave

| Housing Supports and Services | - | - | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |

Background

Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc. (ABRI), *Homes for the Brave*, is a non-profit organization providing housing, vocational training, and life skills coaching, with a focus on serving veterans.

Committee

Provide funding of \$200,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support Homes for the Brave.

Provide Funding for Root Center

| Behavioral Health Recovery Services | - | - | 185,000 | - | 185,000 | - |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---------|---|---------|---|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 185,000 | - | 185,000 | - |

Background

Root Center for Advanced Recovery is a nonprofit, behavioral health care organization providing mental health and substance use prevention, treatment, community health services, and research.

Committee

Provide funding of \$185,000 in FY 26 to support room and board costs for inpatient addiction treatment beds at the Root Center.

Maintain Services through General Fund

| Housing Supports and Services | - | - | 562,500 | 1,125,000 | 562,500 | 1,125,000 |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Managed Service System | - | - | - | 3,000,000 | - | 3,000,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 562,500 | 4,125,000 | 562,500 | 4,125,000 |

Background

Section 31 of HB 6864, the Governor's budget bill, allocates funding of \$16.1 million in FY 26 and \$18 million in FY 27 from the Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) to several agencies. Funds are allocated to the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families, and Housing to maintain certain services after American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds expire. Additionally, an OSF allocation is recommended for the Department of Public Health to offset a reduction in fee receipts dedicated to the assistance program for healthcare professionals (known as HAVEN) that results from the Governor's proposed elimination of certain occupational licensure fees.

Connecticut is expected to receive more than \$600 million over 18 years as part of nationwide opioid litigation settlement agreements with various pharmaceutical distributors and opioid manufacturers. The Opioid Settlement Fund is a separate, nonlapsing fund administered by the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee with assistance from DMHAS. Expenditures must be approved by the Committee and used in accordance with the controlling judgment, consent decree, or settlement.

Governor

Provide \$2,312,500 in FY 26 and \$4,125,000 in FY 27 from the OSF to maintain support for 24/7 mobile crisis services for adults and wrap-around Services for 125 individuals in supportive housing.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide General Fund support of \$562,500 in FY 26 and \$4,125,000 in FY 27 to maintain support for 24/7 mobile crisis services for adults and wrap-around Services for 125 individuals in supportive housing.

Adjust Funding for State-Funded Prevention Activities

| Personal Services | (700,000) | (700,000) | - | - | 700,000 | 700,000 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Grants for Substance Abuse Services | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Grants for Mental Health Services | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (1,700,000) | (1,700,000) | - | - | 1,700,000 | 1,700,000 |
| Positions - General Fund | (7) | (7) | - | - | 7 | 7 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1.7 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect a decrease in prevention related staffing (7 positions) and Grants for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$1.7 million in FY 26 and FY 27 for prevention services related staffing.

Adjust Funding for Overtime

| Personal Services | (1,000,000) | (3,000,000) | (1,000,000) | (3,000,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (1,000,000) | (3,000,000) | (1,000,000) | (3,000,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1 million in FY 26 and \$3 million in FY 27 to reflect a 4% reduction in overtime costs after implementing the Kronos timekeeping system in FY 26.

Committee

Same as Governor

Reduce Staffing Through Attrition to Reflect Agency Staffing Needs

| | | | - | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Personal Services | (250,000) | (500,000) | (250,000) | (500,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (250,000) | (500,000) | (250,000) | (500,000) | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | (5) | (5) | (5) | (5) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$250,000 in FY 26 and \$500,000 in FY 27 to reflect a decrease in staffing needs. Savings will be achieved through attrition (5 positions) under the Commissioner's office.

Committee

Same as Governor

Maintain Information Technology Functions Under DAS

| Personal Services | (5,389,192) | (5,389,192) | - | - | 5,389,192 | 5,389,192 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|------------|------------|
| Other Expenses | (5,119,727) | (5,119,727) | - | - | 5,119,727 | 5,119,727 |
| Total - General Fund | (10,508,919) | (10,508,919) | - | - | 10,508,919 | 10,508,919 |
| Positions - General Fund | (42) | (42) | - | - | 42 | 42 |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget consolidates IT positions from five agencies across the General Fund and Special Transportation Fund into the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). In total, 158 positions and \$65 million are transferred in FY 26 and FY 27.

Governor

Transfer 42 positions and \$10,508,919 to DAS in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

Maintain IT positions and related funding in DMHAS.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Maintain Cannabis Costs in Prevention and Recovery Services Fund

| | • | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3,144,268 | 3,144,268 | - | - | (3,144,268) | (3,144,268) |
| 3,144,268 | 3,144,268 | - | - | (3,144,268) | (3,144,268) |
| 3 | 3 | - | - | (3) | (3) |
| (221,000) | (221,000) | - | - | 221,000 | 221,000 |
| (3,144,268) | (3,144,268) | - | - | 3,144,268 | 3,144,268 |
| | | | | | |
| (3,365,268) | (3,365,268) | - | - | 3,365,268 | 3,365,268 |
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Background

PA 21-1 JSS, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$3,365,268 and 3 positions in both FY 26 and FY27 for cannabis prevention and recovery duties from the Cannabis Prevention and Recovery Services Fund to the General Fund.

Committee

Maintain current funding structure within the Cannabis Prevention and Recovery Services Fund.

Transfer Position to Department of Aging and Disability Services

| Personal Services | (116,146) | (116,146) | (116,146) | (116,146) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (116,146) | (116,146) | (116,146) | (116,146) | - | - |

Governor

Transfer funding of \$116,146 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Department of Aging and Disability Services for a Grants and Contracts Specialist as the central contract unit in DMHAS is no longer in place.

Committee

Same as Governor

Current Services

Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies

| Other Expenses | 9,000,000 | 9,000,000 | 9,000,000 | 9,000,000 | - | - |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Professional Services | 7,000,000 | 7,000,000 | 7,000,000 | 7,000,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 16,000,000 | 16,000,000 | 16,000,000 | 16,000,000 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$16 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Behavioral Health Medications | 950,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 | - | - |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Discharge and Diversion Services | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 | - | - |
| Home and Community Based | | | | | | |
| Services | 17,000 | 1,083,000 | 17,000 | 1,083,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 2,267,000 | 3,333,000 | 2,267,000 | 3,333,000 | - | - |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Provide funding by \$2,267,000 in FY 26 and \$3,333,000 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements. Funding supports increased costs for Behavioral Health Medications, Discharge and Diversion Services, and Home and Community Based Services placements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Staff and Client Safety Services

| Other Expenses | 278,000 | 474,000 | 278,000 | 474,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 278,000 | 474,000 | 278,000 | 474,000 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$278,000 in FY 26 and \$474,000 in FY 27 to reflect increased costs for contracted security guards and panic button service fees to support staff and client safety services at DMHAS-operated facilities.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Federal 988 Suicide Hotline

| Managed Service System | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 | - | - |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$850,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support funding requirements for the federal 988 suicide hotline.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

| | 0 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Housing Supports and Services | 627,722 | 627,722 | 627,722 | 627,722 | - | - |
| Managed Service System | 1,379,242 | 1,379,242 | 1,379,242 | 1,379,242 | - | - |
| Legal Services | 18,749 | 18,749 | 18,749 | 18,749 | - | - |
| Behavioral Health Recovery Services | 341,577 | 341,577 | 341,577 | 341,577 | - | - |
| Young Adult Services | 1,361,503 | 1,361,503 | 1,361,503 | 1,361,503 | - | - |
| TBI Community Services | 178,648 | 178,648 | 178,648 | 178,648 | - | - |
| Discharge and Diversion Services | 912,937 | 912,937 | 912,937 | 912,937 | - | - |
| Home and Community Based | | | | | | |
| Services | 112,300 | 112,300 | 112,300 | 112,300 | - | - |
| Katie Blair House | 408 | 408 | 408 | 408 | - | - |
| Forensic Services | 225,651 | 225,651 | 225,651 | 225,651 | - | - |
| Grants for Substance Abuse Services | 1,278,514 | 1,278,514 | 1,278,514 | 1,278,514 | - | - |
| Grants for Mental Health Services | 2,179,540 | 2,179,540 | 2,179,540 | 2,179,540 | - | - |
| Employment Opportunities | 238,082 | 238,082 | 238,082 | 238,082 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 8,854,873 | 8,854,873 | 8,854,873 | 8,854,873 | - | - |
| Managed Service System | 11,518 | 11,518 | 11,518 | 11,518 | - | - |
| Total - Insurance Fund | 11,518 | 11,518 | 11,518 | 11,518 | - | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veteran's Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$8,866,391 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 14,056,165 | 14,056,165 | 14,056,165 | 14,056,165 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Managed Service System | 363,955 | 363,955 | 363,955 | 363,955 | - | - |
| Young Adult Services | 1,208,592 | 1,208,592 | 1,208,592 | 1,208,592 | - | - |
| TBI Community Services | 56,944 | 56,944 | 56,944 | 56,944 | - | - |
| Home and Community Based | | | | | | |
| Services | 52,437 | 52,437 | 52,437 | 52,437 | - | - |
| Forensic Services | 127,156 | 127,156 | 127,156 | 127,156 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 15,865,249 | 15,865,249 | 15,865,249 | 15,865,249 | - | - |
| Cannabis Prevention | 7,268 | 7,268 | 7,268 | 7,268 | - | - |
| Total - Cannabis Prevention and | | | | | | |
| Recovery Services Fund | 7,268 | 7,268 | 7,268 | 7,268 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$15,872,517 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| | Governor Reco | ommended | Commi | ttee | Difference from | n Governor |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 740,496,273 | 740,496,273 | 740,496,273 | 740,496,273 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (10,430,797) | (12,680,797) | (68,646) | 1,058,854 | 10,362,151 | 13,739,651 |
| Current Services | 44,115,122 | 45,377,122 | 44,115,122 | 45,377,122 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - GF | 774,180,598 | 773,192,598 | 784,542,749 | 786,932,249 | 10,362,151 | 13,739,651 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 451,181 | 451,181 | 451,181 | 451,181 | - | _ |
| Current Services | 11,518 | 11,518 | 11,518 | 11,518 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - IF | 462,699 | 462,699 | 462,699 | 462,699 | - | _ |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CPRSF | 3,358,000 | 3,358,000 | 3,358,000 | 3,358,000 | - | _ |
| Policy Revisions | (3,365,268) | (3,365,268) | - | - | 3,365,268 | 3,365,268 |
| Current Services | 7,268 | 7,268 | 7,268 | 7,268 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - CPRSF | - | - | 3,365,268 | 3,365,268 | 3,365,268 | 3,365,268 |

Totals

| Positions | Governor Rec | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 3,421 | 3,421 | 3,421 | 3,421 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (51) | (51) | (5) | (5) | 46 | 46 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 3,370 | 3,370 | 3,416 | 3,416 | 46 | 46 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CPRSF | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (3) | (3) | - | - | 3 | 3 | |
| Total Recommended - CPRSF | - | - | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |

Psychiatric Security Review Board PSR56000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|--------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| runu | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

Budget Summary

| Account Actual FY 23 | Actual Actual | | Appropriation FY 25 | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | FY 24 | FY 26 | | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Personal Services | 333,445 | 334,240 | 350,159 | 367,270 | 367,270 | 367,270 | 367,270 |
| Other Expenses | 24,943 | 24,943 | 24,943 | 24,943 | 24,943 | 24,943 | 24,943 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 358,388 | 359,183 | 375,102 | 392,213 | 392,213 | 392,213 | 392,213 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|--|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 17,111 | 17,111 | 17,111 | 17,111 | - | - |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 17,111 | 17,111 | 17,111 | 17,111 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$17,111 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

| Budget Components | Governor Recommended | | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 375,102 | 375,102 | 375,102 | 375,102 | - | - | |
| Current Services | 17,111 | 17,111 | 17,111 | 17,111 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 392,213 | 392,213 | 392,213 | 392,213 | - | - | |

Transportation Coordinator – Patrick Mellon Office of Fiscal Analysis

| | Page | A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee |
|--------------------------|------|---------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Special Transportation I | und | | I | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Department of Motor | | | | | | | | | |
| Vehicles | 156 | PM | 77,500,668 | 67,767,013 | 77,351,548 | 77,570,955 | 78,270,955 | 77,030,820 | 77,730,820 |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Transportation | 159 | PM | 718,841,070 | 816,093,260 | 964,814,174 | 990,148,566 | 987,570,704 | 994,798,048 | 1,001,395,761 |
| Total - Special | | | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Fund | | | 796,341,738 | 883,860,273 | 1,042,165,722 | 1,067,719,521 | 1,065,841,659 | 1,071,828,868 | 1,079,126,581 |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fu | nd | | | | | | | | |
| Department of Motor | | | | | | | | | |
| Vehicles | 156 | PM | - | 522,583 | 522,583 | - | - | 540,135 | 540,135 |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Transportation | 159 | PM | - | 549,991 | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 | 550,000 |
| Total - Cannabis | | | | | | | | | |
| Regulatory Fund | | | - | 1,072,574 | 1,072,583 | - | - | 1,090,135 | 1,090,135 |
| Total - Appropriated | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds | | | 796,341,738 | 884,932,847 | 1,043,238,305 | 1,067,719,521 | 1,065,841,659 | 1,072,919,003 | 1,080,216,716 |

Department of Motor Vehicles DMV35000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| | FY 23 | 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Special Transportation Fund | 591 | 591 | 591 | 601 | 601 | 594 | 594 |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fund | - | 7 | 7 | - | - | 7 | 7 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 FY 24 | | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 48,337,021 | 46,341,942 | 57,600,854 | 54,499,261 | 54,499,261 | 53,959,126 | 53,959,126 |
| Other Expenses | 17,392,613 | 18,851,458 | 18,957,262 | 19,078,262 | 19,778,262 | 19,078,262 | 19,778,262 |
| Equipment | 468,519 | 468,756 | 468,756 | 668,756 | 668,756 | 668,756 | 668,756 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | · · · · | | |
| DMV Modernization | 10,985,715 | 1,788,057 | - | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 |
| Commercial Vehicle Information | | | | | | | |
| Systems and Networks Project | 316,800 | 316,800 | 324,676 | 324,676 | 324,676 | 324,676 | 324,676 |
| Agency Total - Special | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Fund | 77,500,668 | 67,767,013 | 77,351,548 | 77,570,955 | 78,270,955 | 77,030,820 | 77,730,820 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | - | 522,583 | 522,583 | - | - | 540,135 | 540,135 |
| Agency Total - Cannabis | | | | | | | |
| Regulatory Fund | - | 522,583 | 522,583 | - | - | 540,135 | 540,135 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 77,500,668 | 68,289,596 | 77,874,131 | 77,570,955 | 78,270,955 | 77,570,955 | 78,270,955 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Transfer Driver Training Program from the Department of Aging and Disability Services

| Personal Services | 244,500 | 244,500 | 244,500 | 244,500 | - | - |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | 21,000 | 21,000 | 21,000 | 21,000 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 265,500 | 265,500 | 265,500 | 265,500 | - | - |
| Positions - Special Transportation | | | | | | |
| Fund | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | - | - |

Background

The Driver Training Program provides free special equipment evaluation, driver training, and license certification for people with physical disabilities who may require special adaptive equipment to operate a motor vehicle. According to the Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS), in FY 24 the program served 278 clients. Of these, 143 clients completed the program, 43 were actively receiving services, and 92 had requested services.

PA 11-44 transferred the program from DMV to the newly established Bureau of Rehabilitative Services (now ADS). The Governor's Recommended Budget transfers the program back to DMV, including three positions, three modified vehicles, and associated funding (this is an equal transfer of positions and dollars from the General Fund to the Special Transportation Fund).

Governor

Transfer funding of \$265,500 and three positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 to move the Driver Training Program from the Department of Aging and Disability Services within the General Fund to the Department of Motor Vehicles within the Special Transportation Fund.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Same as Governor

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Special Transportation Fund

| | _ | _ | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Personal Services | 540,135 | 540,135 | - | - | (540,135) | (540,135) |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 540,135 | 540,135 | - | - | (540,135) | (540,135) |
| Positions - Special Transportation | | | | | | |
| Fund | 7 | 7 | - | - | (7) | (7) |
| Personal Services | (540,135) | (540,135) | - | - | 540,135 | 540,135 |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | (540,135) | (540,135) | - | - | 540,135 | 540,135 |
| Positions - Cannabis Regulatory | | | | | | |
| Fund | (7) | (7) | - | - | 7 | 7 |

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

DMV cannabis expenditures are for seven positions to support the administrative license suspension program for drug-impaired drivers.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$540,135 and seven positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 for cannabis regulatory and enforcement duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the Special Transportation Fund.

Committee

Maintain current funding structure within the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (6,000,000) | (6,000,000) | (6,000,000) | (6,000,000) | - | - |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | 100,000 | 800,000 | 100,000 | 800,000 | - | - |
| Equipment | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | - | - |
| DMV Modernization | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | (2,700,000) | (2,000,000) | (2,700,000) | (2,000,000) | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget adjusts various DMV accounts to reflect current requirements as described below.

- Reduces Personal Services to better reflect historical spending patterns and anticipated staffing levels. DMV has consistently underspent its initial Personal Services appropriation in recent years and is projected to do so again in FY 25 due primarily to vacancies.
- Increases the DMV Modernization account to support ongoing and new efforts including the implementation of digital mobile identification and licensing. Funding for DMV's multiyear modernization program has come through a variety of sources including a \$3 million ARPA allocation (fully expended in FY 24), carry forward, the state's IT Capital Investment Program, and direct appropriations.
- Increases the Other Expenses and Equipment accounts to reflect anticipated requirements.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2.7 million (net) in FY 26 and \$2 million (net) in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| ` | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Personal Services | 2,113,772 | 2,113,772 | 2,113,772 | 2,113,772 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 2,113,772 | 2,113,772 | 2,113,772 | 2,113,772 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 17,552 | 17,552 | 17,552 | 17,552 | - | - |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | 17,552 | 17,552 | 17,552 | 17,552 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,113,772 in both FY 26 and FY 27 in the Special Transportation Fund, and \$17,552 in both FY 26 and FY 27 in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| | | | - | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| Budget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ttee | Difference from Governor | | |
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - TF | 77,351,548 | 77,351,548 | 77,351,548 | 77,351,548 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 805,635 | 805,635 | 265,500 | 265,500 | (540,135) | (540,135) | |
| Current Services | (586,228) | 113,772 | (586,228) | 113,772 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - TF | 77,570,955 | 78,270,955 | 77,030,820 | 77,730,820 | (540,135) | (540,135) | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 522,583 | 522,583 | 522,583 | 522,583 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (540,135) | (540,135) | - | - | 540,135 | 540,135 | |
| Current Services | 17,552 | 17,552 | 17,552 | 17,552 | - | | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 540,135 | 540,135 | 540,135 | 540,135 | |

Totals

| Positions | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Positions | FY 26 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - TF | 591 | 591 | 591 | 591 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | 10 | 10 | 3 | 3 | (7) | (7) |
| Total Recommended - TF | 601 | 601 | 594 | 594 | (7) | (7) |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (7) | (7) | - | - | 7 | 7 |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |

Department of Transportation DOT57000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fund | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Special Transportation Fund | 3,567 | 3,567 | 3,567 | 3,567 | 3,567 | 3,567 | 3,567 |

Budget Summary

| | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | nittee |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 204,366,366 | 199,281,277 | 231,453,386 | 236,076,271 | 236,076,271 | 236,076,271 | 236,076,271 |
| Other Expenses | 60,603,223 | 65,814,075 | 57,534,586 | 63,984,586 | 63,984,586 | 63,434,586 | 63,434,586 |
| Equipment | 2,003,291 | 2,102,963 | 1,376,329 | 1,376,329 | 1,376,329 | 1,376,329 | 1,376,329 |
| Minor Capital Projects | 433,689 | 613,716 | 449,639 | 449,639 | 449,639 | 449,639 | 449,639 |
| Other Current Expenses | I | | | ! | · | · | |
| Highway Planning And | | | | | | | |
| Research | 3,295,269 | 4,686,570 | 3,060,131 | 3,060,131 | 3,060,131 | 3,060,131 | 3,060,131 |
| Rail Operations | 148,323,231 | 231,583,406 | 284,183,528 | 316,004,297 | 314,803,218 | 316,004,297 | 317,803,218 |
| Bus Operations | 180,455,716 | 163,507,463 | 261,931,227 | 293,209,174 | 291,832,391 | 298,408,656 | 303,207,448 |
| ADA Para-transit Program | 39,871,702 | 40,449,546 | 40,449,564 | 51,982,687 | 51,982,687 | 51,982,687 | 51,982,687 |
| Non-ADA Dial-A-Ride Program | 576,359 | 576,361 | 576,361 | 576,361 | 576,361 | 576,361 | 576,361 |
| Pay-As-You-Go Transportation | | | | | | | |
| Projects | 69,953,523 | 38,908,422 | 18,028,794 | 18,054,208 | 18,054,208 | 18,054,208 | 18,054,208 |
| Port Authority | 3,400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Transportation Asset | | | | | | | |
| Management | 3,188,072 | 5,798,832 | 3,000,000 | 3,004,254 | 3,004,254 | 3,004,254 | 3,004,254 |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | | | | |
| Transportation to Work | 2,370,629 | 2,370,629 | 2,370,629 | 2,370,629 | 2,370,629 | 2,370,629 | 2,370,629 |
| Grant Payments to Local Govern | ments | | | | | | |
| Town Aid Road Grants - TF | - | 60,000,000 | 60,000,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Agency Total - Special | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Fund | 718,841,070 | 816,093,260 | 964,814,174 | 990,148,566 | 987,570,704 | 994,798,048 | 1,001,395,761 |
| Other Expenses | _ | 549,991 | 550,000 | _ | _ | 550,000 | 550,000 |
| Agency Total - Cannabis | | 017,771 | | | | 223,300 | 220,000 |
| Regulatory Fund | _ | 549,991 | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 | 550,000 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 718,841,070 | 816,643,251 | 965,364,174 | 990,148,566 | 987,570,704 | 995,348,048 | 1,001,945,761 |

| Account | Governor Re | overnor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|---------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|--|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |

Policy Revisions

Reduce Rail Subsidy by Increasing Fares and Fees

| | - | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| Rail Operations | (11,579,499) | (22,550,698) | (11,579,499) | (22,550,698) | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | (11,579,499) | (22,550,698) | (11,579,499) | (22,550,698) | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget reduces the state's rail subsidy by increasing fares and parking lot fees. Specifically, it (1) increases rail fares by 5% on July 1, 2025, and by an additional 5% on July 1, 2026, and (2) increases parking fees by 25% at state-owned rail stations which include Stamford, Bridgeport, West Haven, Fairfield Metro, Berlin, Meriden, and Wallingford. The fare increase is

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

expected to generate \$10.4 million in FY 26 and \$21.4 million in FY 27, while the parking fee increase is projected to generate \$1.1 million each year. Fares were last increased by 4.5% on 11/1/2023 and parking lot fees have not changed since the current locations have opened between 2000 and 2018.

| Rail Fares Change History | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date Implemented | Increase | | | | | |
| 1/1/2016 | 1% | | | | | |
| 12/1/2016 | 6% | | | | | |
| 1/1/2018 | 1% | | | | | |
| 11/1/2023 | 4.5% | | | | | |
| 7/1/2025 (proposed) | 5% | | | | | |
| 7/1/2026 (proposed) | 5% | | | | | |

Source: OPM Budget Documents

Governor

Reduce the STF subsidy by \$11,579,499 in FY 26 and \$22,550,698 in FY 27 by increasing (user-based) rail fares and parking fees.

Committee

Same as Governor

Increase Service on Shore Line East

| Rail Operations | - | - | - | 3,000,000 | - | 3,000,000 |
|--|---|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | - | - | - | 3,000,000 | - | 3,000,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$3 million in FY 27 to increase service levels on the Shore Line East rail line.

Adjust Bus Subsidy by Increasing Fares and Fees

| Bus Operations | - | (6,175,575) | - | - | - | 6,175,575 |
|--|---|-------------|---|---|---|-----------|
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | - | (6,175,575) | - | - | - | 6,175,575 |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget reduces the state's bus subsidy by increasing fares and fees beginning July 1, 2026. Specifically, it (1) increases the standard bus fare, from \$1.75 to \$2.00, for both CTtransit and transit districts, generating \$4.8 million in FY 27, and (2) increases the per-semester fee, from \$40 to \$50, for the U-Pass program, generating \$1.4 million in FY 27.

| Bus Fare Change History | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date Implemented | Amount | | | | | | |
| 1/1/2012 | \$1.30 | | | | | | |
| 1/1/2014 | \$1.50 | | | | | | |
| 12/1/2016 | \$1.75 | | | | | | |
| 7/1/2026 | \$2.00 | | | | | | |
| (Governor proposed) | | | | | | | |

Source: OPM Budget Documents

Governor

Reduce the STF subsidy by \$6,175,575 in FY 27 by increasing (user-based) bus fares and fees.

Committee

Do not increase bus fares and fees.

Provide Fare-Free Bus Public Transportation Services for High School Students

| Bus Operations | - | - | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 |
|--|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | - | - | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 |

Committee

Provide \$3 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 for fare-free bus public transportation services for high school students.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Funding for Norwalk Transit District Route Enhancements and ADA Shortfall

| Bus Operations | - | - | 1,099,482 | 1,099,482 | 1,099,482 | 1,099,482 |
|--|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | - | - | 1,099,482 | 1,099,482 | 1,099,482 | 1,099,482 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$1,099,482 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for Norwalk Transit District route enhancements and ADA shortfall.

Provide Funding for Norwalk Transit Coastal Link Shortfall

| Bus Operations | - | - | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 |
|--|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | - | - | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 |

Governor

Provide funding of \$1.1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Norwalk Transit Coastal Link shortfall.

Eliminate the Connecticut Port Authority Subsidy

| Port Authority | (400,000) | (400,000) | (400,000) | (400,000) | - | - |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | (400,000) | (400,000) | (400,000) | (400,000) | - | - |
| | | | | | | |

Background

The Connecticut Port Authority (CPA) is a quasi-public agency established on July 1, 2015, to, among other things, market and coordinate the development of the state's ports and harbors. Major programs and projects of the CPA include the redevelopment of the State Pier in New London and the administration of the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP), a competitive grant program for projects not related to the state's three deepwater ports. Beginning in FY 16, DOT was appropriated funds to subsidize the establishment of the CPA. The subsidy was increased to \$400,000 in FY 17 and has remained at that amount each year up through the current biennium. The CPA uses this annual appropriation to support operating expenses.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$400,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to eliminate DOT's subsidy to the Connecticut Port Authority.

Committee

Same as Governor

Fund Town Aid Road Grants through Bond Authorizations

| Town Aid Road Grants - TF | (60,000,000) | (60,000,000) | (60,000,000) | (60,000,000) | _ | - |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | (60,000,000) | (60,000,000) | (60,000,000) | (60,000,000) | - | - |

Background

The Town Aid Road (TAR) grant program provides funds to every Connecticut municipality for a variety of purposes, including construction, reconstruction, improvements and maintenance of local roads and bridges, various other traffic and planning improvements and operating funding for public transportation services. Since FY 14 (PA 13-247) the Secretary of OPM has authority to approve the use of TAR funds by a municipality for other purposes. Annual payments, which are based on a statutory formula that considers population and road milage, have traditionally been split in half, with the first payment issued in July and the second in January. No local match is required.

The Governor's Recommended Budget funds TAR through bond authorizations, as had been regularly done prior to the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, rather than through STF appropriations. The proposed annual amount is unchanged from recent years at \$60 million.

Governor

Eliminate Town Aid Road appropriations of \$60 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 and instead fund the program through bond authorizations.

Committee

Same as Governor

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Special Transportation Fund

| Other Expenses | 550,000 | 550,000 | - | - | (550,000) | (550,000) |
|--|-----------|-----------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 550,000 | 550,000 | - | - | (550,000) | (550,000) |
| Other Expenses | (550,000) | (550,000) | - | - | 550,000 | 550,000 |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | (550,000) | (550,000) | - | - | 550,000 | 550,000 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

DOT cannabis expenditures are for marketing and outreach efforts, which include billboards, TV, radio, and social media as well as for Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training for law enforcement officers. The DRE expenses represent the state's share of matching federal grants. DOT administers these programs in its role as the federally recognized Highway Safety Office for Connecticut.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$550,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for cannabis regulation, education, and training duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the Special Transportation Fund.

Committee

Maintain current funding structure within the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

Current Services

Adjust Funding for Rail Operations to Reflect Revenue and Spending Trends

| Rail Operations | 43,372,309 | 53,142,429 | 43,372,309 | 53,142,429 | - | - |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 43,372,309 | 53,142,429 | 43,372,309 | 53,142,429 | - | - |

Background

The Rail Operations account is used to fund state subsidies related to the New Haven Line, Shore Line East, and Hartford Line. As of the end of CY 2024, these lines are operating as follows:

- New Haven Line service is 99% of pre-COVID (2019) levels and ridership is 79%.
- Shore Line East service is 59% of pre-COVID levels and ridership is 29%.
- Hartford Line service is 109% of pre-COVID levels and ridership is 112%.

Governor

Provide funding of \$43,372,309 in FY 26 and \$53,142,429 in FY 27 to recognize expense growth across the rail lines including station costs and overhead and operating payments to the service providers.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Bus Operations to Reflect Revenue and Spending Trends

| Bus Operations | 31,277,947 | 36,076,739 | 31,277,947 | 36,076,739 | - | - |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 31,277,947 | 36,076,739 | 31,277,947 | 36,076,739 | - | - |

Background

The Bus Operations account represents the state's operating subsidy for bus services including CTtransit, express bus services, microtransit, and services provided by transit districts. This account also funds the State Matching Grant Program (MGP) for municipal dial-a-ride services.

The Governor's Recommended Budget adjusts this account for current revenue and spending trends and maintains services at current levels. Bus ridership is at approximately 84% of pre-COVID levels. A separate proposal to raise fares is described above.

Governor

Provide funding of \$31,277,947 in FY 26 and \$36,076,739 in FY 27 to reflect current revenue and spending trends.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Adjust Funding for ADA Paratransit Services to Reflect Revenue and Spending Trends

| ADA Para-transit Program | 11,533,123 | 11,533,123 | 11,533,123 | 11,533,123 | - | - |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 11,533,123 | 11,533,123 | 11,533,123 | 11,533,123 | - | - |
| | | | | | | |

Background

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Program is designed to meet the ADA service criteria established by the federal government to provide transportation accessibility services in all areas with local fixed transit routes. Services must be provided within ³/₄ of a mile of a fixed bus route or rail station, at the same hours and days, for no more than twice the regular fixed route fare, and individuals must be found eligible by a Connecticut regional ADA service provider.

Governor

Provide funding of \$11,533,123 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect projected ridership in the ADA Paratransit Program.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (5,900,000) | (5,900,000) | (5,900,000) | (5,900,000) | _ | - |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | 5,900,000 | 5,900,000 | 5,900,000 | 5,900,000 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Background

In recent years, DOT has consistently underspent its initial Personal Services appropriation and exceeded its initial Other Expenses appropriation due to both vacancies and increases in expenses for items such as electricity, highway supplies, and fleet repair. Typically, this issue has been resolved through mid-year transfers subject to the Finance Advisory Committee process.

Governor

Reallocate \$5.9 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the agency's Personal Services account to its Other Expenses account to reflect historical spending patterns.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 10,522,885 | 10,522,885 | 10,522,885 | 10,522,885 | - | - |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Rail Operations | 27,959 | 27,959 | 27,959 | 27,959 | - | - |
| Pay-As-You-Go Transportation | | | | | | |
| Projects | 25,414 | 25,414 | 25,414 | 25,414 | - | - |
| Transportation Asset Management | 4,254 | 4,254 | 4,254 | 4,254 | - | - |
| Total - Special Transportation Fund | 10,580,512 | 10,580,512 | 10,580,512 | 10,580,512 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$10,580,512 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

| | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - TF | 964,814,174 | 964,814,174 | 964,814,174 | 964,814,174 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (71,429,499) | (88,576,273) | (66,780,017) | (74,751,216) | 4,649,482 | 13,825,057 | |
| Current Services | 96,763,891 | 111,332,803 | 96,763,891 | 111,332,803 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - TF | 990,148,566 | 987,570,704 | 994,798,048 | 1,001,395,761 | 4,649,482 | 13,825,057 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 550,000 | 550,000 | 550,000 | 550,000 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (550,000) | (550,000) | - | - | 550,000 | 550,000 | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 550,000 | 550,000 | 550,000 | 550,000 | |

Human Services Coordinator – Emily Shepard Office of Fiscal Analysis

| | Page | A 1 t | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee |
|--|------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Department of Social | | | | | | | | | |
| Services | 166 | LD, ES | 4,941,696,324 | 4,646,126,083 | 4,599,147,121 | 4,957,764,552 | 5,432,429,652 | 5,015,773,361 | 5,458,567,461 |
| Department of Aging and Disability Services | 178 | JP | 27,687,016 | 29,807,961 | 34,098,363 | 34,069,820 | 34,069,820 | 34,879,820 | 34,879,820 |
| Department of Children | | | | | | | | | |
| and Families | 183 | JSS | 762,870,128 | 775,493,821 | 810,981,921 | 802,566,971 | 804,712,201 | 818,269,775 | 826,015,005 |
| Total - General Fund | | | 5,732,253,468 | 5,451,427,865 | 5,444,227,405 | 5,794,401,343 | 6,271,211,673 | 5,868,922,956 | 6,319,462,286 |
| Insurance Fund | | | | | | | | | |
| Department of Aging | | | | | | | | | |
| and Disability Services | 178 | JP | 119,898 | 50,075 | 382,660 | 190,692 | 190,692 | 382,660 | 382,660 |
| Workers' Compensation | Fund | | | | | · | | · | · |
| Department of Aging | | | | | | | | | |
| and Disability Services | 178 | JP | 1,307,588 | 1,346,384 | 2,260,720 | 1,746,841 | 1,746,841 | 1,746,841 | 1,746,841 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | | | 5,733,680,954 | 5,452,824,324 | 5,446,870,785 | 5,796,338,876 | 6,273,149,206 | 5,871,052,457 | 6,321,591,787 |

Department of Social Services DSS60000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|--------------|-------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 1,910 | 1,813 | 1,826 | 1,761 | 1,771 | 1,827 | 1,829 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 150,180,725 | 150,872,462 | 154,061,290 | 150,719,055 | 151,620,855 | 158,658,860 | 158,658,860 |
| Other Expenses | 170,667,008 | 170,223,974 | 155,393,116 | 131,921,000 | 133,739,200 | 165,000,000 | 168,700,000 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | · · · |
| Genetic Tests in Paternity | | | | | | | |
| Actions | 34,621 | 36,289 | 81,906 | 81,906 | 81,906 | 81,906 | 81,906 |
| HUSKY B Program | 18,323,313 | 14,948,460 | 38,230,000 | 30,250,000 | 31,460,000 | 31,550,000 | 32,760,000 |
| Substance Use Disorder Waiver | | | | | | | |
| Reserve | - | - | 18,370,000 | 18,370,000 | 18,370,000 | 18,370,000 | 18,370,000 |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | | | | |
| Medicaid | 2,926,434,678 | 3,380,727,893 | 3,287,715,431 | 3,673,630,000 | 3,882,280,000 | 3,680,980,000 | 3,891,530,000 |
| Old Age Assistance | 43,344,825 | 47,557,572 | 51,346,541 | 53,530,000 | 54,310,000 | 54,450,000 | 56,900,000 |
| Aid To The Blind | 549,620 | 566,099 | | 612,200 | 627,300 | 623,700 | 657,800 |
| Aid To The Disabled | 51,743,720 | 52,986,819 | 50,543,338 | 52,980,000 | 53,820,000 | 53,820,000 | 56,020,000 |
| Temporary Family Assistance - | | , , | , , | | | | , , |
| TANF | 49,460,669 | 56,376,381 | 69,641,000 | 69,400,000 | 75,400,000 | 69,400,000 | 75,400,000 |
| Emergency Assistance | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Food Stamp Training Expenses | 7,642 | - | 9,341 | 9,341 | 9,341 | 9,341 | 9,341 |
| DMHAS-Disproportionate Share | 108,935,000 | 108,935,000 | 108,935,000 | 108,935,000 | 108,935,000 | 108,935,000 | 108,935,000 |
| Connecticut Home Care | | | | | | | |
| Program | 38,164,539 | 41,363,835 | 46,720,000 | 48,050,000 | 50,680,000 | 48,050,000 | 50,680,000 |
| Human Resource Development- | | | | | | | |
| Hispanic Programs | 888,619 | 1,225,409 | 1,043,704 | 1,070,348 | 1,070,348 | 1,070,348 | 1,070,348 |
| Community Residential Services | 769,040,043 | | - | - | | - | |
| Safety Net Services | 1,458,012 | 1,495,191 | 1,462,802 | 1,500,145 | 1,500,145 | 1,500,145 | 1,500,145 |
| Refunds Of Collections | 89,965 | 89,965 | 89,965 | 89,965 | 89,965 | 89,965 | 89,965 |
| Services for Persons With | | , | | | | , | , |
| Disabilities | 281,617 | 283,698 | 301,953 | 309,661 | 309,661 | 309,661 | 309,661 |
| Nutrition Assistance | 821,208 | 1,020,941 | 1,000,000 | 1,020,994 | 1,920,994 | 3,520,994 | 6,020,994 |
| State Administered General | 021,200 | 1,0=0,71 | 1,000,000 | 1,0=0,771 | 1,7 = 0,7 7 1 | 0,020,000 | 0,020,001 |
| Assistance | 14,012,163 | 16,736,210 | 14,710,000 | 16,960,000 | 17,880,000 | 17,480,000 | 19,000,000 |
| Connecticut Children's Medical | | | | | | | |
| Center | 11,138,737 | 11,138,737 | 11,138,737 | 11,138,737 | 11,138,737 | 11,138,737 | 11,138,737 |
| Community Services | 4,837,671 | 7,921,763 | 6,335,965 | 4,038,162 | 4,038,162 | 7,017,162 | 7,017,162 |
| Human Services Infrastructure | | .,, | | _,, | _,,_ | ., | ., |
| Community Action Program | 3,969,426 | 4,289,765 | 4,177,301 | 4,204,736 | 4,204,736 | 4,274,240 | 4,274,240 |
| Teen Pregnancy Prevention | 1,454,281 | 1,281,171 | 1,361,787 | 1,394,639 | 1,394,639 | 1,394,639 | 1,394,639 |
| Domestic Violence Shelters | 7,459,941 | 7,650,170 | 7,459,941 | 9,150,381 | 9,150,381 | 8,650,381 | 8,650,381 |
| Hospital Supplemental | ,,. | ,, | ,, | ., | ., | .,, | ., |
| Payments | 568,300,000 | 568,299,998 | 568,300,000 | 568,300,000 | 818,300,000 | 568,300,000 | 778,300,000 |
| Regional Hospice of Western CT | _ | - | - | - | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Grant Payments to Local Govern | ments | | | | | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | ,, |
| Teen Pregnancy Prevention - | | | | | | | |
| Municipality | 98,281 | 98,281 | 98,281 | 98,281 | 98,281 | 98,281 | 98,281 |
| - r - J | , | ,_01 | 4 /02 /0005 | , | ,_01 | ,_51 | |

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 4,941,696,324 | 4,646,126,083 | 4,599,147,121 | 4,957,764,552 | 5,432,429,652 | 5,015,773,361 | 5,458,567,461 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|--|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Increase Hospital Supplemental Payments Related to Updated Provider Tax

| Hospital Supplemental Payments | _ | 140,000,000 | _ | 140,000,000 | _ | - |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | - | 140,000,000 | - | 140,000,000 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's proposed budget increases Health Provider Tax revenue \$140 million by updating the base year for the user fee and reducing the tax rate on outpatient services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$140 million in FY 27 for increased Hospital Supplemental Payments. This results in a General Fund revenue gain of \$93.8 million to reflect federal reimbursement for such payments.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Hospital Supplemental Payments and Medicaid Rates

| Hospital Supplemental Payments | - | 110,000,000 | - | 70,000,000 | - | (40,000,000) |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|---|------------|---|--------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | 110,000,000 | - | 70,000,000 | - | (40,000,000) |

Governor

Provide funding of \$110 million in FY 27 for increased Hospital Supplemental Payments. This change is made in conjunction with a reduction in healthcare costs under the Office of the Comptroller due to lower hospital rates paid by the state employee and non-Medicare retiree health plans. The increased DSS payments result in additional General Fund revenue of \$73.7 million to reflect federal reimbursement associated with such payments.

Committee

Provide \$70 million in FY 27 for increased Hospital Supplemental Payments. The increase in Hospital Supplemental Payments results in additional General Fund revenue of \$46.9 million to reflect federal reimbursement associated with such payments.

Provide Funding for Day Kimball Hospital

| Medicaid | | | 2 250 000 | 2 250 000 | 2 250 000 | 2 250 000 |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Medicald | | - | 3,250,000 | 3,250,000 | 3,250,000 | 3,250,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 3,250,000 | 3,250,000 | 3,250,000 | 3,250,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$3,250,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support Medicaid rate increases for Day Kimball Hospital.

Increase Rates for Chronic Disease Hospitals

| Medicaid | - | - | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$400,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect a Medicaid rate increase for chronic disease hospitals, which include the Hospital for Special Care and Gaylord Hospital.

Limit Coverage of Weight Loss Medications for Obesity Only

| Medicaid | (28,790,000) | (16,850,000) | (28,790,000) | (16,850,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (28,790,000) | (16,850,000) | (28,790,000) | (16,850,000) | - | - |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

PA 23-94 requires DSS to provide medical assistance for (1) bariatric surgery and related medical services for Medicaid and HUSKY B beneficiaries with severe obesity, and (2) medical services for Medicaid and HUSKY B beneficiaries with a body mass index greater than thirty-five, provided such beneficiaries otherwise meet certain conditions. Currently, Medicaid covers weight loss drugs for Medicaid members with type 2 diabetes as well as Wegovy when prescribed to reduce the risk of a major adverse cardiac event.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$28,790,000 in FY 26 and \$16,850,000 in FY 27 to reflect limiting Medicaid coverage of prescription drugs used solely for the purpose of weight loss. This eliminates funding added in the current services update for weight loss only coverage.

Committee

Same as Governor

Reflect Enhanced Pharmacy Savings

| Other Expenses | - | - | 100,000 | 200,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| Medicaid | - | - | - | (17,000,000) | - | (17,000,000) |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 100,000 | (16,800,000) | 100,000 | (16,800,000) |

Committee

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 26 and \$200,000 in FY 27 and reduce funding by \$17 million in FY 27 to reflect increased pharmacy savings. This assumes rebates will increase to 65% of pharmacy costs from approximately 63%. FY 26 and FY 27 funding supports transitional consultants to assist the agency with pursuing pharmacy savings consortiums beyond TOP\$. DSS is directed to provide the Appropriations and Human Services Committees with an annual report including information on pharmacy costs under Medicaid, associated rebates, and related actions the agency may take to achieve further savings.

Increase Medicaid Provider Rates

| Medicaid | 10,400,000 | 25,000,000 | 15,400,000 | 30,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | 10,400,000 | 25,000,000 | 15,400,000 | 30,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 |

Governor

Provide funding of \$10.4 million in FY 26 and \$25 million in FY 27 to support rate increases for Medicaid providers.

Committee

Provide funding of \$15.4 million in FY 26 and \$30 million in FY 27 to reflect rate increases for Medicaid providers. FY 26 increases include support for behavioral health services (focusing on parity among pediatric and adult rates for similar services), physician outpatient and surgery services, and independent audiology and speech and language pathology services. Rate increases are intended to be phased-in to align with the Medicare or five-state benchmarks detailed in phases one and two of the Medicaid rate study.

Adjust Funding for Ambulance Rates

| Medicaid | (4,200,000) | (4,500,000) | - | - | 4,200,000 | 4,500,000 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | (4,200,000) | (4,500,000) | - | - | 4,200,000 | 4,500,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$4.2 million in FY 26 and \$4.5 million in FY 27 to reflect a 20% reduction in Medicaid rates for ambulance services.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$4.2 million in FY 26 and \$4.5 million in FY 27 to reflect current Medicaid rates for ambulance services.

Increase Birth to Three Rates

| Medicaid | - | 4,500,000 | - | 300,000 | - | (4,200,000) |
|----------------------|---|-----------|---|---------|---|-------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | 4,500,000 | - | 300,000 | - | (4,200,000) |

Background

Birth to Three service providers are funded through DSS Medicaid payments as well as through contracts under the Office of Early Childhood. The Birth to Three rate study conducted by Public Consulting Group and published in January 2024 provides recommendations that include increased rates and a new tiered rate system based on provider experience and credentialing levels.

Governor

Provide funding of \$4.5 million in FY 27 to reflect increased Medicaid rates for birth to three providers.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide funding of \$300,000 in FY 27 to increase Medicaid rates for birth to three providers.

Expand Emergency Medicaid Services

| Other Expenses | - | - | - | 1,500,000 | - | 1,500,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 1,500,000 | - | 1,500,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 27 to support system adjustments to enable individuals to apply in advance for emergency Medicaid coverage for emergency medical conditions that can be treated in outpatient settings rather than in hospital emergency departments.

Adjust Funding for Statutory Inflation

| Medicaid | (14,000,000) | (37,500,000) | (14,000,000) | (16,500,000) | - | 21,000,000 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| Old Age Assistance | (920,000) | (2,590,000) | - | - | 920,000 | 2,590,000 |
| Aid To The Blind | (11,500) | (30,500) | - | - | 11,500 | 30,500 |
| Aid To The Disabled | (840,000) | (2,200,000) | - | - | 840,000 | 2,200,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (15,771,500) | (42,320,500) | (14,000,000) | (16,500,000) | 1,771,500 | 25,820,500 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$15,771,500 in FY 26 and \$42,320,500 to reflect the elimination of statutorily required rate increases for nursing homes (\$14 million in FY 26 and \$36.5 million in FY 27), intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (ICF-IDDs, \$1 million in FY 27), as well as residential care homes (RCHs) and rated housing facilities (\$1,711,500 in FY 26 and \$4,820,500 in FY 27).

Committee

Reduce funding by \$14 million in FY 26 and \$16.5 million in FY 27 to reflect delaying the inflationary adjustment for nursing homes to FY 27. Funding is maintained for residential care homes (RCHs), rated housing facilities, and ICFs.

Adjust Funding for Statutory COLAs

| Old Age Assistance | (700,000) | (1,320,000) | (700,000) | (1,320,000) | - | - |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Aid To The Blind | (2,700) | (5,400) | (2,700) | (5,400) | - | - |
| Aid To The Disabled | (430,000) | (890,000) | (430,000) | (890,000) | - | - |
| State Administered General | | | | | | |
| Assistance | (520,000) | (1,120,000) | - | - | 520,000 | 1,120,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (1,652,700) | (3,335,400) | (1,132,700) | (2,215,400) | 520,000 | 1,120,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,652,700 in FY 26 and \$3,335,400 in FY 27 to reflect the elimination of statutorily required cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for the following programs: Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled, and State Administered General Assistance.

Committee

Reduce funding by \$1,132,700 in FY 26 and \$2,215,400 in FY 27 to reflect the elimination of statutorily required cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for the following programs: Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled. Maintain funding for State Administered General Assistance.

Reduce Long-Term Care Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Costs

| Medicaid | (290,000) | (300,000) | (290,000) | (300,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (290,000) | (300,000) | (290,000) | (300,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$290,000 in FY 26 and \$300,000 in FY 27 to reflect requiring long-term care pharmacies to dispense 30-day supply for routine prescriptions. Savings are incurred by reducing the frequency of dispensing fee (\$10.75) payments.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Adjust Funding for MED-Connect

| Medicaid | - | (1,000,000) | - | - | - | 1,000,000 |
|----------------------|---|-------------|---|---|---|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | (1,000,000) | - | - | - | 1,000,000 |

Background

PA 24-81 expands income and asset eligibility for the Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities Program (MED-Connect). Effective April 1, 2025, the income limit increases from \$75,000 per year to \$85,000 and assets increase from \$10,000 for individuals and \$15,000 for married couples to \$20,000 and \$30,000, respectively. Eligibility expansions continue annually from 7/1/26 until 7/1/29 when all limits are lifted. Income limits are increased by \$10,000 annually and assets are increased by \$10,000 for individuals and \$15,000 for married couples.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1 million in FY 27 to reflect maintaining MED-Connect eligibility at April 2025 levels (income limit of \$85,000 and asset limit of \$20,000 for individuals and \$30,000 for couples).

Committee

Maintain funding \$1 million in FY 27 to reflect the continued eligibility expansion of MED-Connect.

Reduce Funding for PCMH+

| Medicaid | - | - | (6,000,000) | (6,000,000) | (6,000,000) | (6,000,000) |
|----------------------|---|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | (6,000,000) | (6,000,000) | (6,000,000) | (6,000,000) |

Committee

Reduce funding by \$6 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of shared savings funding under the PCMH+ program.

Provide Funding for Katie Beckett Wait List

| Medicaid | - | - | 1,500,000 | 3,000,000 | 1,500,000 | 3,000,000 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 1,500,000 | 3,000,000 | 1,500,000 | 3,000,000 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |

Background

The Katie Beckett Waiver Program serves individuals 21 years of age and younger who have a physical disability and may have a cooccurring developmental disability, who would normally not qualify financially for Medicaid due to family income. The waiver supports home and community-based services (in lieu of institutional care) through case management as well as standard Medicaid covered services (physician, therapy, home health, hospital inpatient and outpatient services). The current wait list is approximately 331 individuals. The average state cost per person is approximately \$25,500 per year.

Committee

Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 26 and \$3 million in FY 27 to reflect transitioning approximately 50 individuals off the wait list each year to receive services under the Katie Beckett waiver.

Provide Medicaid Coverage for Fertility and Related Services

| | - | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---------|---|---------|
| Medicaid | - | - | - | 300,000 | - | 300,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 300,000 | - | 300,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of 300,000 in FY 27 to reflect Medicaid coverage for fertility related services including assessment, treatment (including in-vitro fertilization), and preservation, effective 1/1/27.

Provide Funding for Behavioral Health Services for Children

| Other Expenses | - | - | 1,700,000 | 1,200,000 | 1,700,000 | 1,200,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| HUSKY B Program | - | - | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 3,000,000 | 2,500,000 | 3,000,000 | 2,500,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$3 million in FY 26 and \$2.5 million in FY 27 to support (1) applied behavior analysis services under HUSKY B, (2) a contract with the Yale Child Study Center to review IICAPS and other evidence-based alternatives that focus on delivering positive outcomes for children with behavioral health issues, and (3) intensive behavioral health supports to children in a school setting.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Support to Reflect Increases in Minimum Wage

| | | U | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|---|---|
| Medicaid | 3,600,000 | 8,600,000 | 3,600,000 | 8,600,000 | - | - |
| Connecticut Home Care Program | 600,000 | 1,400,000 | 600,000 | 1,400,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 4,200,000 | 10,000,000 | 4,200,000 | 10,000,000 | - | - |
| | | | | | | |

Governor

Provide funding of \$4.2 million in FY 26 and \$10 million in FY 27 to support rate increases for home health aides and low-wage workers under the Connecticut Home Care Program (state-funded) and Medicaid home and community-based services waivers. This assumes five months of payment in FY 26 and reflects a 4.9% increase.

Committee

Same as Governor

Reduce Funding to Reflect Increased Cost Sharing for State-Funded Home Care Clients

| Connecticut Home Care Program | (400,000) | (500,000) | (400,000) | (500,000) | - | - |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (400,000) | (500,000) | (400,000) | (500,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$400,000 in FY 26 and \$500,000 in FY 27 to reflect increased cost sharing for participants under the state-funded home care program. Savings reflect increasing the cost share from 3% of the cost of care to 5% with a monthly cap of \$175.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Support Medicaid Landscape Analysis Recommendations

| Medicaid | 1,000,000 | 2,000,000 | - | - | (1,000,000) | (2,000,000) |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total - General Fund | 1,000,000 | 2,000,000 | - | - | (1,000,000) | (2,000,000) |

Governor

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 26 and \$2 million in FY 27 to support care coordination services for individuals with acute/chronic disease and behavioral health conditions, particularly for individuals eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare (dually eligible).

Committee

Funding is not provided to implement certain recommendations resulting from the Medicaid Landscape Analysis.

Adjust Funding to Support Development of 1115 Demonstration Waiver

| Other Expenses | 1,000,000 | - | - | - | (1,000,000) | - |
|----------------------|-----------|---|---|---|-------------|---|
| Total - General Fund | 1,000,000 | - | - | - | (1,000,000) | - |

Background

1115 demonstration waivers (allowed under section 1115 of the Social Security Act) allow states additional flexibility to design and improve their Medicaid program through state-specific policies. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reviews proposals to ensure stated objectives align with those of Medicaid and federal policies. Demonstrations are generally approved for an initial five-year period with possible extensions. In Connecticut, Covered Connecticut and the Substance Use Disorder Demonstration were approved under 1115 waivers.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 26 to reflect contractual support for additional ways to leverage federal funding, particularly through the development of an 1115 demonstration waiver.

Committee

Funding is not provided for additional contractual support.

Adjust Funding for New Non-Entitlement Grants

| Community Services | (920,000) | (920,000) | 300,000 | 300,000 | 1,220,000 | 1,220,000 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Human Services Infrastructure | | | | | | |
| Community Action Program | (69,504) | (69,504) | - | - | 69,504 | 69,504 |
| Regional Hospice of Western CT | - | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (989,504) | (989,504) | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 | 2,289,504 | 2,289,504 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$989,504 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of funding for various entities included in the FY 24 - FY 25 biennial budget. This includes funding for: Person to Person (\$500,000), Catholic Charities of New Haven (\$270,000), Spanish Community of Wallingford (\$150,000), and the Fatherhood Initiative (\$69,504).

Committee

Maintain funding of \$989,504 and provide additional funding of \$1.3 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to support various programs. Additional funding supports the Regional Hospice of Western CT including the expansion of the pediatric hospice program (\$1 million), Mosaic Coalition Inc Norwich (\$250,000), and Southwest Community Health Center (\$50,000).

Adjust Funding for Various Programs

| Community Services | (1,500,000) | (1,500,000) | 259,000 | 259,000 | 1,759,000 | 1,759,000 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | (1,500,000) | (1,500,000) | 259,000 | 259,000 | 1,759,000 | 1,759,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect decreased funding for migrant support (\$1 million) and Roca (\$500,000).

Committee

Maintain funding of \$1.5 million and provide additional funding of \$259,000 in FY 26 and FY 27. Funding of \$500,000 supports Roca, \$1 million reflects operating support for the state's three resettlement agencies, \$159,000 extends refugee support services through Jewish Family Services of Norwich, and \$100,000 supports Building One Community in Stamford.

Increase Funding for Connecticut Foodshare

| Nutrition Assistance | - | 900,000 | 2,500,000 | 5,000,000 | 2,500,000 | 4,100,000 |
|----------------------|---|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | 900,000 | 2,500,000 | 5,000,000 | 2,500,000 | 4,100,000 |

Governor

Provide funding of \$900,000 in FY 27 for Connecticut Foodshare. Funding supports the purchase of food for distribution at pantries across the state, with 15% of funds being used for purchases at Connecticut farms.

Committee

Provide funding of \$5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 for Connecticut Foodshare.

Adjust Funding for Domestic Violence Assistance

| State Administered General | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Assistance | (4,000,000) | (4,000,000) | (4,000,000) | (4,000,000) | - | - |
| Domestic Violence Shelters | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | (500,000) | (500,000) |
| Total - General Fund | (2,500,000) | (2,500,000) | (3,000,000) | (3,000,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the net change in funding for domestic violence assistance. The \$4 million reduction eliminates the domestic violence benefit under SAGA, while \$1.5 million is provided for the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence to enhance direct support services.

Committee

Reduce funding by \$3 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the net change in funding for domestic violence assistance. The \$4 million reduction eliminates the domestic violence benefit under SAGA. Funding of \$1 million is provided for the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence to support the hotline.

Adjust Funding for Opportunity Center Pilot

| Personal Services | - | 901,800 | - | - | - | (901,800) |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------|---|---|---|-------------|
| Other Expenses | - | 218,200 | - | - | - | (218,200) |
| Total - General Fund | - | 1,120,000 | - | - | - | (1,120,000) |
| Positions - General Fund | - | 10 | - | - | - | (10) |

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,120,000 and ten positions in FY 27 to expand the current Opportunity Center site in Hartford and expand to an additional site. Funding includes support for a Durational Operations Manager, two Durational Site Program Managers, six OC Benefit Navigators, and an IT Analyst as well as training and operational expenses.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Maintain current Opportunity Center structure.

Maintain Information Technology Functions Under DAS

| Personal Services | (7,939,805) | (7,939,805) | - | - | 7,939,805 | 7,939,805 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|------------|------------|
| Other Expenses | (32,279,000) | (32,279,000) | - | - | 32,279,000 | 32,279,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (40,218,805) | (40,218,805) | - | - | 40,218,805 | 40,218,805 |
| Positions - General Fund | (65) | (65) | - | - | 65 | 65 |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget consolidates IT positions from five agencies across the General Fund and Special Transportation Fund into the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). In total, 158 positions and \$65 million are transferred in FY 26 and FY 27.

Governor

Transfer 65 positions and \$40,218,805 to DAS in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

Maintain IT positions and funding in DSS.

Current Services

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

| Human Resource Development- | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Hispanic Programs | 26,644 | 26,644 | 26,644 | 26,644 | - | - |
| Safety Net Services | 37,343 | 37,343 | 37,343 | 37,343 | - | - |
| Services for Persons With Disabilities | 7,708 | 7,708 | 7,708 | 7,708 | - | - |
| Nutrition Assistance | 20,994 | 20,994 | 20,994 | 20,994 | - | - |
| Community Services | 122,197 | 122,197 | 122,197 | 122,197 | - | - |
| Human Services Infrastructure | | | | | | |
| Community Action Program | 96,939 | 96,939 | 96,939 | 96,939 | - | - |
| Teen Pregnancy Prevention | 32,852 | 32,852 | 32,852 | 32,852 | - | - |
| Domestic Violence Shelters | 190,440 | 190,440 | 190,440 | 190,440 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 535,117 | 535,117 | 535,117 | 535,117 | - | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$535,117 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 6,597,570 | 6,597,570 | 6,597,570 | 6,597,570 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 6,597,570 | 6,597,570 | 6,597,570 | 6,597,570 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$6,597,570 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Personal Services

| - | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Personal Services | (2,000,000) | (2,000,000) | (2,000,000) | (2,000,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (2,000,000) | (2,000,000) | (2,000,000) | (2,000,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect staffing level requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Other Expenses

| Other Expenses | 7,806,884 | 10,406,884 | 7,806,884 | 10,406,884 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 7,806,884 | 10,406,884 | 7,806,884 | 10,406,884 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$7,806,884 in FY 26 and \$10,406,884 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under Other Expenses. Increases primarily support contract and system maintenance costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - HUSKY B

| HUSKY B Program | (7,980,000) | (6,770,000) | (7,980,000) | (6,770,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (7,980,000) | (6,770,000) | (7,980,000) | (6,770,000) | - | - |

Background

The HUSKY B Program provides health coverage for children of families with incomes in excess of 201% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) up to 323% FPL. HUSKY program expenditures typically receive 65% federal reimbursement. HUSKY B also supports prenatal services for pregnant women under the unborn child option as well as state-funded coverage for children ages 15 and under regardless of immigration status. As of December 2024, approximately 23,700 individuals were enrolled under HUSKY B.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$7,980,000 in FY 26 and \$6,770,000 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under HUSKY B. Changes include the annualization of the FY 25 lapse (-\$11.5 million in both years) and cost and caseload adjustments (\$3.5 million in FY 26 and \$4.7 million in FY 27).

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies

| Medicaid | 290,000,000 | 290,000,000 | 290,000,000 | 290,000,000 | - | - |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 | - | - |
| Aid To The Disabled | 2,200,000 | 2,200,000 | 2,200,000 | 2,200,000 | - | - |
| State Administered General | | | | | | |
| Assistance | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 298,050,000 | 298,050,000 | 298,050,000 | 298,050,000 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$298,050,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Medicaid

| Medicaid | 89,274,569 | 247,464,569 | 89,274,569 | 247,464,569 | - | - |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 89,274,569 | 247,464,569 | 89,274,569 | 247,464,569 | - | - |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

DSS' Medicaid program provides remedial, preventive, and long-term medical care for income eligible aged, blind or disabled individuals (HUSKY C), low-income adults (HUSKY D) and families with children (HUSKY A). Payment is made directly to health care providers, by the department, for services delivered to eligible individuals. Medicaid services individuals across the HUSKY Health programs as follows: approximately 540,000 individuals in HUSKY A, 84,000 in HUSKY C, and 314,000 in HUSKY D. The program complies with federal Medicaid law (Title XIX of the Social Security Act) and regulations. In addition, the account provides coverage for services to certain individuals who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid, except for their immigration status, using state-only funds. As of December 2024, this state-only medical group includes approximately 14,000 children as well as 3,250 women receiving postpartum services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$89,274,569 in FY 26 and \$247,464,569 in FY 27 to reflect current services requirements under Medicaid. Funding primarily reflects support for caseload, cost per case and utilization changes, initial estimated coverage for weight loss drugs, and Medicare Part D clawback payments.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Conform with Hospital Settlement Agreement

| Medicaid 24,920,000 39,650,000 24,920,000 39,650,000 - Total - General Fund 24,920,000 39,650,000 24,920,000 39,650,000 - | | _ | - | | | | |
|---|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund 24,920,000 39,650,000 24,920,000 39,650,000 - | Medicaid | | 39,650,000 | 24,920,000 | 39,650,000 | - | - |
| | Total - General Fund | 24,920,000 | 39,650,000 | 24,920,000 | 39,650,000 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$24,920,000 in FY 26 and \$39,650,000 in FY 27 to conform to the hospital settlement agreement.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Statutorily Required Rate Increases

| Medicaid | 14,000,000 | 37,500,000 | 14,000,000 | 37,500,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | 920,000 | 2,590,000 | 920,000 | 2,590,000 | - | - |
| Aid To The Blind | 11,500 | 30,500 | 11,500 | 30,500 | - | - |
| Aid To The Disabled | 840,000 | 2,200,000 | 840,000 | 2,200,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 15,771,500 | 42,320,500 | 15,771,500 | 42,320,500 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$15,771,500 in FY 26 and \$42,320,500 in FY 27 to reflect statutorily required rate increases for nursing homes (\$14 million in FY 26 and \$36.5 million in FY 25), intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (ICF-IDDs, \$1 million in FY 27), as well as residential care homes (RCHs) and rated housing facilities (\$1,771,500 in FY 26 and \$4,820,500 in FY 27). Note, funding is removed in a separate policy adjustment.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Statutorily Required Cost of Living Adjustments

| - | | - | - | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | 700,000 | 1,320,000 | 700,000 | 1,320,000 | - | - |
| Aid To The Blind | 2,700 | 5,400 | 2,700 | 5,400 | - | - |
| Aid To The Disabled | 430,000 | 890,000 | 430,000 | 890,000 | - | - |
| Temporary Family Assistance - | | | | | | |
| TANF | 500,000 | 2,300,000 | 500,000 | 2,300,000 | - | - |
| State Administered General | | | | | | |
| Assistance | 520,000 | 1,120,000 | 520,000 | 1,120,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 2,152,700 | 5,635,400 | 2,152,700 | 5,635,400 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,152,700 in FY 26 and \$5,635,400 in FY 27 to reflect statutorily required cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for the following programs: Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled, Temporary Family Assistance (TFA), and State Administered General Assistance. Note, funding is removed in a separate policy adjustment.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Supplemental Assistance

| Old Age Assistance | 1,333,459 | 2,113,459 | 1,333,459 | 2,113,459 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Aid To The Blind | (7,521) | 7,579 | (7,521) | 7,579 | - | - |
| Aid To The Disabled | 236,662 | 1,076,662 | 236,662 | 1,076,662 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 1,562,600 | 3,197,700 | 1,562,600 | 3,197,700 | - | - |

Background

State Supplemental programs consist of Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled. These programs provide monthly financial assistance to low-income individuals. These programs are entirely state funded but operate under both state and federal guidelines. To receive benefits, an individual must have another source of income to supplement, such as federal Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, or Veteran's Benefits. All recipients are automatically eligible for health care benefits under the state's Medicaid program. As of December 2024, paid cases totaled 5,700 per month under Aid to the Disabled, 3,700 under Old Age Assistance, and 60 under Aid to the Blind.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,562,600 in FY 26 and \$3,197,700 in FY 27 to support current requirements for Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Disabled.

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Temporary Family Assistance

| Temporary Family Assistance - | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| TANF | (741,000) | 3,459,000 | (741,000) | 3,459,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (741,000) | 3,459,000 | (741,000) | 3,459,000 | - | - |

Background

The Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program provides cash assistance to eligible low-income families. The TFA program limits assistance to 36 months for non-exempt cases, with possible extensions. Individuals in the TFA program are usually eligible for health care services provided under the state's Medicaid program. The standard of need is 55% FPL. Families with income above 100% FPL and up to 170% FPL can remain on the program for six months with no impact to their benefits, while families above 170% FPL and up to 230% FPL can remain on the program for six months with a 20% reduction in their benefit level. The asset limit is \$6,000. TFA supports an average monthly caseload of 7,100 at an average cost per case of \$730 per month.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$741,000 in FY 26 and provide funding of \$3,459,000 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under Temporary Family Assistance. The adjustment reflects the annualization of the FY 25 projected lapse (-\$6.3 million in FY 26 and FY 27) as well as increasing cost and caseload (\$5.6 million in FY 26 and \$9.8 million in FY 27).

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Connecticut Home Care Program

| | | - | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Connecticut Home Care Program | 1,130,000 | 3,060,000 | 1,130,000 | 3,060,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 1,130,000 | 3,060,000 | 1,130,000 | 3,060,000 | - | - |
| | | | | | | |

Background

The state-funded Connecticut Home Care Program (CHCP) provides home and community-based services to the elderly who are at risk of nursing home placement and meet the program's financial eligibility criteria. Category 1 (currently closed to intake) is targeted to individuals who are at risk of hospitalization or short-term nursing facility placement if preventive home care services are not provided. Category 2 is targeted to individuals who are frail enough to require nursing facility care but have resources that would prevent them from qualifying for Medicaid upon admission to a nursing facility. As of December 2024, the program is supporting approximately 1,750 state-funded clients.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,130,000 in FY 26 and \$3,060,000 in FY 27 to support expenditure requirements under the Connecticut Home Care Program. The adjustment reflects the annualization of the FY 25 lapse (-\$500,000), removal of ARPA funding (-\$270,000), and caseload increases (\$1.9 million in FY 26 and \$3.8 million in FY 27 to support 4% growth each year).

Committee

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - State Administered General Assistance

| State Administered General | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Assistance | 1,250,000 | 2,170,000 | 1,250,000 | 2,170,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 1,250,000 | 2,170,000 | 1,250,000 | 2,170,000 | - | - |

Background

The State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) program provides limited cash assistance to individuals who are unable to work for medical or other prescribed reasons. The program supports approximately 4,300 cases each month with an average cost per case of \$320.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,250,000 in FY 26 and \$2,170,000 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements to support caseload growth under SAGA.

Committee

Same as Governor

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|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Budget Components | Governor Recommended | | Comm | ittee | Difference from Governor | | | | | |
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 4,599,147,121 | 4,599,147,121 | 4,599,147,121 | 4,599,147,121 | _ | - | | | | |
| Policy Revisions | (79,712,509) | 179,505,791 | (21,703,700) | 205,643,600 | 58,008,809 | 26,137,809 | | | | |
| Current Services | 438,329,940 | 653,776,740 | 438,329,940 | 653,776,740 | _ | - | | | | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 4,957,764,552 | 5,432,429,652 | 5,015,773,361 | 5,458,567,461 | 58,008,809 | 26,137,809 | | | | |

| Positions | Governor Recommended | | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 1,826 | 1,826 | 1,826 | 1,826 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (65) | (55) | 1 | 3 | 66 | 58 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 1,761 | 1,771 | 1,827 | 1,829 | 66 | 58 | |

Totals

Department of Aging and Disability Services SDR63500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual FY 23 | Actual FY 24 | Appropriation FY 25 | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | | | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 130 | 146 | 146 | 144 | 144 | 146 | 146 |
| Workers' Compensation Fund | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual FY 23 | Actual FY 24 | Appropriation FY 25 | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 6,608,843 | 6,614,314 | 8,572,621 | 8,499,272 | 8,499,272 | 8,699,272 | 8,699,272 |
| Other Expenses | 1,012,695 | 1,340,285 | 1,398,575 | 1,137,575 | 1,137,575 | 1,147,575 | 1,147,575 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | · · · · · | | | | |
| Educational Aid for Children - | | | | | | | |
| Blind or Visually Impaired | 4,571,232 | 4,659,692 | 4,873,907 | 5,036,360 | 5,036,360 | 5,036,360 | 5,036,360 |
| Employment Opportunities - | | | | | | | |
| Blind & Disabled | 200,929 | 241,409 | 406,594 | 416,974 | 416,974 | 416,974 | 416,974 |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | | | | |
| Vocational Rehabilitation - | | | | | | | |
| Disabled | 6,809,785 | 7,536,668 | 7,895,382 | 7,895,382 | 7,895,382 | 7,895,382 | 7,895,382 |
| Supplementary Relief and | | | | | | | |
| Services | 31,132 | 44,846 | 44,847 | 97,251 | 97,251 | 97,251 | 97,251 |
| Special Training for the Deaf | | | | | | | |
| Blind | 136,143 | 131,979 | 258,825 | 264,045 | 264,045 | 264,045 | 264,045 |
| Connecticut Radio Information | | | | | | | |
| Service | 70,194 | 70,194 | 70,194 | 70,194 | 70,194 | 70,194 | 70,194 |
| Independent Living Centers | 1,023,927 | 1,070,723 | 1,000,000 | 1,025,528 | 1,025,528 | 1,025,528 | 1,025,528 |
| Programs for Senior Citizens | 3,817,965 | 4,405,195 | 4,423,247 | 4,536,165 | 4,536,165 | 5,036,165 | 5,036,165 |
| Elderly Nutrition | 3,404,171 | 3,491,074 | 4,904,171 | 4,991,074 | 4,991,074 | 4,991,074 | 4,991,074 |
| Aging in Place Pilot Program | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Communication Advocacy | | | | | | | |
| Network | - | 51,582 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 27,687,016 | 29,807,961 | 34,098,363 | 34,069,820 | 34,069,820 | 34,879,820 | 34,879,820 |
| Fall Prevention | 119,898 | 50,075 | 382,660 | 190,692 | 190,692 | 382,660 | 382,660 |
| Agency Total - Insurance Fund | 119,898 | 50,075 | 382,660 | 190,692 | 190,692 | 382,660 | 382,660 |
| Agency Total - Insurance Fund | 119,898 | 50,075 | 382,000 | 190,092 | 190,092 | 382,000 | 302,000 |
| Personal Services | 482,618 | 511,120 | 613,572 | 634,783 | 634,783 | 634,783 | 634,783 |
| Other Expenses | 43,625 | 35,930 | 48,440 | 48,440 | 48,440 | 48,440 | 48,440 |
| Rehabilitative Services | 324,909 | 355,129 | 1,000,721 | 595,631 | 595,631 | 595,631 | 595,631 |
| Fringe Benefits | 456,436 | 444,205 | 597,987 | 467,987 | 467,987 | 467,987 | 467,987 |
| Agency Total - Workers' | | | | | | | |
| Compensation Fund | 1,307,588 | 1,346,384 | 2,260,720 | 1,746,841 | 1,746,841 | 1,746,841 | 1,746,841 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 29,114,502 | 31,204,420 | 36,741,743 | 36,007,353 | 36,007,353 | 37,009,321 | 37,009,321 |
| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Eliminate Funding for Stamford Senior Center

| Other Expenses | (100,000) | (100,000) | (100,000) | (100,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (100,000) | (100,000) | (100,000) | (100,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce other expenses funding to Stamford Senior Center by \$100,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Provide Funding for the Bureau for Persons Who Are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing

| 0 | | | | | - | |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Personal Services | - | - | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| Other Expenses | - | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 210,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Committee

Provide Personal Services funding of \$200,000 and Other Expenses funding of \$10,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support the Bureau for Persons Who Are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing and its activities. The PS funding will support two positions, a Bureau Director and an administrative assistant. Part of the director's FY 26 salary is currently covered by ARPA dollars. The OE funding will cover the Bureau's interpreter service needs.

Provide Funding for Communication Advocacy Network

| Communication Advocacy Network | - | - | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |

Committee

Increase funding to the Communication Advocacy Network by \$100,000 in FY 26 and FY 27.

Provide Funding for AAA Service Navigators

| Programs for Senior Citizens | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
|------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support the state's Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). This funding will support the hiring of additional service navigators for each AAA, and will cover salaries, fringe benefits, and operating expenses.

Eliminate Funding for Aging in Place Pilot

| Aging in Place Pilot Program | (150,000) | (150,000) | (150,000) | (150,000) | - | - |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (150,000) | (150,000) | (150,000) | (150,000) | - | - |

Background

The FY 24- FY 25 biennial budget provided funding of \$150,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 for an Aging in Place Pilot Program. The program was developed to serve senior citizens who own a home in Bloomfield and Hartford, assisting eligible seniors in identifying Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) contractors to perform home repairs on their primary residence. The Minority Construction Council (MCC) was tasked with overseeing the repair process by identifying qualified credentialed MBE contractors to perform the required repairs. The program funds covered the cost of the labor, materials needed to complete the home repair, and a fiduciary service fee. The MCC aimed to work with 25 senior homeowners to provide home repairs at no cost to the homeowners so they have homes that are safe, energy efficient and ADA accessible.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$150,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of the Aging in Place Pilot.

Committee

Same as Governor.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Transfer the Driver Training Program from ADS to DMV

| | 0 | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Personal Services | (244,500) | (244,500) | (244,500) | (244,500) | - | - |
| Other Expenses | (21,000) | (21,000) | (21,000) | (21,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (265,500) | (265,500) | (265,500) | (265,500) | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | - | - |

Background

The Driver Training Program provides free special equipment evaluation, driver training, and license certification for people with physical disabilities who may require special adaptive equipment to operate a motor vehicle. In FY 24 the program served 278 clients. Of these, 143 clients completed the program, 43 were actively receiving services, and 92 had requested services.

PA 11-44 transferred the program from DMV to the newly established Bureau of Rehabilitative Services (now ADS).

Governor

Transfer three positions and \$265,500 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the transfer of the program to DMV (an equal transfer of General Fund dollars and positions to the Special Transportation Fund).

Committee

Same as Governor.

Transfer Position from DMHAS to ADS

| Personal Services | 116,146 | 116,146 | 116,146 | 116,146 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 116,146 | 116,146 | 116,146 | 116,146 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - |

Governor

Transfer funding of \$116,146 and one position in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to the Department of Aging and Disability (ADS) to reflect ADS assuming contracting responsibilities.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Maintain Funding for Fall Prevention

| Fall Prevention | (191,968) | (191,968) | - | - | 191,968 | 191,968 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|
| Total - Insurance Fund | (191,968) | (191,968) | - | - | 191,968 | 191,968 |

Background

The Fall Prevention Program aims to reduce the incidence of falls among older adults, educate professionals and the public about the importance of falls prevention, and share resources and best practices. The program partners ADS' Bureau of Aging with the Department of Public Health's Office of Injury and Violence Prevention, and is guided by Connecticut General Statute 17a-859.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$191,968 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect program requirements.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$191,968 in FY 26 and FY 27 for the fall prevention program.

Reduce Workers' Rehabilitative Services Funding

| Rehabilitative Services | (405,090) | (405,090) | (405,090) | (405,090) | - | - |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - Workers' Compensation | | | | | | |
| Fund | (405,090) | (405,090) | (405,090) | (405,090) | - | - |

Background

The Worker's Rehabilitation program aims to assist injured workers in returning to employment, providing services such as counseling, aptitude and interest testing, formal training and education, and job placement assistance. The program is governed by Chapter 568 of the Connecticut General Statutes, also known as the Workers' Compensation Act, which requires the Department of Aging and Disability to provide vocational rehabilitation services.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$405,090 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect program requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Current Services

Annualize Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 305,005 | 305,005 | 305,005 | 305,005 | - | - |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Educational Aid for Children - Blind | | | | | | |
| or Visually Impaired | 162,453 | 162,453 | 162,453 | 162,453 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 467,458 | 467,458 | 467,458 | 467,458 | - | - |
| Personal Services | 21,211 | 21,211 | 21,211 | 21,211 | - | - |
| Total - Workers' Compensation | | | | | | |
| Fund | 21,211 | 21,211 | 21,211 | 21,211 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$488,669 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

| Employment Opportunities - Blind | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| & Disabled | 10,380 | 10,380 | 10,380 | 10,380 | - | - |
| Supplementary Relief and Services | 52,404 | 52,404 | 52,404 | 52,404 | - | - |
| Special Training for the Deaf Blind | 5,220 | 5,220 | 5,220 | 5,220 | - | - |
| Independent Living Centers | 25,528 | 25,528 | 25,528 | 25,528 | - | - |
| Programs for Senior Citizens | 112,918 | 112,918 | 112,918 | 112,918 | - | - |
| Elderly Nutrition | 86,903 | 86,903 | 86,903 | 86,903 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 293,353 | 293,353 | 293,353 | 293,353 | - | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$293,353 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Adjust Funding to Reflect the Coverage of Waterbury Lease Costs Under DSS

| Other Expenses | (140,000) | (140,000) | (140,000) | (140,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (140,000) | (140,000) | (140,000) | (140,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$140,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the Department of Social Services (DSS) assuming greater leasing costs related to the Waterbury location.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |

Committee

Same as Governor.

Reduce Funding to Reflect Current Staffing Levels

| | 0 | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Personal Services | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | (250,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$250,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Adjust Fringe Benefits to Reflect Current Rate

| Fringe Benefits | (130,000) | (130,000) | (130,000) | (130,000) | - | - |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - Workers' Compensation | | | | | | |
| Fund | (130,000) | (130,000) | (130,000) | (130,000) | - | - |

Background

The fringe benefit costs for employees supported by funds other than the General Fund are budgeted within their respective agencies, as opposed to the fringe benefits account within the Office of the State Comptroller.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$130,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect necessary funds for fringe benefits.

Committee

Same as Governor.

| Budget Compensate | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ittee | Difference from | n Governor |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 34,098,363 | 34,098,363 | 34,098,363 | 34,098,363 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (399,354) | (399,354) | 410,646 | 410,646 | 810,000 | 810,000 |
| Current Services | 370,811 | 370,811 | 370,811 | 370,811 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - GF | 34,069,820 | 34,069,820 | 34,879,820 | 34,879,820 | 810,000 | 810,000 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - IF | 382,660 | 382,660 | 382,660 | 382,660 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (191,968) | (191,968) | - | - | 191,968 | 191,968 |
| Total Recommended - IF | 190,692 | 190,692 | 382,660 | 382,660 | 191,968 | 191,968 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - WF | 2,260,720 | 2,260,720 | 2,260,720 | 2,260,720 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (405,090) | (405,090) | (405,090) | (405,090) | - | - |
| Current Services | (108,789) | (108,789) | (108,789) | (108,789) | - | - |
| Total Recommended - WF | 1,746,841 | 1,746,841 | 1,746,841 | 1,746,841 | - | |

Totals

| Positions | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 146 | 146 | 146 | 146 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (2) | (2) | - | - | 2 | 2 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 144 | 144 | 146 | 146 | 2 | 2 | |

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|--------------|------------------|--------|---------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| runu | Fund FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 2,974 | 2,974 | 2,974 | 2,945 | 2,945 | 2,974 | 2,974 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 286,017,120 | 285,854,291 | 309,141,905 | 299,712,493 | 299,712,493 | 306,233,500 | 303,233,500 |
| Other Expenses | 30,798,917 | 30,668,135 | 28,837,956 | 25,350,159 | 25,350,159 | 31,137,956 | 31,137,956 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Family Support Services | 1,035,708 | 1,064,018 | 1,037,746 | 1,064,233 | 1,064,233 | 1,064,233 | 1,064,233 |
| Differential Response System | 9,037,860 | 9,315,522 | | 9,367,256 | 9,367,256 | 9,367,256 | 9,367,256 |
| Regional Behavioral Health Consultation | 1,720,116 | 1,835,695 | 1,792,453 | 1,838,167 | 1,838,167 | 1,838,167 | 1,838,167 |
| Community Care Coordination | 8,196,582 | 8,957,944 | 8,734,955 | 8,957,944 | 8,957,944 | 8,957,944 | 8,957,944 |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | | -,- ,- | -, -, | -,,- | - / - / - | - / - / - | -,- ,- |
| Health Assessment and | | | | | | | |
| Consultation | 1,521,847 | 1,561,995 | 1,558,211 | 1,596,776 | 1,596,776 | 1,596,776 | 1,596,776 |
| Grants for Psychiatric Clinics for Children | 16,630,598 | 18,098,876 | 17,749,403 | 18,130,105 | 18,130,105 | 18,130,105 | 18,130,105 |
| Day Treatment Centers for Children | 7,959,273 | 8,046,230 | 8,014,992 | 8,219,601 | 8,219,601 | 8,219,601 | 8,219,601 |
| Child Abuse and Neglect Intervention | 10,505,021 | 9,980,915 | 9,751,391 | 9,988,016 | 9,988,016 | 9,988,016 | 9,988,016 |
| Community Based Prevention Programs | 8,943,495 | 9,297,639 | 9,212,132 | 9,407,655 | 9,407,655 | 9,657,655 | 9,657,655 |
| Family Violence Outreach and | | i | | | | | |
| Counseling | 3,959,383 | 3,898,171 | 3,926,815 | 4,009,230 | 4,009,230 | 4,009,230 | 4,009,230 |
| Supportive Housing | 20,805,454 | 21,179,806 | 20,805,454 | 21,180,221 | 21,180,221 | 21,180,221 | 21,180,221 |
| No Nexus Special Education | 1,732,853 | 1,773,850 | 2,396,390 | 2,452,640 | 2,452,640 | 2,452,640 | 2,452,640 |
| Family Preservation Services | 7,165,737 | 7,239,251 | 7,062,473 | 7,242,683 | 7,242,683 | 7,242,683 | 7,242,683 |
| Substance Abuse Treatment | 9,002,557 | 9,890,878 | 9,738,188 | 9,929,982 | 9,929,982 | 10,073,982 | 10,073,982 |
| Child Welfare Support Services | 2,467,710 | 2,530,296 | 2,804,494 | 2,854,163 | 2,854,163 | 2,854,163 | 2,854,163 |
| Board and Care for Children - | | i | | | | | |
| Adoption | 106,286,349 | 105,755,102 | 106,884,511 | 106,884,511 | 106,884,511 | 106,884,511 | 106,884,511 |
| Board and Care for Children - | | | | | | | |
| Foster | 110,815,045 | 114,948,001 | 121,399,713 | 123,521,818 | 123,521,818 | 123,521,818 | 123,521,818 |
| Board and Care for Children - | | | | | | | |
| Short-term and Residential | 61,673,425 | 64,660,509 | 68,855,247 | 65,628,396 | 65,628,396 | 65,628,396 | 65,628,396 |
| Individualized Family Supports | 3,295,035 | 3,783,841 | 3,821,264 | 3,871,304 | 3,871,304 | 3,871,304 | 3,871,304 |
| Community Kidcare | 47,145,414 | 48,398,654 | 47,294,772 | 52,411,129 | 52,411,129 | 54,411,129 | 63,011,129 |
| Covenant to Care | 179,370 | 183,944 | 181,332 | 185,911 | 185,911 | 185,911 | 185,911 |
| Juvenile Review Boards | 1,691,749 | 1,734,888 | | 3,897,957 | 6,043,187 | 3,897,957 | 6,043,187 |
| Youth Transition and Success | | | | | | , , | |
| Programs | 490,545 | 996,192 | 991,421 | 1,016,220 | 1,016,220 | 1,016,220 | 1,016,220 |
| Love146 | - | - | - | _ | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Grant Payments to Local Govern | ments | | | I_ | | | |
| Youth Service Bureaus | 2,677,876 | 2,727,244 | 2,733,240 | 2,733,240 | 2,733,240 | 2,733,240 | 2,733,240 |
| Youth Service Bureau | . , - | . , | | . , - | | | . , - |
| Enhancement | 1,115,089 | 1,111,934 | 1,115,161 | 1,115,161 | 1,115,161 | 1,115,161 | 1,115,161 |

| Account | Actual | Actual Appropria | Appropriation | Governor Rec | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 762,870,128 | 775,493,821 | 810,981,921 | 802,566,971 | 804,712,201 | 818,269,775 | 826,015,005 | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Maintain Information Technology Functions in DCF

| Personal Services | (3,521,007) | (3,521,007) | _ | - | 3,521,007 | 3,521,007 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Other Expenses | (5,487,797) | (5,487,797) | - | - | 5,487,797 | 5,487,797 |
| Total - General Fund | (9,008,804) | (9,008,804) | - | - | 9,008,804 | 9,008,804 |
| Positions - General Fund | (29) | (29) | - | - | 29 | 29 |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget consolidates IT positions from five agencies across the General Fund and Special Transportation Fund into the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). In total, 158 positions and \$65 million are transferred in FY 26 and FY 27.

Governor

Transfer 29 positions and \$9,008,804 to DAS in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

Do not centralize Department of Children and Families' IT functions into DAS.

Adjust Funding to Reflect Delayed Implementation of Prearrest Diversion Plan

| Juvenile Review Boards | (2,145,230) | - | (2,145,230) | - | - | - |
|------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|---|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (2,145,230) | - | (2,145,230) | - | - | - |

Background

Annual funding of \$4,290,461 was first appropriated in FY 24 to support the implementation of plans for prearrest diversion of lowrisk children, and automatic prearrest diversion of children to the community-based diversion system or other community-based service providers, in lieu of arrest for first or second offenses, per Section 1 of PA 23-188 (*AAC Juvenile Justice*). To date, programming has not been initiated.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,145,230 in FY 26 to reflect delayed implementation of prearrest diversion programming for children. Half-year funding for this initiative is maintained in FY 26.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Children's Urgent Crisis Centers

| | - | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Community Kidcare | - | - | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |

Background

Urgent Crisis Centers (UCC) serve families of children who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis but do not require emergency department level of care. The centers function as walk-in clinics, providing youths and their families with immediate access to needed resources. Grant funding through the American Rescue Plan Act has supported the cost of UCC development and service provision.

Committee

Provide funding of \$2 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Community Kidcare account to support children's Urgent Crisis Centers.

Provide Funding for Love146

| Love146 | - | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

Love146 is the primary specialized statewide service provider supporting youth who have been trafficked. The organization works to prevent child trafficking and provide holistic expert support to survivors.

Committee

Provide funding of \$1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support Love146.

Suspend Private Residential Treatment Center Rate Increases

| Board and Care for Children - Short- | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| term and Residential | (592,298) | (592,298) | (592,298) | (592,298) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (592,298) | (592,298) | (592,298) | (592,298) | - | - |

Background

Section 22 of HB 6864, the Governor's budget bill, suspends residential treatment center room and board rate adjustments pursuant to the Single Cost Accounting System (SCAS) in FY 26 and FY 27. See the corresponding write-up entitled *Provide Funding for Private Residential Treatment Center Facility Rate Increases* under Current Services.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$592,298 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for SCAS room and board rate increases for private residential treatment centers. Funding of \$56,250 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the No Nexus Special Education account remains to support SCAS rate increases for education services.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Thames River Community Service

| Other Expenses | - | - | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$250,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support Thames River Community Service.

Provide Funding for Child First

| Community Based Prevention | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Programs | - | - | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 |

Background

Child First is an intensive in-home therapy to address learning problems and emotional, behavioral and developmental challenges of young children. It helps families build strong, nurturing relationships with their children to minimize the impact of trauma and stress. Child First offers comprehensive assessment, parent-child treatment; early care and education support, and care coordination and case management.

Committee

Provide funding of \$250,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Community Based Prevention Programs account to support Child First programming.

Provide Funding for Family-Based Recovery Program

| Substance Abuse Treatment | - | - | 144,000 | 144,000 | 144,000 | 144,000 |
|---------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 144,000 | 144,000 | 144,000 | 144,000 |

Background

Family-Based Recovery (FBR) is an intensive, in-home, evidence-based clinical treatment model for families with infants or young children who are at risk for abuse and/or neglect, poor developmental outcomes or removal from their homes due to parental substance abuse. FBR was added to the DCF service array in 2008. The program was developed in Connecticut by DCF, Johns Hopkins University, and the Yale Child Study Center.

The FBR Model Development and Operations program at the Yale Child Study Center provides initial and ongoing training and clinical consultation to support FBR providers in treating high-needs families and reducing the likelihood of out-of-home placements.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$144,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Substance Abuse Treatment account to support the FBR Model Development and Operations program at the Yale Child Study Center.

Provide Funding for Left Hearts

| 6 | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Other Expenses | - | - | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| | | | | | | |

Committee

Provide funding of \$50,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support Left Hearts.

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (18,000,000) | (18,000,000) | (15,000,000) | (18,000,000) | 3,000,000 | - |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|---|
| Total - General Fund | (18,000,000) | (18,000,000) | (15,000,000) | (18,000,000) | 3,000,000 | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$18 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Reduce funding by \$15 million in FY 26 and \$18 million in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 12,091,595 | 12,091,595 | 12,091,595 | 12,091,595 | - | - |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 12,091,595 | 12,091,595 | 12,091,595 | 12,091,595 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$12,091,595 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Maintain Services Through General Fund

| Community Kidcare | - | - | - | 8,600,000 | - | 8,600,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 8,600,000 | - | 8,600,000 |

Background

Section 31 of HB 6864, the Governor's budget bill, allocates funding of \$16.1 million in FY 26 and \$18 million in FY 27 from the Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) to several agencies. Funds are allocated to the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families, and Housing to maintain certain services after American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds expire. Additionally, an OSF allocation is recommended for the Department of Public Health to offset a reduction in fee receipts dedicated to the assistance program for healthcare professionals (known as HAVEN) that results from the Governor's proposed elimination of certain occupational licensure fees.

Connecticut is expected to receive more than \$600 million over 18 years as part of nationwide opioid litigation settlement agreements with various pharmaceutical distributors and opioid manufacturers. The OSF is a separate, nonlapsing fund administered by the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee with assistance from DMHAS. Expenditures must be approved by the Committee and used in accordance with the controlling judgment, consent decree, or settlement.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Provide \$8.6 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the OSF to maintain statewide 24/7 in-person pediatric mobile crisis intervention response. Prior to the allocation of ARPA funding, the mobile crisis network relied on telephonic interventions for overnight hours and some weekend hours.

Committee

Provide \$8.6 million in FY 27 from the General Fund to the Community KidCare account to maintain statewide 24/7 in-person pediatric mobile crisis intervention response.

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

| Family Support Services | 26,487 | 26,487 | 26,487 | 26,487 | - | - |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Differential Response System | 226,954 | 226,954 | 226,954 | 226,954 | - | - |
| Regional Behavioral Health | | | | | | |
| Consultation | 45,714 | 45,714 | 45,714 | 45,714 | - | - |
| Community Care Coordination | 222,989 | 222,989 | 222,989 | 222,989 | - | - |
| Health Assessment and Consultation | 38,565 | 38,565 | 38,565 | 38,565 | - | - |
| Grants for Psychiatric Clinics for | | | | | | |
| Children | 380,702 | 380,702 | 380,702 | 380,702 | - | - |
| Day Treatment Centers for Children | 204,609 | 204,609 | 204,609 | 204,609 | - | - |
| Child Abuse and Neglect | | | | | | |
| Intervention | 236,625 | 236,625 | 236,625 | 236,625 | - | - |
| Community Based Prevention | | | | | | |
| Programs | 195,523 | 195,523 | 195,523 | 195,523 | - | - |
| Family Violence Outreach and | | | | | | |
| Counseling | 82,415 | 82,415 | 82,415 | 82,415 | - | - |
| Supportive Housing | 374,767 | 374,767 | 374,767 | 374,767 | - | - |
| Family Preservation Services | 180,210 | 180,210 | 180,210 | 180,210 | - | - |
| Substance Abuse Treatment | 220,451 | 220,451 | 220,451 | 220,451 | - | - |
| Child Welfare Support Services | 49,669 | 49,669 | 49,669 | 49,669 | - | - |
| Board and Care for Children - Foster | 2,122,105 | 2,122,105 | 2,122,105 | 2,122,105 | - | - |
| Board and Care for Children - Short- | | | | | | |
| term and Residential | 773,149 | 773,149 | 773,149 | 773,149 | - | - |
| Individualized Family Supports | 50,040 | 50,040 | 50,040 | 50,040 | - | - |
| Community Kidcare | 1,116,357 | 1,116,357 | 1,116,357 | 1,116,357 | - | - |
| Covenant to Care | 4,579 | 4,579 | 4,579 | 4,579 | - | - |
| Juvenile Review Boards | 43,187 | 43,187 | 43,187 | 43,187 | - | - |
| Youth Transition and Success | | | | | | |
| Programs | 24,799 | 24,799 | 24,799 | 24,799 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 6,619,896 | 6,619,896 | 6,619,896 | 6,619,896 | - | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$6,619,896 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Support Anticipated Other Expenses Costs

| Other Expenses | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | - | - |

Background

The FY 24 and FY 25 Budget included an Other Expenses reduction of \$667,856 in FY 25 in anticipation of savings from a proposed consolidation of DCF's Middletown and Meriden area offices. Subsequently, PA 24-81 allocated ARPA funds to support continued operation of both offices.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

The sum of \$1,165,000 was added to DCF's original FY 24 Other Expenses appropriation, through deficiency appropriation and transfer of lapsing funds, to support departmental operations.

Governor

Provide \$2 million to the Other Expenses account in both FY 26 and FY 27 to maintain leased space in Middletown and support operational needs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Private Residential Treatment Facility Rate Increases

| No Nexus Special Education | 56,250 | 56,250 | 56,250 | 56,250 | - | - |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Board and Care for Children - Short- | | | | | | |
| term and Residential | 592,298 | 592,298 | 592,298 | 592,298 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 648,548 | 648,548 | 648,548 | 648,548 | - | - |

Background

Pursuant to regulation, the department reimburses each treatment center for the residential care of children under the commissioner's supervision on a per diem basis for residential care and educational services. The system for determining these per diem payment rates is known as the Single Cost Accounting System (SCAS). Under the SCAS, increases in the allowable cost components over the previous rate year are limited to the increase in the consumer price index plus 2 percent or the actual increase in allowable costs, whichever is less.

Governor

Provide funding of \$648,548 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to pay increased per diem reimbursement costs to private residential treatment facilities whose rates are established in accordance with SCAS regulations.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Programming for Multisystemic Therapy

| Substance Abuse Treatment | (28,657) | (28,657) | (28,657) | (28,657) | - | - |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (28,657) | (28,657) | (28,657) | (28,657) | - | - |

Background

Multisystemic Therapy (MST) is an intensive, in-home, community-based treatment for families of adolescents, 12-17 years of age, at risk of out-of-home placement because of delinquent or antisocial behaviors including substance abuse. DCF procures certain MST services in partnership with the Court Support Services Division (CSSD) of the Judicial Branch. Contractual terms were revised in FY 25 to reflect reduced CSSD financial contributions. These revisions resulted in a savings to DCF.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$28,657 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Substance Abuse Treatment account to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Reallocate Voluntary Care Management Wrap-around Funding

| Board and Care for Children - Short- | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| term and Residential | (4,000,000) | (4,000,000) | (4,000,000) | (4,000,000) | - | - |
| Community Kidcare | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Background

The Voluntary Care Management (VCM) program serves families having a child under the age of 18 with a primary diagnosis of an emotional, behavioral or substance use problem who experience challenges in accessing the services they need. The program's goals are to help families meet their own needs, increase their access to care, and connect to traditional and non-traditional supports in their community. DCF refers families to Carelon Behavioral Health, which assesses the child's and family's needs, assists in the development of a care plan, and makes referrals to ongoing clinical and supportive services. Carelon acts as a fiduciary for issuing payments of DCF funds to vendors for wrap-around services and/or supports provided to VCM-enrolled children and families.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Reallocate \$4 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Board and Care for Children – Short-term and Residential account to the Community Kidcare account to consolidate VCM wrap-around funding.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | Governor Recommended | | ttee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 810,981,921 | 810,981,921 | 810,981,921 | 810,981,921 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (11,746,332) | (9,601,102) | 956,472 | 3,101,702 | 12,702,804 | 12,702,804 | |
| Current Services | 3,331,382 | 3,331,382 | 6,331,382 | 11,931,382 | 3,000,000 | 8,600,000 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 802,566,971 | 804,712,201 | 818,269,775 | 826,015,005 | 15,702,804 | 21,302,804 | |

| Positions | Governor Recommended | | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 2,974 | 2,974 | 2,974 | 2,974 | - | _ | |
| Policy Revisions | (29) | (29) | - | - | 29 | 29 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 2,945 | 2,945 | 2,974 | 2,974 | 29 | 29 | |

Totals

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|-----------------------|------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Education | 191 | CF | 3,003,569,028 | 3,125,660,377 | 3,381,949,629 | 3,437,150,957 | 3,522,148,994 | 3,587,852,655 | 3,627,265,156 |
| Connecticut Technical | | | | | | | | | |
| Education and Career | | | | | | | | | |
| System | 202 | DD | 190,315,461 | 193,279,469 | 191,502,341 | 211,316,119 | 211,316,119 | 208,016,119 | 208,016,119 |
| Office of Early | | | | | | | | | |
| Childhood | 204 | LD | 335,929,795 | 313,424,740 | 376,154,690 | 417,162,918 | 446,832,258 | 382,407,258 | 400,207,258 |
| State Library | 210 | DD | 8,899,218 | 9,674,603 | 10,852,485 | 10,003,900 | 10,022,192 | 10,503,900 | 10,522,192 |
| Teachers' Retirement | | | | | | | | | |
| Board | 213 | NN | 1,601,869,993 | 1,578,729,566 | 1,587,526,718 | 1,694,045,333 | 1,747,770,083 | 1,694,045,333 | 1,761,069,083 |
| Total - General Fund | | | 5,140,583,495 | 5,220,768,755 | 5,547,985,863 | 5,769,679,227 | 5,938,089,646 | 5,882,825,265 | 6,007,079,808 |
| Total - Appropriated | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds | | | 5,140,583,495 | 5,220,768,755 | 5,547,985,863 | 5,769,679,227 | 5,938,089,646 | 5,882,825,265 | 6,007,079,808 |

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee |
|--------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------|
| Fund | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 FY 27 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 275 | 284 | 284 | 284 | 285 | 284 | 285 |

Budget Summary

| Assount | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 13,142,700 | 14,177,486 | 20,580,254 | 17,607,641 | 17,707,641 | 17,727,641 | 17,827,641 |
| Other Expenses | 1,917,275 | 8,558,633 | 10,075,963 | 5,250,963 | 5,250,963 | 10,570,963 | 13,570,963 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Admin - Adult Education | 544,717 | 754,634 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Development of Mastery Exams | | | | | | | |
| Grades 4, 6, and 8 | 10,362,489 | 10,469,130 | 10,643,533 | 10,571,192 | 10,571,192 | 10,571,192 | 10,571,192 |
| Primary Mental Health | 323,458 | 303,829 | 345,288 | 335,288 | 335,288 | 335,288 | 335,288 |
| Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership (LEAP) | 312,211 | 312,211 | 312,211 | _ | _ | 312,211 | 312,211 |
| Adult Education Action | 119,785 | 159,958 | 194,534 | 169,534 | 169,534 | 169,534 | 169,534 |
| Connecticut Writing Project | 20,250 | 47,608 | 95,250 | - | - | 95,250 | 95,250 |
| CT Alliance of Boys and Girls | | , | | | | | , |
| Clubs | 613,866 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | - | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Sheff Settlement | 11,737,364 | 18,041,772 | 18,684,967 | 23,714,911 | 18,721,292 | 23,714,911 | 18,721,292 |
| Admin - After School Programs | - | 57,207 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Parent Trust Fund Program | 266,330 | 267,193 | 267,193 | - | - | 350,000 | 350,000 |
| Commissioner's Network | 9,943,504 | 9,791,557 | 9,869,398 | 9,869,398 | 9,869,398 | 9,869,398 | 9,869,398 |
| Local Charter Schools | 855,000 | 885,000 | 957,000 | 957,000 | 957,000 | 957,000 | 957,000 |
| Bridges to Success | 27,000 | 27,000 | | - | - | 27,000 | 27,000 |
| Talent Development | 1,992,278 | 1,902,567 | 2,257,823 | 2,568,449 | 2,568,449 | 2,068,449 | 2,068,449 |
| School-Based Diversion Initiative | 760,326 | 887,426 | 900,000 | - | - | 900,000 | 900,000 |
| EdSight | 1,134,400 | 1,126,070 | 1,133,236 | 1,140,690 | 1,140,690 | 1,140,690 | 1,140,690 |
| Sheff Transportation | 53,424,053 | 67,676,250 | 75,465,173 | 77,661,541 | 80,326,212 | 77,661,541 | 80,326,212 |
| Curriculum and Standards | 1,919,665 | 2,215,773 | 2,215,782 | 2,215,782 | 2,615,782 | 2,215,782 | 2,615,782 |
| Non-Sheff Transportation | 8,079,897 | 13,476,380 | 15,675,787 | 15,675,787 | 15,675,787 | 15,675,787 | 15,675,787 |
| Aspiring Educators Scholarship | | | | | | | |
| Program | - | 255,000 | 10,000,000 | 3,500,000 | 3,500,000 | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 |
| Education Finance Reform | - | - | 150,000,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Assistance to Paraeducators | - | - | 5,000,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Dual Credit | - | - | - | - | 7,500,000 | - | 6,000,000 |
| Student Support Grants | - | - | - | 12,639,668 | 12,639,668 | - | - |
| Local Food for Local Schools | | | | | | | |
| Incentive Program | - | - | - | - | - | 1,500,000 | 3,430,000 |
| Office of Dyslexia | - | - | - | - | - | 680,000 | 680,000 |
| Other Than Payments to Local Ge | overnments | | | | | | |
| American School For The Deaf | 9,157,514 | 10,757,514 | 11,557,514 | 11,557,514 | 11,557,514 | 11,557,514 | 11,557,514 |
| Regional Education Services | 253,676 | 196,875 | 262,500 | 262,500 | 262,500 | 262,500 | 262,500 |
| Family Resource Centers | 5,802,625 | 6,662,824 | 6,352,710 | - | - | 7,000,000 | 7,000,000 |
| Charter Schools | 129,203,384 | 131,251,382 | 137,514,785 | 140,303,548 | 141,622,548 | 142,803,548 | 144,122,548 |
| Child Nutrition State Match | 2,354,000 | 2,354,000 | 2,354,000 | 2,875,000 | 2,875,000 | 2,875,000 | 2,875,000 |
| Health Foods Initiative | 4,151,463 | 4,151,463 | 4,151,463 | 4,151,463 | 4,151,463 | 4,151,463 | 4,151,463 |
| Rose City Learning | - | - | - | - | - | 159,000 | 159,000 |

| A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Grant Payments to Local Gover | nments | | | | | I | |
| Vocational Agriculture | 18,824,200 | 19,583,200 | 18,824,200 | 26,295,732 | 26,295,732 | 26,295,732 | 26,295,732 |
| Adult Education | 21,620,796 | 22,537,660 | 23,386,642 | 23,396,661 | 23,396,661 | 23,396,661 | 25,953,382 |
| Health and Welfare Services | | | | | | | |
| Pupils Private Schools | 3,438,415 | 3,438,415 | 3,438,415 | 3,438,415 | 3,438,415 | 6,331,637 | 6,447,702 |
| Education Equalization Grants | 2,176,723,012 | 2,231,164,150 | 2,287,900,235 | 2,446,615,527 | 2,437,882,849 | 2,455,349,515 | 2,455,349,515 |
| Bilingual Education | 3,788,467 | 3,783,024 | 3,832,260 | 3,832,260 | 3,832,260 | 3,832,260 | 3,832,260 |
| Priority School Districts | 30,818,778 | 30,816,420 | 30,818,778 | 30,818,778 | 30,818,778 | 30,818,778 | 30,818,778 |
| Interdistrict Cooperation | 2,035,290 | 1,682,967 | 1,537,500 | 1,537,500 | 1,537,500 | 1,537,500 | 1,537,500 |
| School Breakfast Program | 2,158,900 | 2,158,900 | 2,158,900 | 2,337,900 | 14,758,900 | 2,337,900 | 2,337,900 |
| Excess Cost - Student Based | 156,148,491 | 181,152,455 | 181,119,782 | 181,119,782 | 221,119,782 | 305,119,782 | 305,119,782 |
| Open Choice Program | 30,383,406 | 30,741,927 | 31,472,503 | 31,472,503 | 31,472,503 | 31,472,503 | 31,472,503 |
| Magnet Schools | 277,398,994 | 279,195,021 | 287,484,265 | 336,925,940 | 346,345,603 | 336,925,940 | 346,345,603 |
| After School Program | 5,478,959 | 5,308,884 | 5,750,695 | - | - | 5,750,695 | 5,750,695 |
| Extended School Hours | 2,919,883 | 2,918,405 | 2,919,883 | 2,919,883 | 2,919,883 | 2,919,883 | 2,919,883 |
| School Accountability | 3,412,207 | 3,412,207 | 3,412,207 | 3,412,207 | 3,412,207 | 3,412,207 | 3,412,207 |
| High Dosage Tutoring Grants | - | - | - | - | 5,000,000 | - | - |
| Personal Technology Grants | - | - | - | - | 100,000 | - | - |
| High Quality Special Ed | | | | | | | |
| Incentives | - | - | - | - | 9,900,000 | - | 9,900,000 |
| Learner Engagement and | | | | | | | |
| Attendance Program | - | - | - | - | 9,900,000 | - | 7,000,000 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 3,003,569,028 | 3,125,660,377 | 3,381,949,629 | 3,437,150,957 | 3,522,148,994 | 3,587,852,655 | 3,627,265,156 |
| Additional Funds Available | | | | | | | |
| American Rescue Plan Act | 151,659,750 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Agency Grand Total | 3,155,228,778 | 3,125,660,377 | 3,381,949,629 | 3,437,150,957 | 3,522,148,994 | 3,587,852,655 | 3,627,265,156 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Additional Funding for the Excess Cost Grant

| Excess Cost - Student Based | - | 40,000,000 | 124,000,000 | 124,000,000 | 124,000,000 | 84,000,000 |
|-----------------------------|---|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | 40,000,000 | 124,000,000 | 124,000,000 | 124,000,000 | 84,000,000 |

Background

The Excess Cost grant partially reimburses local and regional school districts for special education costs per student in excess of fourand-a-half times each district's prior year net current expenditures per pupil (a way of measuring the district's per pupil spending). When the appropriation is insufficient to fully fund the grant, payments are reduced, with lower wealth towns receiving higher percentages of their fully funded amounts than higher wealth towns. Wealth is determined by Adjusted Equalized Net Grant List Per Capita, a measure of property wealth and income.

In recent years, school districts' special education spending for high-cost students has increased significantly. In FY 24, the total Excess Cost uncapped entitlement increased 25% over FY 23. The FY 25 uncapped entitlement increased 11% over the prior year based on preliminary data. The figure may rise when additional data are reported by districts in the spring.

Governor

Provide additional funding of \$40 million in FY 27 for Excess Cost.

Committee

Provide additional funding of \$124 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 for Excess Cost.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Funding for High Quality Special Education Incentives Grant

| Personal Services | - | 100,000 | - | 100,000 | - | - |
|------------------------------------|---|------------|---|------------|---|---|
| High Quality Special Ed Incentives | - | 9,900,000 | - | 9,900,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | 10,000,000 | - | 10,000,000 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget establishes a new High Quality Special Education Incentives Grant. Its purpose is to allow school districts to develop and expand in-district or multi-district special education programs and reduce outplacements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$10 million and one position in FY 27 for the High Quality Special Education Incentives Grant. (Additionally, \$4 million in bond funding is proposed to support this initiative.)

Committee

Same as Governor

Maintain ECS Funding for Overfunded Towns

| Education Equalization Grants | - | - | 8,733,988 | 17,466,666 | 8,733,988 | 17,466,666 |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 8,733,988 | 17,466,666 | 8,733,988 | 17,466,666 |

Background

PA 17-2, JSS, the FY 18 and FY 19 Budget, established a phase-in schedule for full funding of the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant. Currently, underfunded towns are scheduled to receive increases in funding until they reach full funding in FY 26. Overfunded towns, conversely, are scheduled to receive decreases in funding until they reach full funding in FY 32. Decreases for overfunded towns were put on hold from FY 22 to FY 25 and will resume in FY 26 under current law. Certain hold harmless provisions apply to Alliance Districts.

Committee

Provide funding of \$8,733,988 in FY 26 and \$17,466,666 in FY 27 to maintain FY 25 funding levels for overfunded towns through the biennium.

Provide Funding for Various School Meal Programs

| Child Nutrition State Match | 521.000 | 521.000 | 521,000 | 521.000 | - | - |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|---------|---------|---|--------------|
| School Breakfast Program | 179,000 | 12,600,000 | 179,000 | 179,000 | _ | (12,421,000) |
| Total - General Fund | 700,000 | 13,121,000 | 700,000 | 700,000 | - | (12,421,000) |

Background

Additional funding for school meals has been spent via ARPA since FY 23, as follows:

- FY 23: Approximately \$57.8 million for universal free meals
- FY 24: Approximately \$9.9 million for universal free breakfast, and free lunch for students who qualify for reduced price meals

• **FY 25**: A portion of unspent prior year ARPA school meals allocations for free meals for students who qualify for reduced price meals This funding impacts students who do not already receive free meals due to either their school or district's participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program or individual eligibility for free meals in a non-CEP school. Under CEP, schools and districts with at least 25% direct certified students (i.e., students eligible for free meals due to participation in some other assistance program) can choose to provide free meals to all students.

Governor

Provide funding of \$700,000 in FY 26 and \$13,121,000 in FY 27 for school meals. In FY 26, the funding will provide free meals for students who qualify for reduced price meals (continuing the same policy as in FY 25). In FY 27, the funding will provide universal free breakfast, along with free lunch for students who qualify for reduced price meals.

Committee

Provide funding of \$700,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to provide free meals for students who qualify for reduced price meals.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Continue Funding for Various COVID-19 Relief Funded Programs and Dyslexia

| | | - | - | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---|
| - | - | (480,000) | (480,000) | (480,000) | (480,000) |
| - | 400,000 | - | 400,000 | - | - |
| - | 7,500,000 | - | 6,000,000 | - | (1,500,000) |
| - | - | 680,000 | 680,000 | 680,000 | 680,000 |
| | | | | | |
| - | 9,900,000 | - | 7,000,000 | - | (2,900,000) |
| - | 17,800,000 | 200,000 | 13,600,000 | 200,000 | (4,200,000) |
| | - - - - - | - 7,500,000 - 9,900,000 | - 400,000 - - 7,500,000 - - 680,000 - 9,900,000 - | - 400,000 - 400,000 - 7,500,000 - 6,000,000 - - 680,000 680,000 - 9,900,000 - 7,000,000 | - 400,000 - 400,000 - - 7,500,000 - 6,000,000 - - - 680,000 680,000 680,000 - 9,900,000 - 7,000,000 - |

Background

The State Department of Education has used federal COVID-19 education relief (ESSER) funding and state-allocated ARPA funding for various new initiatives in recent years.

Curriculum and Standards: The Science of Reading Masterclass provides educators with professional learning and coaching related to literacy instruction. The program has been funded since 2022 via state-level ESSER funding.

Dual Credit: In both FY 23 and FY 24, \$3.5 million in ARPA funding and a total of \$2 million in state-level ESSER funds were allocated to expand student access to dual enrollment/credit programs. Funding went to both school districts and institutions of higher education for curriculum development, professional development for educators, exam fee waivers, and supports for high-need students.

Learner Engagement and Attendance Program: In both FY 23 and FY 24, \$7 million in ARPA funding was allocated for the Learner Attendance and Engagement Program (LEAP). LEAP addresses chronic absenteeism by connecting directly with students and their families, often through home visits, and offering a variety of summer, after school, and learning support programs. This program operates in 25 districts, including two Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs) and an endowed academy.

Governor

Provide funding of \$17.8 million in FY 27 to continue or expand various programs that were previously funded with COVID-19 relief funding.

Committee

Provide funding of \$200,000 in FY 26 and \$13.6 million FY 27 to continue or expand various programs that were previously funded with COVID-19 relief funding and provide additional funding for the Office of Dyslexia. Additionally, transfer funding of \$480,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from Personal Services to the Office of Dyslexia. The funding was first provided for this purpose in the FY 22 and FY 23 Budget.

Adjust Funding for Student Support Programs

| Leadership, Education, Athletics in | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Partnership (LEAP) | (312,211) | (312,211) | - | - | 312,211 | 312,211 |
| CT Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | - | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Parent Trust Fund Program | (267,193) | (267,193) | 82,807 | 82,807 | 350,000 | 350,000 |
| School-Based Diversion Initiative | (900,000) | (900,000) | - | - | 900,000 | 900,000 |
| Student Support Grants | 12,639,668 | 12,639,668 | - | - | (12,639,668) | (12,639,668) |
| Family Resource Centers | (6,352,710) | (6,352,710) | 647,290 | 647,290 | 7,000,000 | 7,000,000 |
| After School Program | (5,750,695) | (5,750,695) | - | - | 5,750,695 | 5,750,695 |
| Total - General Fund | (1,943,141) | (1,943,141) | 730,097 | 730,097 | 2,673,238 | 2,673,238 |

Background

The State Department of Education administers several programs that provide a range of support services to students and their parents.

Leadership, **Education**, **Athletics in Partnership** (**LEAP**): LEAP provides children, ages seven to 14, from high-poverty neighborhoods in New Haven with mentoring from high school and college counselors.

CT Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs: The Neighborhood Youth Center Program provides support for neighborhood youth centers serving children ages 12 to 17 who live in seven of Connecticut's largest cities (Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Norwalk, Stamford, and Waterbury). Centers open evenings and weekends. They offer athletic and recreational opportunities, enrichment or tutoring activities, skills training, and other preventive and intervention services for youth and their families. The CT Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs is the only recipient of funding from this account.

Parent Trust Fund Program: The Parent Trust Fund provides civic leadership skills to parents.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

School-Based Diversion Initiative: The School-Based Diversion Initiative works with schools and districts to reduce suspensions, expulsions, and arrests among students with behavioral health needs.

Family Resource Centers: Family Resource Centers are administered within schools to provide access to an array of early childhood and family support services to school-age children and their families. This grant was provided for Family Resource Centers in 36 towns in FY 24.

After School Program: The After School Program provides grants to local and regional boards of education, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations to model best practices for after school programming with the goals of improving student achievement, school attendance, and behavior in schools. This grant supported programs in 28 towns in FY 24.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$12,639,668 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from six programs to a single Student Support Services grant, reducing the total funding available by \$1,943,141 in both FY 26 and FY 27. Sec. 15 of HB 6866, the Governor's education implementer, establishes the Student Support Services grant as one competitive grant program, with grants awarded every two years.

Committee

Do not consolidate six programs into a single Student Support Services grant and do not reduce total funding. Provide additional funding of \$730,097 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Parent Trust Fund Program and Family Resource Centers.

Adjust Funding for High Dosage Tutoring Matching Grant

| High Dosage Tutoring Grants | - | 5,000,000 | - | - | - | (5,000,000) |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------|---|---|---|-------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | 5,000,000 | - | - | - | (5,000,000) |

Background

The State Department of Education allocated \$11.1 million in ESSER funding for high dosage math tutoring in middle and high school in FY 24.

Governor

Provide funding of \$5 million in FY 27 for High Dosage Tutoring Matching Grants. The proposal requires districts to match state funding and adhere to evidence-based approaches in the implementation of the program. To qualify, the program must offer tutoring for at least three 30-minute sessions weekly during the school day.

Committee

Do not provide funding of \$5 million in FY 27 for High Dosage Tutoring Matching Grants.

Adjust Funding for Various Formula Grants

| Adult Education | (1,701,678) | (2,556,721) | (1,701,678) | - | - | 2,556,721 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|-----------|-----------|
| Health and Welfare Services Pupils | | | | | | |
| Private Schools | (2,893,222) | (3,009,287) | - | - | 2,893,222 | 3,009,287 |
| Total - General Fund | (4,594,900) | (5,566,008) | (1,701,678) | - | 2,893,222 | 5,566,008 |

Background

Adult Education: Towns are reimbursed for their current costs associated with adult education programs on a sliding scale that varies based on town wealth. This grant was uncapped beginning in FY 23 per PA 22-118, the FY 23 Revised Budget.

Health and Welfare Services for Private School Pupils: School districts are required to provide the same health services to nonpublic, nonprofit school students that are provided to public school students in those districts as long as the majority of the nonpublic school's enrollment resides in Connecticut. Towns are reimbursed for these costs on a sliding scale that varies based on town wealth. This grant is traditionally capped.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$4,594,900 in FY 26 and \$5,566,008 in FY 27 to reflect capped appropriations for Adult Education and Health and Welfare Services for Private School Pupils.

Committee

Reduce funding by \$1,701,678 in FY 26 for the Adult Education grant to reflect the cap for one year. Do not cap the Health and Welfare Services for Private School Pupils grants.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Funding for New Charter Schools

| 0 | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Charter Schools | - | - | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |
| | | | | | | |

Background

The State Board of Education has approved seven charter schools in recent years that have not been funded in the budget.

Committee

Provide funding of \$2.5 million in FY 26 and \$2.5 million in FY 27 to open two charter schools that have been approved by the State Board of Education.

Provide Funding for the Local Food for Schools Incentive Program

| Other Expenses | - | - | (1,500,000) | (1,500,000) | (1,500,000) | (1,500,000) |
|------------------------------|---|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Local Food for Local Schools | | | | | | |
| Incentive Program | - | - | 1,500,000 | 3,430,000 | 1,500,000 | 3,430,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 1,930,000 | - | 1,930,000 |

Committee

Transfer \$1.5 million from the Other Expenses account to a new Local Food for Local Schools Incentive Program account in both FY 26 and FY 27 and provide additional funding of \$1.93 million in FY 27 for the program. The additional funding is provided to supplement reduced federal funding for the program. In FY 25, the program received \$1.5 million from the Other Expenses account.

Provide Funding for EASTCONN

| Other Expenses | - | - | - | 3,000,000 | - | 3,000,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 3,000,000 | - | 3,000,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$3 million in FY 27 for EASTCONN, a regional educational service center (RESC), for one-time support.

Adjust ECS Funding to Reflect Data Adjustment

| Education Equalization Grants | (1,418,594) | (1,585,566) | (1,418,594) | (1,585,566) | - | - |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (1,418,594) | (1,585,566) | (1,418,594) | (1,585,566) | - | - |

Background

The Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant is the primary source of state funding to local and regional school districts. Funding is distributed primarily based on enrollment, the number of free and reduced price lunch students and English learners, and town income and property wealth per capita.

The 2022 Census Bureau Vintage Population Estimate artificially inflated the population estimate for the Town of Mansfield due to pandemic-related issues. This impacted Mansfield's FY 25 ECS grant calculation and, without a data adjustment, will continue to affect the calculation in future years. No other towns were impacted for ECS.

The proposed ECS data adjustment to Mansfield's population reduces the town's ECS grant by \$166,997 from FY 25 to FY 26 and an additional \$166,997 from FY 26 to FY 27. Without the data adjustment, Mansfield's ECS grant would be increasing.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,418,594 in FY 26 and \$1,585,566 in FY 27 to adjust ECS funding to Mansfield, to correct a pandemic data issue.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for EdAdvance

| Other Expenses | - | - | 900,000 | 900,000 | 900,000 | 900,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 900,000 | 900,000 | 900,000 | 900,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$900,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for EdAdvance, a RESC.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Adjust Funding for Aspiring Educators and Talent Development

| Talent Development | 500,000 | 500,000 | - | - | (500,000) | (500,000) |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Aspiring Educators Scholarship | | | | | | |
| Program | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Background

Talent Development: Talent Development funds support professional development efforts.

Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program: Sections 11 and 18 of PA 23-167 established the Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program. The program provides eligible students with scholarships of up to \$10,000 per year of enrollment in teacher preparation programs. PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, provided \$3 million in FY 24 and \$10 million in FY 25 for the program. In FY 25, \$390,000 has been spent to date.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$500,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program account to the Talent Development account. The Governor recommends using this funding for male educator recruitment.

Committee

Do not transfer funding from the Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program account to the Talent Development account.

Provide Funding for Rose City Learning

| Rose City Learning | - | - | 159,000 | 159,000 | 159,000 | 159,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 159,000 | 159,000 | 159,000 | 159,000 |

Background

Rose City Learning Center in Norwich is a non-profit that provides English classes at all levels.

Committee

Provide funding of \$159,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to Rose City Learning in Norwich.

Provide Funding for MLK Scholarship and Robotics

| Other Expenses | - | - | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$45,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Other Expenses account for the Norwalk MLK Scholarship Fund (\$20,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27) and Robotics funding (\$25,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27).

Adjust Funding for the Connecticut Writing Project and Bridges to Success

| Connecticut Writing Project | (95,250) | (95,250) | - | - | 95,250 | 95,250 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|
| Bridges to Success | (27,000) | (27,000) | - | - | 27,000 | 27,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (122,250) | (122,250) | - | - | 122,250 | 122,250 |

Background

Connecticut Writing Project: The Connecticut Writing Project provides opportunities for growth and professional development for teachers and students in the areas of reading and writing.

Bridges to Success: Bridges to Success provides funding to support at-risk high school students to successfully transition to college.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$122,250 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Connecticut Writing Project and Bridges to Success.

Committee

Do not eliminate funding for the Connecticut Writing Project and Bridges to Success.

Adjust Funding for Personal Technology Grant

| Personal Technology Grants | - | 100,000 | - | - | - | (100,000) |
|----------------------------|---|---------|---|---|---|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | 100,000 | - | - | - | (100,000) |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 27 for Personal Technology Grants. The grant is intended to assist local and regional school districts in the implementation of policies related to personal technology use in schools.

Committee

Do not provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 27 for Personal Technology Grants.

Reallocate Paraeducator Healthcare Funding to OSC

| Assistance to Paraeducators | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | - | - |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | - | - |

Background

PA 23-204 originally allocated \$5 million in carryforward funds in both FY 24 and FY 25 to the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), and appropriated \$5 million to the State Department of Education (SDE) in FY 25 to establish subsidies to paraeducators for certain health insurance and health care related costs. PA 24-81 expanded this program and required OSC and SDE to enter into an MOU to allow the Comptroller to use the appropriated funds as OSC administers this program.

Governor

Transfer \$5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 from SDE to OSC for the paraeducator healthcare subsidy program.

Committee

Same as Governor

Current Services

Transfer Education Finance Reform Funding to Choice Programs

| Other Expenses | - | - | 950,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| Sheff Transportation | 2,196,368 | 4,861,039 | 2,196,368 | 4,861,039 | - | - |
| Education Finance Reform | (76,331,181) | (76,331,181) | (76,331,181) | (76,331,181) | - | - |
| Charter Schools | 2,788,763 | 4,107,763 | 2,788,763 | 4,107,763 | - | - |
| Vocational Agriculture | 7,471,532 | 7,471,532 | 7,471,532 | 7,471,532 | - | - |
| Magnet Schools | 45,443,153 | 54,445,952 | 45,443,153 | 54,445,952 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (18,431,365) | (5,444,895) | (17,481,365) | (4,494,895) | 950,000 | 950,000 |

Background

The Education Finance Reform account was established by PA 23-205, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget. It provided \$150 million in FY 25 for education funding. PA 24-81 directed that the funding be used to:

- Supplement appropriations for ECS (an estimated \$73.7 million) and Charter Schools (approximately \$7.7 million).
- Implement changes in grant formulas for magnet school and vocational agriculture operators (approximately \$58.2 million). Much of this funding replaces tuition that operators lose due to the FY 25 tuition cap.
- Provide funding for a variety of purposes and initiatives (\$10.4 million).

Governor

Transfer funding of \$57,899,816 in FY 26 and \$70,886,286 in FY 27 from the Education Finance Reform account to various choice programs and Sheff Transportation in order to continue the grant and tuition policies established by PA 24-81. A net reduction in funding of \$18,431,365 in FY 26 and \$5,444,895 in FY 27 reflects updated enrollment projections for existing choice school grants and Sheff Transportation, along with the cessation in FY 26 of various other grants provided in FY 25 by the Education Finance Reform account.

The proposal continues current methods for calculating the magnet, vocational agriculture, and state charter school grants. Additionally, it allows magnet and vocational agriculture operators to increase tuition based on inflation every two years beginning in FY 28.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Transfer funding of \$58,849,816 in FY 26 and \$49,951,057 in FY 27 from the Education Finance Reform account to various choice programs, Sheff Transportation, and Other Expenses in order to continue the current grant and tuition policies, and maintain some earmark grants established by PA 24-81 (\$800,000 for Brother Carl Institute and \$150,000 for Artists Collective, both within the Other Expenses account). A net reduction in funding of \$17,481,365 in FY 26 and \$4,494,895 in FY 27 reflects updated enrollment projections for existing choice school grants and Sheff Transportation, along with the cessation in FY 26 of a portion of various other grants provided in FY 25 by the Education Finance Reform account.

Fund ECS According to Current Law

| Education Finance Reform | (73,668,819) | (73,668,819) | (73,668,819) | (73,668,819) | - | - |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| Education Equalization Grants | 160,133,886 | 151,568,180 | 160,133,886 | 151,568,180 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 86,465,067 | 77,899,361 | 86,465,067 | 77,899,361 | - | - |

Background

Since FY 19, ECS has been subject to a full funding phase-in schedule for both overfunded and underfunded towns, although overfunded towns were held harmless from losses for FY 22 through FY 25. Under the current phase-in schedule: (1) underfunded towns will reach full funding in FY 26, and (2) overfunded towns will resume annual reductions in FY 26, reaching full funding in FY 32.

Governor

Provide funding of \$86,465,067 in FY 26 and \$77,899,361 in FY 27 to fund ECS at the current law requirements. Additionally, transfer \$73,668,819 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from Education Finance Reform to ECS; as noted above, this is the same amount of Education Finance Reform funding that is being used for ECS in FY 25.

Committee

Same as Governor. See Policy Revisions regarding overfunded towns.

Annualize FY 25 Holdbacks

| Personal Services | (3,600,000) | (3,600,000) | (3,000,000) | (3,000,000) | 600,000 | 600,000 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Aspiring Educators Scholarship | | | | | | |
| Program | (6,000,000) | (6,000,000) | (4,000,000) | (4,000,000) | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (9,600,000) | (9,600,000) | (7,000,000) | (7,000,000) | 2,600,000 | 2,600,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$9.6 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the annualization of FY 25 holdbacks in the Personal Services and Aspiring Educators Diversity Scholarship accounts.

Committee

Reduce funding by \$7 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 in the Personal Services and Aspiring Educators Scholarship accounts. The Aspiring Educators Scholarship program will be expanded to high school graduates from any district in the state, rather than just Alliance Districts, who are enrolled in a teacher preparation program at any four-year institution of higher education and are underrepresented in the teaching profession or are pursuing a shortage area.

Fund Formula Grants at Statutory Level

| Adult Education | 1,701,678 | 2,556,721 | 1,701,678 | 2,556,721 | - | - |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Health and Welfare Services Pupils | | | | | | |
| Private Schools | 2,893,222 | 3,009,287 | 2,893,222 | 3,009,287 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 4,594,900 | 5,566,008 | 4,594,900 | 5,566,008 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,893,222 in FY 26 and \$5,566,008 in FY 27 to fund two formula grants at statutorily required levels. The Governor recommends capping both grants; see Policy Revisions.

Committee

Same as Governor; see Policy Revisions.

Fund the Requirements of the Sheff Settlement

| Sheff Settlement | 4,993,619 | - | 4,993,619 | - | - | - |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Magnet Schools | 3,998,522 | 4,415,386 | 3,998,522 | 4,415,386 | - | - |

| Account | Governor Rec | ommended | Commi | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Total - General Fund | 8,992,141 | 4,415,386 | 8,992,141 | 4,415,386 | _ | | |

Background

In March 2022, the General Assembly approved the Sheff v. O'Neill settlement agreement reached on January 27, 2022, which requires the state to take additional steps to expand educational opportunities for racially isolated students in the City of Hartford. The agreement includes an expansion of Open Choice and Magnet Schools seats over a ten-year period.

Governor

Provide funding of \$8,992,141 in FY 26 and \$4,415,386 in FY 27 for the Sheff Settlement and Magnet Schools to fund the requirements of the Sheff settlement in the biennium. The Magnet School account increase includes funding to support: (1) Public Service Academy of Eastern Connecticut in Colchester (\$833,728 in FY 26 and \$1,250,592 in FY 27); (2) an increase in ECAMP enrollment (\$164,794 in both FY 26 and FY 27); and (3) other funding needed to meet Sheff settlement requirements, such as magnet reformulation grants, summer enrichment programming, and marketing (\$3 million in both FY 26 and FY 27, with additional funding for this purpose in the Sheff Settlement account in FY 26).

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Various Grants

| Other Expenses | (4,825,000) | (4,825,000) | 100,000 | 100,000 | 4,925,000 | 4,925,000 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | (4,825,000) | (4,825,000) | 100,000 | 100,000 | 4,925,000 | 4,925,000 |

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$4,825,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 associated with Other Expenses earmarks in PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget.

Committee

Do not eliminate funding associated with Other Expenses earmarks and provide additional funding of \$100,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for various earmark grants below.

| Recipient | Amount \$ |
|--|-----------|
| Girls on the Run Greater Hartford | 100,000 |
| Big Brothers and Big Sisters of CT: Hartford and New Haven mentoring | 350,000 |
| Middletown Youth Programming | 200,000 |
| Boys and Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck Valley | 100,000 |
| Hartford Knights | 100,000 |
| Hartford Youth Programming | 15,000 |
| Active City | 150,000 |
| Robotics | 75,000 |
| Serving All Vessels Equally (SAVE) in Norwalk | 100,000 |
| ECE recruitment and after school K-2 reading tutoring | 2,000,000 |
| EdAdvance (School Readiness Council) | 25,000 |
| Stamford Public Education Foundation | 210,000 |
| Full Circle Youth Empowerment | 1,000,000 |
| Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse | 100,000 |
| New Haven Reads | 200,000 |
| Thompson (Alliance District) | 200,000 |
| Total | 4,925,000 |

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 627,387 | 627,387 | 627,387 | 627,387 | - | - |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Development of Mastery Exams | | | | | | |
| Grades 4, 6, and 8 | 47,659 | 47,659 | 47,659 | 47,659 | - | - |
| Sheff Settlement | 36,325 | 36,325 | 36,325 | 36,325 | - | - |
| Talent Development | 20,626 | 20,626 | 20,626 | 20,626 | - | - |
| EdSight | 7,454 | 7,454 | 7,454 | 7,454 | - | - |
| Adult Education | 10,019 | 10,019 | 10,019 | 10,019 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 749,470 | 749,470 | 749,470 | 749,470 | - | - |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Committee Difference from | | | om Governor |
|---------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$749,470 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Development of Mastery Exams | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Grades 4, 6, and 8 | (120,000) | (120,000) | (120,000) | (120,000) | - | - |
| Primary Mental Health | (10,000) | (10,000) | (10,000) | (10,000) | - | - |
| Adult Education Action | (25,000) | (25,000) | (25,000) | (25,000) | - | - |
| Talent Development | (210,000) | (210,000) | (210,000) | (210,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (365,000) | (365,000) | (365,000) | (365,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$365,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

| Pudget Components | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 3,381,949,629 | 3,381,949,629 | 3,381,949,629 | 3,381,949,629 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (12,378,885) | 71,804,035 | 129,847,813 | 168,445,197 | 142,226,698 | 96,641,162 | |
| Current Services | 67,580,213 | 68,395,330 | 76,055,213 | 76,870,330 | 8,475,000 | 8,475,000 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 3,437,150,957 | 3,522,148,994 | 3,587,852,655 | 3,627,265,156 | 150,701,698 | 105,116,162 | |

| Positions | Governor Rec | commended | Com | nittee | Difference fr | om Governor |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|---------------|-------------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 284 | 284 | 284 | 284 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - GF | 284 | 285 | 284 | 285 | - | - |

Connecticut Technical Education and Career System TEC64600

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Eurod | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee |
|--------------|------------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| runu | Fund FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 1,511 | 1,536 | 1,539 | 1,569 | 1,569 | 1,609 | 1,609 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Recommended | | Comn | Committee | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Personal Services | 163,387,475 | 164,866,832 | 164,583,764 | 174,058,658 | 174,058,658 | 175,558,658 | 175,558,658 | |
| Other Expenses | 26,927,986 | 28,412,637 | 26,918,577 | 37,257,461 | 37,257,461 | 31,957,461 | 31,957,461 | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| PACT at CTECS | - | - | - | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 190,315,461 | 193,279,469 | 191,502,341 | 211,316,119 | 211,316,119 | 208,016,119 | 208,016,119 | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|--|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 FY 27 FY 26 | | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding to PACT (Debt Free Community College) for Trade Opportunities

| PACT at CTECS | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$500,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to expand PACT (Debt Free Community College) to students that attend adult education programs at the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System. Funding for the program is capped at this amount.

Finalize Transfer of IT Functions to DAS

| Other Expenses | (986,116) | (986,116) | (986,116) | (986,116) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (986,116) | (986,116) | (986,116) | (986,116) | - | - |

Background

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has provided for a portion of the IT needs of CTECS since it transitioned to an independent agency in FY 23.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$986,116 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to complete the transfer of CTECS' IT functions to DAS.

Committee

Same as Governor

Current Services

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 7,474,894 | 7,474,894 | 7,474,894 | 7,474,894 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 7,474,894 | 7,474,894 | 7,474,894 | 7,474,894 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$7,474,894 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies

| Personal Services | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 3,500,000 | 3,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Other Expenses | 11,300,000 | 11,300,000 | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 | (5,300,000) | (5,300,000) |
| Total - General Fund | 13,300,000 | 13,300,000 | 9,500,000 | 9,500,000 | (3,800,000) | (3,800,000) |
| Positions - General Fund | 30 | 30 | 70 | 70 | 40 | 40 |

Governor

Provide 30 positions and funding of \$13.3 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Committee

Provide 70 positions and funding of \$9.5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency. The additional positions increase the agency's authorized headcount to match the agency's actual headcount.

Provide Funding for Free Menstrual Products

| Other Expenses | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | - | - |

Background

Sec. 84 of PA 22-118 requires all local and regional school districts to provide free menstrual products in various restrooms accessible to students in grades 3 through 12.

Governor

Provide funding of \$25,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to ensure continued compliance with Sec. 84 of PA 22-118.

Committee

Same as Governor

| | | 1000 | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| Budget Components | Governor Recommended | | Commi | ttee | Difference from Governor | | |
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 191,502,341 | 191,502,341 | 191,502,341 | 191,502,341 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (986,116) | (986,116) | (486,116) | (486,116) | 500,000 | 500,000 | |
| Current Services | 20,799,894 | 20,799,894 | 16,999,894 | 16,999,894 | (3,800,000) | (3,800,000) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 211,316,119 | 211,316,119 | 208,016,119 | 208,016,119 | (3,300,000) | (3,300,000) | |

| Positions | Governor Recommended | | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| rositions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 1,539 | 1,539 | 1,539 | 1,539 | - | - | |
| Current Services | 30 | 30 | 70 | 70 | 40 | 40 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 1,569 | 1,569 | 1,609 | 1,609 | 40 | 40 | |

Totals

Office of Early Childhood OEC64800

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Eurod | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|--------------|------------------|--------|---------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-----|
| runu | Fund FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 118 | 118 | 118 | 118 | 118 | 118 | 118 |

Budget Summary

| A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 8,410,624 | 8,275,873 | 10,147,924 | 9,926,912 | 9,926,912 | 9,926,912 | 9,926,912 |
| Other Expenses | 316,878 | 5,134,202 | 1,319,731 | 1,319,731 | 7,919,731 | 1,694,731 | 8,294,731 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | · · · · | |
| Birth to Three | 31,892,788 | 34,351,477 | 32,452,407 | 33,293,626 | 40,293,626 | 33,293,626 | 39,693,626 |
| Evenstart | 295,455 | 545,454 | 545,456 | 545,456 | 545,456 | 545,456 | 545,456 |
| 2Gen - TANF | 324,225 | 540,473 | 572,500 | 575,685 | 575,685 | 575,685 | 575,685 |
| Nurturing Families Network | 14,089,169 | 12,484,084 | 12,139,479 | 12,669,995 | 14,469,995 | 12,669,995 | 14,469,995 |
| Early Child Care Provider | | | | | | | |
| Stabilization Payments | 69,908,522 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| OEC Parent Cabinet | - | 143,500 | 150,000 | 152,264 | 152,264 | 152,264 | 152,264 |
| Capitol Child Development | | | | | | | |
| Center | - | - | - | 263,000 | 263,000 | 263,000 | 263,000 |
| Other Than Payments to Local O | Governments | | | | | · · · · | |
| Head Start Services | 4,867,305 | 4,993,641 | 5,083,238 | 5,833,238 | 5,833,238 | 5,833,238 | 5,833,238 |
| Care4Kids TANF/CCDF | 57,809,329 | 81,513,372 | 112,827,096 | 147,957,756 | 151,227,096 | 112,827,096 | 112,827,096 |
| Child Care Quality | | | | | | | |
| Enhancements | 4,189,292 | 5,891,953 | 5,954,530 | 5,954,530 | 5,954,530 | 5,954,530 | 5,954,530 |
| Early Head Start-Child Care | | | | | | | |
| Partnership | 1,109,419 | 1,374,236 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Early Care and Education | 139,466,790 | 154,926,475 | 190,137,329 | 193,845,725 | 201,845,725 | 193,845,725 | 193,845,725 |
| Smart Start | 3,249,999 | 3,250,000 | 3,325,000 | 3,325,000 | 6,325,000 | 3,325,000 | 6,325,000 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 335,929,795 | 313,424,740 | 376,154,690 | 417,162,918 | 446,832,258 | 382,407,258 | 400,207,258 |
| Additional Funds Available | | | | | | | |
| American Rescue Plan Act | 83,875,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Agency Grand Total | 419,804,795 | 313,424,740 | 376,154,690 | 417,162,918 | 446,832,258 | 382,407,258 | 400,207,258 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Establish and Capitalize the Universal Preschool Endowment

Background

The Universal Preschool Endowment (UPE) will support expanding access to pre-school for three-four, and five-year-olds not eligible for kindergarten. The UPE will also provide preschool subsidies at no cost to families making less than \$100,000 and limit the cost share for families making less than \$150,000.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

The Governor proposes creating a Universal Pre-school Endowment (UPE) that will be initially funded with the use of \$300 million in unappropriated surplus in FY 25. Annually thereafter, and after the Budget Reserve Fund is at its statutory maximum (18 percent), all the remaining unappropriated surplus will be transferred to the UPE. The proposal restricts the annual allocation to programs and initiatives funded by the UPE to no more than 10 percent of the balance of the endowment in any fiscal year.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Smart Start

| Smart Start | - | 3,000,000 | - | 3,000,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|---|-----------|---|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | - | 3,000,000 | - | 3,000,000 | - | - |

Background

PA 14-41 created the Smart Start grant program, which funds the creation or expansion of preschool programs in public schools. In 2021, the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) offered the Smart Start for Recovery Grant to existing Smart Start grantees and school districts with demonstrated needs for more preschool spaces. This pandemic-response grant aimed to boost the availability of high-quality preschool, particularly in underserved communities, by increasing the number of public-school preschool classrooms. The goal was to provide free preschool access to children and families who might otherwise lack such opportunities. To date, 25 school districts have received a Smart Start grant, with 23 current grantees, and 10 school districts were awarded a Smart Start for Recovery grant.

Governor

Provide funding of \$3 million in FY 27 to allow current grantees to maintain their programs at increased rates and allow Smart Start for Recovery grantees to continue their programs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for the Waterford Upstart Program

| Other Expenses | - | - | 375,000 | 375,000 | 375,000 | 375,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 375,000 | 375,000 | 375,000 | 375,000 |

Background

Waterford Upstart is an interactive learning program that helps children in Pre-K through 2nd grade build skills in reading, math, and science.

Committee

Provide funding of \$375,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 for the Waterford Upstart program.

Provide Funding for the Family Bridge Program

| Nurturing Families Network | - | 1,800,000 | - | 1,800,000 | - | - |
|----------------------------|---|-----------|---|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | - | 1,800,000 | - | 1,800,000 | - | - |

Background

The Family Bridge program provides universal home visiting services to families with newborns in certain regions of the state to facilitate the transition from hospital to home. Family Bridge offers at-home visits from registered nurses and certified community health workers.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1.8 million in FY 27 for the Family Bridge program.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Continue the Tri-Share Pilot Program

| Other Expenses | - | 1,600,000 | - | 1,600,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|---|-----------|---|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | - | 1,600,000 | - | 1,600,000 | - | - |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

PA 24-91 Sec. 3 requires the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to establish and administer the Tri-Share Child Care Matching Program, which is a public-private partnership that shares child care costs among parents, employers, and the state. The program is intended to help families who can't afford child care but don't qualify for other assistance. The program is currently being piloted in New London County.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1.6 million in FY 27 to support the continuation of the Tri-Share pilot program.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Implement a Birth to Three Tiered Rate System

| Birth to Three | - | 6,000,000 | - | - | _ | (6,000,000) |
|----------------------|---|-----------|---|---|---|-------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | 6,000,000 | - | - | - | (6,000,000) |

Background

Birth to Three service providers are funded through a fee-for-service (FFS) payment structure which is a model where providers are paid based on the individual services they provide to patients. The Birth to Three rate study conducted by Public Consulting Group and published in January 2024 provides recommendations that include FFS and a new tiered rate system based on providers' experience and credentialing levels.

Governor

Provide funding of \$6 million in FY 27 to reflect increased rates for Birth to Three related to implementing a new tiered rate system.

Committee

Do not provide funding in FY 27 for a Birth to Three tiered rate system.

Provide Funding to Increase Birth to Three Rates

| Birth to Three | - | - | - | 6,400,000 | - | 6,400,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 6,400,000 | - | 6,400,000 |

Background

The Birth to Three rate study conducted by Public Consulting Group and published in January 2024 provides recommendations that includes rate increases for Birth to Three services under the current rate structure.

Committee

Provide funding of \$6.4 million in FY 27 for increased rates in Birth to Three.

Adjust Funding for General Administrative Payments (GAP)

| Birth to Three | - | (1,000,000) | - | - | - | 1,000,000 |
|----------------------|---|-------------|---|---|---|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | (1,000,000) | - | - | - | 1,000,000 |

Background

The General Administrative Payment (GAP) was introduced in 2017 to financially support Birth to Three programs during their transition from a bundled payment system to a fee-for-service model. The payment is intended to reimburse the non-billable time for Birth to Three providers that support children with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) of less than 9 hours per month with at least one service delivered in that month. Under a tiered Birth to Three rate system, it is anticipated that less funding will be needed to support GAP payments.

Governor

Reduce funding of \$1 million in FY 27 for GAP payments.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$1 million in FY 27 for GAP payments related to maintaining the current Birth to Three rate structure.

Adjust Funding for Early Start CT

| Early Care and Education | - | 8,000,000 | - | - | _ | (8,000,000) |
|--------------------------|---|-----------|---|---|---|-------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | 8,000,000 | - | - | - | (8,000,000) |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

PA 24-78 Sec. 25 requires the Office of Early Childhood to operate and administer Early Start CT, which is a new state funding stream that combines current School Readiness grants, Child Day Care Contracts, and State Head Start supplemental grants, effective July 1, 2025.

Governor

Provide funding of \$8 million in FY 27 to reflect a 4% increase for Early Start CT.

Committee

Do not provide funding in FY 27 for Early Start CT rate increases.

Adjust Funding to Support the Sparkler App

| Birth to Three | - | 2,000,000 | - | - | - | (2,000,000) |
|----------------------|---|-----------|---|---|---|-------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | 2,000,000 | - | - | - | (2,000,000) |

Background

The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) offers the Sparkler mobile app as part of the Help Me Grow initiative, which aims to ensure children have access to developmental screenings and support services. The app is a free resource that helps families track their children's development, provides learning activities, and connects them with support resources.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 27 to support continued use of the Sparkler mobile app.

Committee

Do not provide funding in FY 27 related to the Sparkler mobile app.

Reallocate Funding to Support Additional State Head Start Supplemental Grant Funds

| Head Start Services | 750,000 | 750,000 | 750,000 | 750,000 | - | - |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Early Care and Education | (750,000) | (750,000) | (750,000) | (750,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Background

Head Start is a national program that provides early learning, health, and family well-being services to children and families while engaging parents as partners. The State Head Start Supplement grant provides additional funding to federal Head Start programs in Connecticut.

Governor

Reallocate funding of \$750,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Early Care and Education line item to the Head Start Services line item.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer the Capitol Child Development Center from OLM to OEC

| <u></u> | _ | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Capitol Child Development Center | 263,000 | 263,000 | 263,000 | 263,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 263,000 | 263,000 | 263,000 | 263,000 | - | - |

Background

The Capitol Child Development Center (CCDC) has been in operation since 1988 and was created as a model program by the Connecticut General Assembly to provide childcare services for children 8 weeks through 5 years of age.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$263,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 from the Office of Legislative Management (OLM) to the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) related to the CCDC.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Current Services

Provide Funding for Care 4 Kids to Support Rate Increases and Compliance with Federal Requirements

| Care4Kids TANF/CCDF | 35,130,660 | 38,400,000 | - | - | (35,130,660) | (38,400,000) |
|----------------------|------------|------------|---|---|--------------|--------------|
| Total - General Fund | 35,130,660 | 38,400,000 | - | - | (35,130,660) | (38,400,000) |

Background

In 2023, per-student rates increased by 11% for licensed child care centers and home-based providers and by 6% for unlicensed providers. Additionally, the 2024 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Final Rule (45 CFR Part 98) mandates that Connecticut ensure equal access to child care by setting reimbursement rates at no less than 50% of the current market rate. Connecticut must demonstrate progress toward meeting this requirement for the following types of care: infant center care, preschool center care, infant family child care, and preschool family child care.

Governor

Provide funding of \$35,130,660 in FY 26 and \$38,400,000 in FY 27 to support rate increases for Care4Kids.

Committee

Provide funding of \$35,130,660 in FY 26 and \$38,400,000 in FY 27 through the Universal Pre-K Endowment.

Provide Funding for the Start Early - Early Childhood Development Initiative

| Other Expenses | - | 5,000,000 | - | 5,000,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|---|-----------|---|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | - | 5,000,000 | - | 5,000,000 | - | - |

Background

PA 22-118 Sec. 459 requires the Office of Early Childhood to establish and administer the Start Early - Early Childhood Development Initiative. As part of this initiative, the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) has partnered with the TMW Center for Early Learning + Public Health to conduct a three-year research project to measure and enhance the quality of its child care and early learning programs and offer support to the early childhood workforce. OEC has also partnered with the University of Connecticut to implement an Early Start Intervention study that includes family support teams to support families, teachers, and programs to improve the quality of children's home and early care environments.

Governor

Provide funding of \$5 million in FY 27 to support the last phase of the Start Early - Early Childhood Development Initiative.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$600,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize FY 2025 Private Provider COLA

| Birth to Three | 841,219 | 841,219 | 841,219 | 841,219 | - | - |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Nurturing Families Network | 530,516 | 530,516 | 530,516 | 530,516 | - | - |
| Early Care and Education | 4,458,396 | 4,458,396 | 4,458,396 | 4,458,396 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 5,830,131 | 5,830,131 | 5,830,131 | 5,830,131 | - | - |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$5,830,131 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 378,988 | 378,988 | 378,988 | 378,988 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| 2Gen - TANF | 3,185 | 3,185 | 3,185 | 3,185 | - | - |
| OEC Parent Cabinet | 2,264 | 2,264 | 2,264 | 2,264 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 384,437 | 384,437 | 384,437 | 384,437 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$384,437 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Comm | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|--|
| budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 376,154,690 | 376,154,690 | 376,154,690 | 376,154,690 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 263,000 | 21,663,000 | 638,000 | 13,438,000 | 375,000 | (8,225,000) | |
| Current Services | 40,745,228 | 49,014,568 | 5,614,568 | 10,614,568 | (35,130,660) | (38,400,000) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 417,162,918 | 446,832,258 | 382,407,258 | 400,207,258 | (34,755,660) | (46,625,000) | |

Totals

State Library CSL66000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|--------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fund | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 |

Budget Summary

| Assourt | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Commi | ttee |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 4,794,419 | 4,927,239 | 5,884,263 | 5,419,751 | 5,419,751 | 5,419,751 | 5,419,751 |
| Other Expenses | 605,791 | 1,315,843 | 1,392,223 | 892,223 | 910,515 | 1,392,223 | 1,410,515 |
| Other Current Expenses | · · · · | | | · · · · · · | | · · · · · | |
| State-Wide Digital Library | 1,704,119 | 1,654,909 | 1,709,210 | 1,709,210 | 1,709,210 | 1,709,210 | 1,709,210 |
| Interlibrary Loan Delivery | | | | | | | |
| Service | 311,902 | 315,369 | 364,209 | 380,136 | 380,136 | 380,136 | 380,136 |
| Legal/Legislative Library | | | | | | | |
| Materials | 574,537 | 574,523 | 574,540 | 674,540 | 674,540 | 674,540 | 674,540 |
| Library for the Blind | 80,410 | 58,680 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Other Than Payments to Local C | Governments | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | · · · · · | |
| Support Cooperating Library | | | | | | | |
| Service Units | 124,402 | 124,402 | 124,402 | 124,402 | 124,402 | 124,402 | 124,402 |
| Grant Payments to Local Govern | nments | | | · · · · · · | | · · · · · | |
| Connecticard Payments | 703,638 | 703,638 | 703,638 | 703,638 | 703,638 | 703,638 | 703,638 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 8,899,218 | 9,674,603 | 10,852,485 | 10,003,900 | 10,022,192 | 10,503,900 | 10,522,192 |
| Additional Funds Available | | | | | | | |
| American Rescue Plan Act | 500,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Agency Grand Total | 9,399,218 | 9,674,603 | 10,852,485 | 10,003,900 | 10,022,192 | 10,503,900 | 10,522,192 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Maintain Funding for Nonprofit Library Programs

| Other Expenses | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | (500,000) | (500,000) | - | - | 500,000 | 500,000 |

Background

Sec. 36 of PA 23-204 provided \$500,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to the Other Expenses account for three non-profit library programs: (1) United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library; (2) Read to Grow; and 3) Reach Out and Read. Funding was distributed equally among the three organizations.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$500,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for various non-profit library programs.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$500,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for various non-profit library programs.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Transfer Funding for Legal and Legislative Library Materials

| Legal/Legislative Library Materials | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | - | - |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | - | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$100,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the maintenance of the agency's collection of state and federal legal publications. This cost was previously supported with bond funding.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for the Museum of Connecticut History

| Other Expenses | - | 18,292 | - | 18,292 | - | - |
|----------------------|---|--------|---|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | - | 18,292 | - | 18,292 | - | - |

Background

The Museum of Connecticut History features exhibits pertaining to Connecticut's military, industrial and government history, and the state's role in the growth and development of the United States.

Governor

Provide funding of \$18,292 in FY 27 for an inventory of the Museum of Connecticut History.

Committee

Same as Governor

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 235,488 | 235,488 | 235,488 | 235,488 | - | - |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Interlibrary Loan Delivery Service | 15,927 | 15,927 | 15,927 | 15,927 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 251,415 | 251,415 | 251,415 | 251,415 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$251,415 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (700,000) | (700,000) | (700,000) | (700,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (700,000) | (700,000) | (700,000) | (700,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$700,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

| De dact Componente | Governor Recommended | | Commi | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|---------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 10,852,485 | 10,852,485 | 10,852,485 | 10,852,485 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (400,000) | (381,708) | 100,000 | 118,292 | 500,000 | 500,000 | |
| Current Services | (448,585) | (448,585) | (448,585) | (448,585) | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 10,003,900 | 10,022,192 | 10,503,900 | 10,522,192 | 500,000 | 500,000 | |

Teachers' Retirement Board TRB77500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee |
|--------------|------------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| runu | Fund FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | |
| Personal Services | 1,964,441 | 1,971,034 | 2,198,913 | 2,291,080 | 2,291,080 | 2,291,080 | 2,291,080 | | | |
| Other Expenses | 393,838 | 451,239 | 497,003 | 496,003 | 482,003 | 496,003 | 482,003 | | | |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | Other Than Payments to Local Governments | | | | | | | | | |
| Retirement Contributions | 1,578,038,000 | 1,554,542,000 | 1,558,960,000 | 1,655,121,000 | 1,705,100,000 | 1,655,121,000 | 1,705,100,000 | | | |
| Retirees Health Service Cost | 12,116,191 | 13,557,097 | 16,030,802 | 29,507,250 | 33,267,000 | 29,507,250 | 44,356,000 | | | |
| Municipal Retiree Health | | | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance Costs | 9,357,523 | 8,208,196 | 9,840,000 | 6,630,000 | 6,630,000 | 6,630,000 | 8,840,000 | | | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 1,601,869,993 | 1,578,729,566 | 1,587,526,718 | 1,694,045,333 | 1,747,770,083 | 1,694,045,333 | 1,761,069,083 | | | |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Reduce the State's Share of Health Care Funding from One-Third to One-Quarter

| Retirees Health Service Cost | (9,835,750) | (11,089,000) | (9,835,750) | - | - | 11,089,000 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---|------------|
| Municipal Retiree Health Insurance | | | | | | |
| Costs | (2,210,000) | (2,210,000) | (2,210,000) | - | - | 2,210,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (12,045,750) | (13,299,000) | (12,045,750) | - | - | 13,299,000 |

Background

Currently, the state share is one-third of the base plan premium, and the remaining two-thirds are shared by the health fund and the retiree. The proposal would reduce the state share to one-quarter of the cost of the base plan, and the remainder would be supported by the health fund.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$12 million in FY 26 and \$13.3 million in FY 27 to reflect the reduction in the state's share of retiree healthcare costs.

Committee

Reduce funding of \$12 million in FY 26 and retain funding of \$13.3 million in FY 27 to reduce the state's share of retiree healthcare costs for one year.

Reduce Other Expenses

| Other Expenses | (15,000) | (15,000) | (15,000) | (15,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (15,000) | (15,000) | (15,000) | (15,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$15,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Assount | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Current Services

Fund the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) for the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

| Retirement Contributions | 96,161,000 | 146,140,000 | 96,161,000 | 146,140,000 | - | - |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 96,161,000 | 146,140,000 | 96,161,000 | 146,140,000 | - | - |

Background

The Connecticut Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) is the state's defined benefit plan for approximately 53,400 active and 40,000 retired Connecticut public school teachers and beneficiaries. The benefits of the program are funded by employee contributions, state appropriations and investment income. The June 30, 2024, TRS actuarial valuation set an Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) for the TRS of \$1,655.1 million in FY 26 and \$1,705.1 million in FY 27. Payment of the full contribution is required by both statute (CGS Sec. 10-183z) and the bond covenant for Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs), issued pursuant to PA 07-186. The state's debt service payment on the POBs is appropriated in Debt Service - State Treasurer.

Governor

Provide funding increase of \$96.2 million in FY 26 and \$146.1 million in FY 27 to fund the ADEC for TRS in the biennium.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for the State's Share of Retiree Health Service Costs

| Retirees Health Service Cost | 23,312,198 | 28,325,198 | 23,312,198 | 28,325,198 | - | - |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Municipal Retiree Health Insurance | | | | | | |
| Costs | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 22,312,198 | 27,325,198 | 22,312,198 | 27,325,198 | - | - |

Background

The TRB is required to offer one or more health plans to retired TRS members who are participating in Medicare. CGS Sec. 10 -183t requires a cost sharing arrangement in which retirees, the state, and the TRB health fund each pay one-third of the total cost for the basic plan. The TRB health fund is supported by active teachers who contribute 1.25% of their annual salary. The TRB basic plan changed from a Medicare Supplement Plan to a Medicare Advantage Plan, effective July 1, 2018.

Governor

Provide funding of \$22.3 million in FY 26 and \$27.3 million in FY 27 to reflect increased premiums rates.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 92,167 | 92,167 | 92,167 | 92,167 | - | - |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 92,167 | 92,167 | 92,167 | 92,167 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$92,167 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Realign Funding in Other Expenses Based on Required Actuarial Reports

| Other Expenses | 14,000 | - | 14,000 | - | - | - |
|----------------------|--------|---|--------|---|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 14,000 | - | 14,000 | - | - | - |
| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

The state contracts with an actuarial firm to complete certain reports which vary in frequency.

Governor

Provide funding of \$14,000 in FY 26 to support costs of actuarial reports.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Rec | ommended | Comn | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 1,587,526,718 | 1,587,526,718 | 1,587,526,718 | 1,587,526,718 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (12,060,750) | (13,314,000) | (12,060,750) | (15,000) | - | 13,299,000 | |
| Current Services | 118,579,365 | 173,557,365 | 118,579,365 | 173,557,365 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 1,694,045,333 | 1,747,770,083 | 1,694,045,333 | 1,761,069,083 | - | 13,299,000 | |

Higher Education Coordinator – Dan Dilworth Office of Fiscal Analysis

| | Page | A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee |
|------------------------|------|---------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | | | | | 11 | 1 | | | |
| Office of Higher | | | | | | | | | |
| Education | 217 | DD | 38,047,851 | 13,723,774 | 36,807,637 | 31,494,177 | 32,898,392 | 51,749,963 | 52,749,963 |
| University of | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | 221 | DD | 254,604,158 | 256,315,868 | 219,637,564 | 234,560,002 | 239,823,874 | 306,620,002 | 296,483,874 |
| University of | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut Health | | | | | | | | | |
| Center | 224 | DD | 190,829,164 | 146,388,592 | 113,889,981 | 123,053,275 | 126,851,644 | 188,304,890 | 166,303,259 |
| Connecticut State | | | | | | | | | |
| Colleges and | | | | | | | | | |
| Universities | 227 | DD | 436,045,180 | 476,928,547 | 440,159,942 | 471,703,455 | 485,087,084 | 478,404,063 | 548,887,692 |
| Total - General Fund | | | 919,526,353 | 893,356,781 | 810,495,124 | 860,810,909 | 884,660,994 | 1,025,078,918 | 1,064,424,788 |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fu | nd | | | | | | | | |
| University of | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut Health | | | | | | | | | |
| Center | 224 | DD | - | 178,385 | 178,385 | - | - | 178,385 | 178,385 |
| Total - Appropriated | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds | | | 919,526,353 | 893,535,166 | 810,673,509 | 860,810,909 | 884,660,994 | 1,025,257,303 | 1,064,603,173 |

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|--------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | FY 23 FY | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 29 | 28 | 28 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 1,699,766 | 1,626,550 | 1,811,589 | 1,855,031 | 1,855,031 | 1,855,031 | 1,855,031 |
| Other Expenses | 482,183 | 1,227,589 | 1,081,175 | 781,175 | 781,175 | 781,175 | 781,175 |
| Other Current Expenses | · · · · · · | | | · · · · · | · · · · | | |
| Minority Advancement Program | 2,127,566 | 1,690,528 | 1,659,292 | 1,674,835 | 1,674,835 | 1,674,835 | 1,674,835 |
| National Service Act | 234,779 | 454,740 | 296,810 | 320,151 | 320,151 | 320,151 | 320,151 |
| Minority Teacher Incentive | | | | | | | |
| Program | 505,280 | 446,669 | 570,134 | 570,134 | 570,134 | 570,134 | 570,134 |
| CT Loan Forgiveness | - | - | 6,000,000 | - | - | 5,000,000 | 6,000,000 |
| AmeriCorps State Matching | | | | | | | |
| Funds | - | - | - | 1,404,214 | 2,808,429 | - | - |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | · · · · · | · · · · | | |
| Roberta B. Willis Scholarship | | | | | | | |
| Fund | 32,998,277 | 8,017,698 | 24,888,637 | 24,888,637 | 24,888,637 | 41,288,637 | 41,288,637 |
| Health Care Adjunct Grant | | | | | | | |
| Program | - | 260,000 | 500,000 | - | - | 260,000 | 260,000 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 38,047,851 | 13,723,774 | 36,807,637 | 31,494,177 | 32,898,392 | 51,749,963 | 52,749,963 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|--|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Willis Scholarship

| | - | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund | - | - | 16,400,000 | 16,400,000 | 16,400,000 | 16,400,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 16,400,000 | 16,400,000 | 16,400,000 | 16,400,000 |
| | | | | | | |

Background

The Roberta B. Willis Scholarship provides need-based and need-merit grants to eligible Connecticut high school graduates. The Office of Higher Education (OHE) awards need-merit grants directly to students based on academic achievement and the student aid index (a measure of a student's family's ability to contribute to their education) as reported on the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid. OHE provides funding for need-based grants to participating institutions of higher education in the state to award to their enrolled students based on the student aid index. The appropriation also funds \$100,000 for scholarships to students to attend Charter Oak State College. In FY 24 and FY 25, General Fund appropriations to the Willis Scholarship were supplemented by ARPA funding.

Committee

Provide funding of \$16.4 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to fund the Willis Scholarship at FY 24 expenditure levels.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 FY 27 | |

Adjust Funding for Newer Programs, Including Student Loan Assistance

| CT Loan Forgiveness | (6,000,000) | (6,000,000) | (1,000,000) | - | 5,000,000 | 6,000,000 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|-----------|-----------|
| Health Care Adjunct Grant Program | (240,000) | (240,000) | - | - | 240,000 | 240,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (6,240,000) | (6,240,000) | (1,000,000) | - | 5,240,000 | 6,240,000 |

Background

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, established two new programs within the Office of Higher Education (OHE):

CT Loan Forgiveness: Sec. 174 of PA 23-204 established the CT Loan Forgiveness Program, which OHE has named the Student Loan Reimbursement Program. Funding began in FY 25. This program provides grants of up to \$5,000 annually for up to four years to eligible Connecticut residents. The grants are reimbursements for student loan payments. To receive a grant, recipients must: (1) have outstanding student loans; (2) have graduated from an in-state college or university; (3) meet certain income requirements; and (4) perform at least 50 hours of volunteer work during each year they receive a grant. Funding began in FY 25. OHE has received 1,430 applications to date and plans to begin awarding grants after March 31.

Health Care Adjunct Grant Program: Sec. 133 of PA 23-204 established the Health Care Adjunct Grant Program, which provides grants of \$20,000 to health care providers who accept positions as adjunct professors in health care related fields at a public institution of higher education and remain in such positions for one year. Each grant recipient who remains in the position for a second year may receive an additional \$20,000 grant. Funding began in FY 24. There were 13 applicants in FY 24, each of whom received a grant, for a total of \$260,000 in awards. The FY 25 application deadline is April 30.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$6,240,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of the health care adjunct and student loan assistance grant programs.

Committee

Do not eliminate funding of \$6,240,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the health care adjunct and student loan assistance grant programs.

Adjust Funding for AmeriCorps Expansion

| | 1,404,214 | 2,808,429 | - | - | (1,404,214) | (2,808,429) |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|-------------|-------------|
| AmeriCorps State Matching Funds | 1,404,214 | 2,808,429 | - | - | (1,404,214) | (2,808,429) |
| Total - General Fund | 1,404,214 | 2,808,429 | - | - | (1,404,214) | (2,808,429) |
| Positions - General Fund | 1 | 1 | - | - | (1) | (1) |

Background

AmeriCorps is a federal program that provides a wide range of volunteer and service opportunities across the country in the areas of disaster relief, economic development, education, environment, physical and mental health, and veterans' services. There are approximately 2,400 volunteers in AmeriCorps programs across Connecticut. Each program has its own sponsor responsible for 24% of the program budget; the federal government provides funding up to 76% of the remaining budget on a competitive basis.

Governor

Provide one position and funding of \$1,404,214 in FY 26 and \$2,808,429 in FY 27 to expand AmeriCorps opportunities for Connecticut residents. It is anticipated that this would result in matching federal funding of up to \$4.4 million in FY 26 and up to \$8 million in FY 27, supporting an additional 500 volunteers by FY 27.

Committee

Do not provide one position and funding of \$1,404,214 in FY 26 and \$2,808,429 in FY 27 to expand AmeriCorps.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 143,442 | 143,442 | 143,442 | 143,442 | - | - |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Minority Advancement Program | 15,543 | 15,543 | 15,543 | 15,543 | - | - |
| National Service Act | 23,341 | 23,341 | 23,341 | 23,341 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 182,326 | 182,326 | 182,326 | 182,326 | - | - |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$182,326 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (100,000) | (100,000) | (100,000) | (100,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (100,000) | (100,000) | (100,000) | (100,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$100,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Reduce Funding for Adjunct Professor Grant Program

| Health Care Adjunct Grant Program | (260,000) | (260,000) | (240,000) | (240,000) | 20,000 | 20,000 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Total - General Fund | (260,000) | (260,000) | (240,000) | (240,000) | 20,000 | 20,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$260,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Health Care Adjunct Grant Program to reflect actual FY 24 expenditures. (The Governor also proposes to eliminate the program; see Policy Revisions.)

Committee

Reduce funding by \$240,000 in FY 26 and FY 27. This ensures that \$260,000 is available for grants in FY 26 and FY 27, matching FY 24 spending levels.

Eliminate Funding for IT Functions Performed by DAS

| Other Expenses | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | (300,000) | - | - |

Background

The Bureau of Information Technology Solutions within the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has provided IT services to the Office of Higher Education since FY 23.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$300,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for agency IT needs that are now fulfilled by DAS. This funding was for software maintenance for the financial aid processing system used for the Willis Scholarship program.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Comm | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 36,807,637 | 36,807,637 | 36,807,637 | 36,807,637 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (4,835,786) | (3,431,571) | 15,400,000 | 16,400,000 | 20,235,786 | 19,831,571 | |
| Current Services | (477,674) | (477,674) | (457,674) | (457,674) | 20,000 | 20,000 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 31,494,177 | 32,898,392 | 51,749,963 | 52,749,963 | 20,255,786 | 19,851,571 | |

| Desitions | Governor Recommended | | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 1 | 1 | - | - | (1) | (1) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 29 | 29 | 28 | 28 | (1) | (1) | |

University of Connecticut UOC67000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|--------------|-------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 2,413 | 2,413 | 2,413 | 2,413 | 2,413 | 2,413 | 2,413 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Account | FY 23 FY 24 | | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Expenses | 254,204,158 | 253,505,868 | 216,977,564 | 231,900,002 | 237,163,874 | 299,160,002 | 284,323,874 | | | |
| Veterinary Diagnostic | | | | | | | | | | |
| Laboratory | - | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | | | |
| Institute for Municipal and | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regional Policy | 400,000 | 700,000 | 550,000 | 550,000 | 550,000 | 550,000 | 550,000 | | | |
| UConn Veterans Program | - | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | | | |
| Health Services - Regional | | | | | | | | | | |
| Campuses | - | 1,400,000 | 1,400,000 | 1,400,000 | 1,400,000 | 1,400,000 | 1,400,000 | | | |
| Puerto Rican Studies Initiative | - | 210,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 | | | |
| Expanded PACT at UConn | - | - | - | - | - | 4,800,000 | 9,500,000 | | | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 254,604,158 | 256,315,868 | 219,637,564 | 234,560,002 | 239,823,874 | 306,620,002 | 296,483,874 | | | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Block Grant

| Operating Expenses | - | - | 65,000,000 | 44,900,000 | 65,000,000 | 44,900,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 65,000,000 | 44,900,000 | 65,000,000 | 44,900,000 |

Background

The constituent units of higher education, including UConn, receive block grants from the state to fund operating expenses. UConn also receives General Fund line-item appropriations for various programs and initiatives. All General Fund funding is in addition to other sources of funds received by the institutions, such as tuition and other student charges, federal funding, and foundation support.

Committee

Provide block grant funding of \$65 million in FY 26 and \$44.9 million in FY 27 for deficit mitigation.

Provide Funding for Expanded PACT

| Expanded PACT at UConn | - | - | 4,800,000 | 9,500,000 | 4,800,000 | 9,500,000 |
|------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 4,800,000 | 9,500,000 | 4,800,000 | 9,500,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$4.8 million in FY 26 and \$9.5 million in FY 27 for expanded PACT (Debt-Free Community College) at UConn. This includes: (1) \$4.3 million in FY 26 and \$8.5 million in FY 27 to extend PACT through a bachelor's degree at UConn for eligible students who participated in PACT at CT State; and (2) \$500,000 in FY 26 and \$1 million in FY 27 to expand PACT to students enrolled in any of the three Associates' degree programs at UConn.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Adjust Block Grant Funding

| , | 0 | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Operating Expenses | (2,260,000) | (2,260,000) | - | - | 2,260,000 | 2,260,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (2,260,000) | (2,260,000) | - | - | 2,260,000 | 2,260,000 |
| | | | | | | |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,260,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 in the block grant account to achieve savings. The intent of this adjustment is to maintain support for the line-item programs and initiatives and reduce block grant funding by approximately the total of those line-items.

Committee

Do not reduce funding by \$2,260,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the block grant.

Current Services

Annualize FY 25 RSA Transfers

| Operating Expenses | 10,197,946 | 10,197,946 | 10,197,946 | 10,197,946 | - | - |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 10,197,946 | 10,197,946 | 10,197,946 | 10,197,946 | - | - |

Background

In FY 25, OPM provided \$26.3 million across the constituent units from the Reserve for Salary Adjustments (RSA) account for SEBAC wage increases. The constituent unit block grant accounts traditionally pay for personnel costs. The Governor's Recommended Budget provides the units \$34.3 million to annualize this amount. Each unit receives an amount 30.6% greater in both FY 26 and FY 27 than its FY 25 RSA transfer amount.

Governor

Provide funding of \$10,197,946 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize UConn's FY 25 RSA transfer.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Inflationary Increases for Block Grants

| Operating Expenses | 6,984,492 | 12,248,364 | 6,984,492 | 12,248,364 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 6,984,492 | 12,248,364 | 6,984,492 | 12,248,364 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$23.5 million in FY 26 and \$46 million in FY 27 for additional block grant funding across the constituent units. The funding provides inflationary increases (above the Governor's recommended RSA annualization) of 3.1% in FY 26 and increases (above FY 25) ranging from 5.4% to 6.3% in FY 27.

Governor

Provide funding of \$6,984,492 in FY 26 and \$12,248,364 in FY 27 for additional block grant funding.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | Governor Recommended | | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| Budget Components FY | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 219,637,564 | 219,637,564 | 219,637,564 | 219,637,564 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (2,260,000) | (2,260,000) | 69,800,000 | 54,400,000 | 72,060,000 | 56,660,000 | |
| Current Services | 17,182,438 | 22,446,310 | 17,182,438 | 22,446,310 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 234,560,002 | 239,823,874 | 306,620,002 | 296,483,874 | 72,060,000 | 56,660,000 | |

University of Connecticut Health Center UHC72000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fiind | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Com | nittee |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 1,698 | 1,698 | 1,698 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,698 | 1,698 |
| Cannabis Regulatory Fund | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | 2 | 2 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | commended | Committee | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Expenses | 190,408,357 | 145,965,137 | 113,460,246 | 122,623,540 | 126,421,909 | 187,875,155 | 163,873,524 | | | |
| AHEC | 420,807 | 423,455 | 429,735 | 429,735 | 429,735 | 429,735 | 429,735 | | | |
| Neuromodulation Treatment | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,000,000 | | | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 190,829,164 | 146,388,592 | 113,889,981 | 123,053,275 | 126,851,644 | 188,304,890 | 166,303,259 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Expenses | - | 178,385 | 178,385 | - | - | 178,385 | 178,385 | | | |
| Agency Total - Cannabis | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regulatory Fund | - | 178,385 | 178,385 | - | - | 178,385 | 178,385 | | | |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 190,829,164 | 146,566,977 | 114,068,366 | 123,053,275 | 126,851,644 | 188,483,275 | 166,481,644 | | | |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Block Grant

| Operating Expenses | - | - | 65,000,000 | 37,200,000 | 65,000,000 | 37,200,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 65,000,000 | 37,200,000 | 65,000,000 | 37,200,000 |

Committee

Provide block grant funding of \$65 million in FY 26 and \$37.2 million in FY 27 for deficit mitigation.

Provide Funding for Neuromodulation Treatment

| Neuromodulation Treatment | - | - | - | 2,000,000 | - | 2,000,000 |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 2,000,000 | - | 2,000,000 |

Background

Neuromodulation refers to the alteration of nerve activity by electrical or pharmaceutical methods in order to treat various health conditions.

Committee

Provide \$2 million in FY 27 to establish the Center of Excellence for Neuromodulation Treatment, to be available to all patients.

Provide Funding for Migraine Study

| Operating Expenses | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |

Committee

Provide \$150,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for a migraine study.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Additional Funding for Endometriosis

| 0 | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Operating Expenses | - | - | 280,000 | 280,000 | 280,000 | 280,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 280,000 | 280,000 | 280,000 | 280,000 |

Background

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, provided \$468,000 in FY 24 and \$735,000 in FY 25 for an endometriosis data and repository program.

Committee

Provide funding of \$280,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for additional funding for the endometriosis data and biorepository program.

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

| Operating Expenses | 178,385 | 178,385 | - | - | (178,385) | (178,385) |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | 178,385 | 178,385 | - | - | (178,385) | (178,385) |
| Positions - General Fund | 2 | 2 | - | - | (2) | (2) |
| Operating Expenses | (178,385) | (178,385) | - | - | 178,385 | 178,385 |
| Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund | (178,385) | (178,385) | - | - | 178,385 | 178,385 |
| Positions - Cannabis Regulatory | | | | | | |
| Fund | (2) | (2) | - | - | 2 | 2 |

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$178,385 and two positions in both FY 26 and FY27 for the Connecticut Poison Control Center at UConn Health from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Committee

Do not transfer funding from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Current Services

Annualize FY 25 RSA Transfers

| Operating Expenses | 5,332,632 | 5,332,632 | 5,332,632 | 5,332,632 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 5,332,632 | 5,332,632 | 5,332,632 | 5,332,632 | - | - |

Background

In FY 25, OPM provided \$26.3 million across the constituent units from the Reserve for Salary Adjustments (RSA) account for SEBAC wage increases. The constituent unit block grant accounts traditionally pay for personnel costs. The Governor's Recommended Budget provides the units \$34.3 million to annualize this amount. Each unit receives an amount 30.6% greater in both FY 26 and FY 27 than its FY 25 RSA transfer amount.

Governor

Provide funding of \$5,332,632 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize UConn Health's FY 25 RSA transfer.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Inflationary Increases for Block Grants

| Operating Expenses | 3,652,277 | 7,450,646 | 3,652,277 | 7,450,646 | _ | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 3,652,277 | 7,450,646 | 3,652,277 | 7,450,646 | - | - |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$23.5 million in FY 26 and \$46 million in FY 27 for additional block grant funding across the constituent units. The funding provides inflationary increases (above the Governor's recommended RSA annualization) of 3.1% in FY 26 and increases (above FY 25) ranging from 5.4% to 6.3% in FY 27.

Governor

Provide funding of \$3,652,277 in FY 26 and \$7,450,646 in FY 27 for additional block grant funding.

Committee

Same as Governor

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|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| Product Common anto | Governor Recommended | | Commi | ttee | Difference from Governor | | |
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 113,889,981 | 113,889,981 | 113,889,981 | 113,889,981 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 178,385 | 178,385 | 65,430,000 | 39,630,000 | 65,251,615 | 39,451,615 | |
| Current Services | 8,984,909 | 12,783,278 | 8,984,909 | 12,783,278 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 123,053,275 | 126,851,644 | 188,304,890 | 166,303,259 | 65,251,615 | 39,451,615 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 178,385 | 178,385 | 178,385 | 178,385 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (178,385) | (178,385) | - | _ | 178,385 | 178,385 | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 178,385 | 178,385 | 178,385 | 178,385 | |

| Desitions | Governor Reco | Governor Recommended | | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 1,698 | 1,698 | 1,698 | 1,698 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 2 | 2 | - | - | (2) | (2) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,698 | 1,698 | (2) | (2) | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - CRF | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (2) | (2) | - | - | 2 | 2 | |
| Total Recommended - CRF | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |

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Connecticut State Colleges and Universities BOR77700

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual Actual | | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|--------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 4,633 | 4,633 | 4,633 | 4,633 | 4,633 | 4,633 | 4,633 |

Budget Summary

| Associat | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | commended | Comm | ittee |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Other Current Expenses | · | | | I | | I | |
| Charter Oak State College | 4,947,602 | 4,811,223 | 3,182,468 | 3,634,487 | 3,741,029 | 3,434,487 | 3,541,029 |
| Community Tech College | | | | | | | |
| System | 214,552,654 | 228,544,234 | 217,494,271 | 234,717,627 | 241,998,796 | 234,717,627 | 241,998,796 |
| Connecticut State University | 204,544,326 | 209,322,044 | 178,635,888 | 192,782,051 | 198,762,338 | 193,717,659 | 248,847,946 |
| Board of Regents | 453,500 | 560,084 | 466,906 | 503,881 | 519,512 | 503,881 | 519,512 |
| Developmental Services | 9,896,460 | 10,042,069 | 10,190,984 | 10,190,984 | 10,190,984 | 10,190,984 | 10,190,984 |
| Outcomes-Based Funding | | | | | | | |
| Incentive | 1,335,638 | 1,354,341 | 1,374,425 | 1,374,425 | 1,374,425 | 1,374,425 | 1,374,425 |
| O'Neill Chair | 315,000 | 315,000 | 315,000 | - | - | 315,000 | 315,000 |
| Debt Free Community College | - | 21,979,552 | 28,500,000 | 28,500,000 | 28,500,000 | 34,150,000 | 34,150,000 |
| Expanded PACT | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7,700,000 |
| Disabilities Study | - | - | - | - | - | - | 250,000 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 436,045,180 | 476,928,547 | 440,159,942 | 471,703,455 | 485,087,084 | 478,404,063 | 548,887,692 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Block Grant Funding for Connecticut State Universities

| Connecticut State University | - | - | - | 47,150,000 | - | 47,150,000 |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|------------|---|------------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 47,150,000 | - | 47,150,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$47,150,000 in FY 27 for deficit mitigation at the Connecticut State Universities.

Provide Funding for Expanded PACT

| Expanded PACT | - | - | - | 7,700,000 | - | 7,700,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 7,700,000 | - | 7,700,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$7.7 million in FY 27 to extend PACT (debt free community college) through a bachelor's degree at the Connecticut State Universities and Charter Oak State College.

Provide Funding for PA 24-81 Expansion of PACT (Debt Free Community College)

| Debt Free Community College | - | - | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

Sec. 75 of PA 24-81 expanded PACT (debt free community college) in FY 25 by: (1) doubling minimum grant awards from \$250 to \$500 for full time students and \$150 to \$300 for part-time students; (2) allowing out-of-state high school graduates to receive grant awards; and (3) making transitional program students eligible for grant awards.

Committee

Provide funding of \$5,650,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to expand PACT (debt free community college) pursuant to PA 24-81.

Provide Funding for Law Enforcement Training

| Connecticut State University | - | - | - | 2,000,000 | - | 2,000,000 |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 2,000,000 | - | 2,000,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 27 to establish: (1) a social work and law enforcement project at Southern Connecticut State University, and (2) a police training center at Central Connecticut State University.

Provide Funding to Assist Students with Accessibility Accommodations

| Connecticut State University | - | - | 935,608 | 935,608 | 935,608 | 935,608 |
|------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 935,608 | 935,608 | 935,608 | 935,608 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$935,608 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for four staff for a pilot program to support students with accessibility accommodations at two Connecticut State Universities. Of this amount, \$467,804 in both FY 26 and FY 27 is provided to Central and \$467,804 in both FY 26 and FY 27 is provided to Southern.

Provide Funding to Study Expanded Programming for Students with Disabilities

| Disabilities Study | - | - | - | 250,000 | - | 250,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---------|---|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 250,000 | - | 250,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$250,000 in FY 27 for a study of inclusive programming for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities at the CSUs.

Maintain Funding for the O'Neill Endowed Chair

| O'Neill Chair | (315,000) | (315,000) | - | - | 315,000 | 315,000 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | (315,000) | (315,000) | - | - | 315,000 | 315,000 |

Background

The Governor William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics was established in 2000 to promote understanding of Connecticut state government. The chair is housed within Central Connecticut State University's Center for Community Engagement and Social Research.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$315,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the O'Neill Chair.

Committee

Do not eliminate funding of \$315,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the O'Neill Chair.

Adjust Funding for LADDERS Initiative at Charter Oak State College

| Charter Oak State College | 200,000 | 200,000 | - | - | (200,000) | (200,000) |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | 200,000 | 200,000 | - | - | (200,000) | (200,000) |

Background

The proposed Leveraging Academic Degrees to Drive Employment Readiness and Success (LADDERS) initiative is intended to allow CT State Community College online students to transfer to online courses at Charter Oak State College in order to continue their education in a bachelor's degree program.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 FY 27 | |

Governor

Provide funding of \$200,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to establish the LADDERS initiative. The funding would support communication and student outreach, dual enrollment between CT State and Charter Oak, tuition assistance, and employer partnerships.

Committee

Do not provide funding of \$200,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the LADDERS initiative.

Current Services

Annualize FY 25 RSA Transfer

| Charter Oak State College | 149,576 | 149,576 | 149,576 | 149,576 | - | - |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Community Tech College System | 10,222,231 | 10,222,231 | 10,222,231 | 10,222,231 | - | - |
| Connecticut State University | 8,395,887 | 8,395,887 | 8,395,887 | 8,395,887 | - | - |
| Board of Regents | 21,945 | 21,945 | 21,945 | 21,945 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 18,789,639 | 18,789,639 | 18,789,639 | 18,789,639 | - | - |

Background

In FY 25, OPM provided \$26.3 million across the constituent units from the Reserve for Salary Adjustments (RSA) account for SEBAC wage increases. The constituent unit block grant accounts traditionally pay for personnel costs. The Governor's Recommended Budget provides the units \$34.3 million to annualize this amount. Each unit receives an amount 30.6% greater in both FY 26 and FY 27 than its FY 25 RSA transfer amount.

Governor

Provide funding of \$18,789,639 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize CSCU's FY 25 RSA transfer.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Inflationary Increases for Block Grants

| Charter Oak State College | 102,443 | 208,985 | 102,443 | 208,985 | - | - |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Community Tech College System | 7,001,125 | 14,282,294 | 7,001,125 | 14,282,294 | - | - |
| Connecticut State University | 5,750,276 | 11,730,563 | 5,750,276 | 11,730,563 | - | - |
| Board of Regents | 15,030 | 30,661 | 15,030 | 30,661 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 12,868,874 | 26,252,503 | 12,868,874 | 26,252,503 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$23.5 million in FY 26 and \$46 million in FY 27 for additional block grant funding across the constituent units. The funding provides inflationary increases (above the Governor's recommended RSA annualization) of 3.1% in FY 26 and increases (above FY 25) ranging from 5.4% to 6.3% in FY 27.

Governor

Provide funding of \$12,868,874 in FY 26 and \$26,252,503 in FY 27 for additional block grant funding.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | ommended | Commi | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 440,159,942 | 440,159,942 | 440,159,942 | 440,159,942 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (115,000) | (115,000) | 6,585,608 | 63,685,608 | 6,700,608 | 63,800,608 | |
| Current Services | 31,658,513 | 45,042,142 | 31,658,513 | 45,042,142 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 471,703,455 | 485,087,084 | 478,404,063 | 548,887,692 | 6,700,608 | 63,800,608 | |

Judicial and Corrections Coordinator – Brianna Pollard

Office of Fiscal Analysis

| | Page | A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | | | | | | | | | |
| Division of Criminal | | | | | | | | | |
| Justice | 232 | BP | 55,678,996 | 57,456,126 | 63,166,250 | 62,517,967 | 62,517,967 | 66,275,856 | 67,033,743 |
| Department of | | | | | | | | | |
| Correction | 235 | RP | 722,701,688 | 727,319,960 | 705,689,167 | 757,966,428 | 757,966,428 | 759,279,803 | 772,303,332 |
| Judicial Department | 239 | BP | 580,067,393 | 590,402,556 | 605,217,667 | 619,913,486 | 625,689,652 | 646,525,059 | 650,971,309 |
| Public Defender Services | | | | | | | | | |
| Commission | 244 | BP | 73,042,084 | 84,818,673 | 89,492,117 | 89,751,502 | 89,751,502 | 100,441,966 | 104,012,444 |
| Total - General Fund | | | 1,431,490,161 | 1,459,997,315 | 1,463,565,201 | 1,530,149,383 | 1,535,925,549 | 1,572,522,684 | 1,594,320,828 |
| Banking Fund | | | | | | | | | |
| Judicial Department | 239 | BP | 2,137,371 | 2,040,196 | 2,158,656 | 2,158,656 | 2,158,656 | 2,158,656 | 2,158,656 |
| Workers' Compensation | Fund | | | | | | | | |
| Division of Criminal | | | | | | | | | |
| Justice | 232 | BP | 789,558 | 836,159 | 953,983 | 974,771 | 974,771 | 974,771 | 974,771 |
| Criminal Injuries Compe | ensatio | n Fund | | | | | | | |
| Judicial Department | 239 | BP | 2,025,222 | 1,793,846 | 2,934,088 | 2,934,088 | 2,934,088 | 2,934,088 | 2,934,088 |
| Total - Appropriated | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds | | | 1,436,442,312 | 1,464,667,516 | 1,469,611,928 | 1,536,216,898 | 1,541,993,064 | 1,578,590,199 | 1,600,388,343 |

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 501 | 501 | 501 | 501 | 501 | 511 | 521 |
| Workers' Compensation Fund | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

Budget Summary

| Assessment | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 47,961,978 | 48,831,986 | 54,541,281 | 53,703,277 | 53,703,277 | 57,461,166 | 58,219,053 |
| Other Expenses | 4,249,828 | 5,101,696 | 5,102,201 | 5,102,201 | 5,102,201 | 5,102,201 | 5,102,201 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Witness Protection | 289,035 | 256,183 | 164,148 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| Training And Education | 83,464 | 100,887 | 147,398 | 147,398 | 147,398 | 147,398 | 147,398 |
| Expert Witnesses | 86,380 | 124,433 | 135,413 | 135,413 | 135,413 | 135,413 | 135,413 |
| Medicaid Fraud Control | 1,428,139 | 1,418,531 | 1,439,442 | 1,509,942 | 1,509,942 | 1,509,942 | 1,509,942 |
| Criminal Justice Commission | - | - | 409 | 409 | 409 | 409 | 409 |
| Cold Case Unit | 283,540 | 276,393 | 282,227 | 292,041 | 292,041 | 292,041 | 292,041 |
| Shooting Taskforce | 1,296,632 | 1,346,017 | 1,353,731 | 1,427,286 | 1,427,286 | 1,427,286 | 1,427,286 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 55,678,996 | 57,456,126 | 63,166,250 | 62,517,967 | 62,517,967 | 66,275,856 | 67,033,743 |
| | | | | 1 | | | |
| Personal Services | 397,711 | 447,295 | 454,159 | 474,947 | 474,947 | 474,947 | 474,947 |
| Other Expenses | 10,417 | 8,230 | 10,428 | 10,428 | 10,428 | 10,428 | 10,428 |
| Fringe Benefits | 381,430 | 380,634 | 489,396 | 489,396 | 489,396 | 489,396 | 489,396 |
| Agency Total - Workers' | | | | | | | |
| Compensation Fund | 789,558 | 836,159 | 953,983 | 974,771 | 974,771 | 974,771 | 974,771 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 56,468,554 | 58,292,285 | 64,120,233 | 63,492,738 | 63,492,738 | 67,250,627 | 68,008,514 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding and Positions for Digital Evidence Review

| Personal Services | - | - | 461,713 | 923,425 | 461,713 | 923,425 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 461,713 | 923,425 | 461,713 | 923,425 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 5 | 10 | 5 | 10 |

Background

DCJ must disclose all exculpatory evidence known to any member of the prosecution team which includes both prosecutorial and investigative personnel. DCJ has experienced a substantial increase to the volume of digital evidence including footage from body worn cameras, dashboard camera devices, and third-party videos (such as private and public surveillance systems), etc.

Committee

Provide funding of \$461,713 in FY 26 and \$923,425 in FY 27 for 5 new positions in FY 26 and 10 new positions in FY 27 to support digital evidence review.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Provide Funding and Positions for Data Entry Personnel

| e | | 2 | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Personal Services | - | - | 296,176 | 592,351 | 296,176 | 592,351 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 296,176 | 592,351 | 296,176 | 592,351 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 5 | 10 | 5 | 10 |
| | | | | | | |

Background

The Prosecutorial Transparency Act, CGS §§ 51-286j and 4-68ff, requires the DCJ to collect case level data for adults and share this data with the Office of Policy Management (OPM). This data is collected using DCJ's Case Management System. Previously, DCJ used pandemic-era emergency funding the meet these requirements.

Committee

Provide Funding of \$296,176 in FY 26 and \$592,351 in FY 27 for 5 new positions in FY 26 and 10 new positions in FY 27 to support data entry.

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Personal Services | (3,000,000) | (3,000,000) | (1,200,000) | (1,200,000) | 1,800,000 | 1,800,000 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Witness Protection | 35,852 | 35,852 | 35,852 | 35,852 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (2,964,148) | (2,964,148) | (1,164,148) | (1,164,148) | 1,800,000 | 1,800,000 |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,964,148 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Reduce funding by \$1,164,148 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 2,161,996 | 2,161,996 | 3,361,996 | 3,361,996 | 1,200,000 | 1,200,000 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Medicaid Fraud Control | 70,500 | 70,500 | 70,500 | 70,500 | - | - |
| Cold Case Unit | 9,814 | 9,814 | 9,814 | 9,814 | - | - |
| Shooting Taskforce | 73,555 | 73 <i>,</i> 555 | 73,555 | 73,555 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 2,315,865 | 2,315,865 | 3,515,865 | 3,515,865 | 1,200,000 | 1,200,000 |
| Personal Services | 20,788 | 20,788 | 20,788 | 20,788 | - | - |
| Total - Workers' Compensation | | | | | | |
| Fund | 20,788 | 20,788 | 20,788 | 20,788 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,315,865 to accounts in the General Fund and \$20,788 to the Workers' Compensation Fund in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Provide funding of \$3,515,865 to accounts in the General Fund and \$20,788 to the Workers' Compensation Fund in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

| Budget Compensate | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ttee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| Budget Components | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 63,166,250 | 63,166,250 | 63,166,250 | 63,166,250 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | 757,889 | 1,515,776 | 757,889 | 1,515,776 | |
| Current Services | (648,283) | (648,283) | 2,351,717 | 2,351,717 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 62,517,967 | 62,517,967 | 66,275,856 | 67,033,743 | 3,757,889 | 4,515,776 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - WF | 953,983 | 953,983 | 953,983 | 953,983 | - | - | |
| Current Services | 20,788 | 20,788 | 20,788 | 20,788 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - WF | 974,771 | 974,771 | 974,771 | 974,771 | - | - | |

| Positions | Governor Recommended | | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 501 | 501 | 501 | 501 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | 10 | 20 | 10 | 20 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 501 | 501 | 511 | 521 | 10 | 20 | |

Department of Correction DOC88000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|--------------|-------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 5,952 | 5,966 | 5,966 | 5,966 | 5,966 | 5,966 | 5,966 |

Budget Summary

| Assessment | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | commended | Comm | nittee |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 461,662,139 | 448,242,504 | 446,837,256 | 470,744,513 | 470,744,513 | 470,144,513 | 470,144,513 |
| Other Expenses | 86,030,812 | 89,172,425 | 72,751,901 | 86,235,886 | 86,235,886 | 86,028,616 | 92,028,616 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Stress Management | 14,076 | 4,685 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inmate Medical Services | 125,579,910 | 139,908,878 | 130,559,989 | 145,129,165 | 145,129,165 | 145,629,165 | 152,629,165 |
| Board of Pardons and Paroles | 6,096,236 | 5,805,266 | 7,702,157 | 6,822,490 | 6,822,490 | 6,822,490 | 6,822,490 |
| STRIDE | 73,342 | - | 80,181 | 80,181 | 80,181 | 80,181 | 80,181 |
| HITEC | - | - | - | - | - | 620,645 | 644,174 |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | | | | |
| Aid to Paroled and Discharged | | | | | | | |
| Inmates | 150 | 150 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Legal Services To Prisoners | 764,831 | 796,999 | 797,000 | 797,000 | 797,000 | 797,000 | 797,000 |
| Volunteer Services | 52,340 | 56,445 | 87,725 | 87,725 | 87,725 | 87,725 | 87,725 |
| Community Support Services | 42,427,852 | 43,332,608 | 46,869,958 | 48,066,468 | 48,066,468 | 47,566,468 | 47,566,468 |
| Reentry Centers | - | - | - | - | - | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 722,701,688 | 727,319,960 | 705,689,167 | 757,966,428 | 757,966,428 | 759,279,803 | 772,303,332 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for the HITEC Program

| Other Expenses | - | _ | (507,270) | (507,270) | (507,270) | (507,270) |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| HITEC | - | - | 620,645 | 644,174 | 620,645 | 644,174 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 113,375 | 136,904 | 113,375 | 136,904 |

Background

The Health Improvement Through Employee Control (HITEC) program within the University of Connecticut Healthcare Center, which is funded by DOC through an MOU, assists correction officers with their mental health, stress reduction, sleep hygiene, and officer mentoring.

Committee

Provide funding of \$113,375 in FY 26 and \$136,904 in FY 27 and transfer funding of \$507,270 in FY 26 and FY 27 from Other Expenses to HITEC to support the HITEC program.

Restore Funding for Electronic Messaging by Inmates

| Other Expenses | (3,500,000) | (3,500,000) | - | - | 3,500,000 | 3,500,000 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | (3,500,000) | (3,500,000) | - | - | 3,500,000 | 3,500,000 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Background

PA 21-54, An Act Concerning Communication Services in Correctional and Juvenile Detention Facilities made certain inmate communications free of charge and prohibited the state from receiving revenue from these services beginning in FY 23. PA 21-2 JSS, An Act Concerning Provisions Related to Revenue and Other Items to Implement the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30,2023 appropriated \$3.5 million to the Department of Correction to provide funding for this purpose.

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, appropriated an additional \$592,000 and added 10 correctional officer positions to assist with inmate telephone and messaging security and monitoring due to increased call volumes.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$3.5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 for subsidized inmate electronic messaging.

Committee

Restore funding of \$3.5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 for subsidized inmate electronic messaging.

Reduce Funding to Reflect Overtime Spending Reduction Plan

| Personal Services | (2,288,556) | (2,288,556) | (2,288,556) | (2,288,556) | - | - |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (2,288,556) | (2,288,556) | (2,288,556) | (2,288,556) | - | - |

Background

In the past 10 fiscal years, the Department of Correction has worked an average of 1.75 million hours of overtime annually, spending an average of \$77.6 million annually. In FY 24, DOC worked 1.9 million hours and spent \$92.7 million on overtime under Personal Services.

Governor

Reduce funding of \$2,288,556 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect anticipated savings from DOC's Overtime Spending Reduction Plan which aims to reduce overtime by 47,250 hours.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Reentry Centers

| Reentry Centers | - | - | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |

Background

Funding will be used to support existing reentry centers in Hartford, Waterbury, Bridgeport, New Haven, New London, and New Britain.

Committee

Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to support Reentry Centers.

Transfer GPS Monitoring Funding from DAS to DOC

| Other Expenses | 811,617 | 811,617 | 811,617 | 811,617 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 811,617 | 811,617 | 811,617 | 811,617 | - | - |

Governor

Transfer funding of \$811,617 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to DOC for the cost of the GPS monitoring contract.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding for EMERGE CT to the Judicial Department

| Community Support Services | - | - | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) |
|----------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) | (500,000) |

Background

EMERGE CT is a construction training program that supports formerly incarcerated individuals.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Transfer funding of \$500,000 from the Department of Correction (DOC) to the Judicial Department for EMERGE CT in FY 26 and FY 27.

Current Services

Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies

| Personal Services | 5,100,000 | 5,100,000 | 4,500,000 | 4,500,000 | (600,000) | (600,000) |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Other Expenses | 16,000,000 | 16,000,000 | 12,800,000 | 18,800,000 | (3,200,000) | 2,800,000 |
| Inmate Medical Services | 11,000,000 | 11,000,000 | 11,500,000 | 18,500,000 | 500,000 | 7,500,000 |
| Total - General Fund | 32,100,000 | 32,100,000 | 28,800,000 | 41,800,000 | (3,300,000) | 9,700,000 |

Governor

Provide funding of \$32.1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Committee

Provide funding of \$28.8 million in FY 26 and \$41.8 million in FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 21,095,813 | 21,095,813 | 21,095,813 | 21,095,813 | - | - |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|
| Inmate Medical Services | 3,569,176 | 3,569,176 | 3,569,176 | 3,569,176 | - | - |
| Board of Pardons and Paroles | 270,333 | 270,333 | 270,333 | 270,333 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 24,935,322 | 24,935,322 | 24,935,322 | 24,935,322 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$24,935,322 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

| Other Expenses | 172,368 | 172,368 | 172,368 | 172,368 | _ | - |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Community Support Services | 1,196,510 | 1,196,510 | 1,196,510 | 1,196,510 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 1,368,878 | 1,368,878 | 1,368,878 | 1,368,878 | - | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veteran's Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,368,878 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| | _ | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Board of Pardons and Paroles | (1,150,000) | (1,150,000) | (1,150,000) | (1,150,000) | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (1,150,000) | (1,150,000) | (1,150,000) | (1,150,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1.15 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current requirements of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | ommended | Comm | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 705,689,167 | 705,689,167 | 705,689,167 | 705,689,167 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (4,976,939) | (4,976,939) | (363,564) | (340,035) | 4,613,375 | 4,636,904 | |
| Current Services | 57,254,200 | 57,254,200 | 53,954,200 | 66,954,200 | (3,300,000) | 9,700,000 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 757,966,428 | 757,966,428 | 759,279,803 | 772,303,332 | 1,313,375 | 14,336,904 | |

Judicial Department JUD95000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|--------------|-------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fulld | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 4,274 | 4,274 | 4,274 | 4,292 | 4,292 | 4,274 | 4,274 |
| Banking Fund | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |

Budget Summary

| A | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Comm | ittee |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Personal Services | 361,878,000 | 373,122,455 | 374,558,158 | 382,624,139 | 385,900,305 | 382,236,364 | 385,578,706 |
| Other Expenses | 67,530,947 | 66,992,983 | 64,212,164 | 68,212,164 | 69,462,164 | 71,762,164 | 71,762,164 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | i | | | |
| Forensic Sex Evidence Exams | 1,280,847 | 1,085,879 | 1,348,010 | 1,348,010 | 1,348,010 | 1,348,010 | 1,348,010 |
| Alternative Incarceration | | | | | | | |
| Program | 53,632,668 | 57,429,082 | 58,257,585 | 58,670,445 | 58,670,445 | 70,000,000 | 70,000,000 |
| Justice Education Center, Inc. | 486,426 | 503,435 | 503,435 | 516,287 | 516,287 | 516,287 | 516,287 |
| Juvenile Alternative | | | | | | | |
| Incarceration | 29,417,071 | 31,137,932 | 30,584,377 | 31,887,932 | 33,137,932 | 35,768,876 | 35,768,876 |
| Probate Court | 13,359,024 | 81,024 | 13,281,024 | 13,281,024 | 13,281,024 | 13,281,024 | 13,634,932 |
| Workers' Compensation Claims | 5,901,740 | 5,666,048 | 6,042,106 | 6,042,106 | 6,042,106 | 6,042,106 | 6,042,106 |
| Victim Security Account | 4,230 | - | 8,792 | 8,792 | 8,792 | 8,792 | 8,792 |
| Children of Incarcerated Parents | 496,658 | 529,174 | 529,174 | 542,683 | 542,683 | 542,683 | 542,683 |
| Legal Aid | 1,397,144 | 1,390,597 | 1,397,144 | 1,397,144 | 1,397,144 | 3,147,144 | 3,897,144 |
| Youth Violence Initiative | 2,028,029 | 4,705,803 | 5,453,217 | 5,592,428 | 5,592,428 | 5,592,428 | 5,592,428 |
| Youth Services Prevention | 5,128,795 | 6,571,854 | 7,283,132 | 7,283,132 | 7,283,132 | 7,883,132 | 7,883,132 |
| Children's Law Center | 92,445 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Project Longevity | 3,424,373 | 4,424,373 | 4,774,373 | 4,896,255 | 4,896,255 | 4,221,255 | 4,221,255 |
| Juvenile Planning | 600,000 | 775,000 | 775,000 | 775,000 | 775,000 | 945,000 | 945,000 |
| Juvenile Justice Outreach | | | | | | | |
| Services | 24,183,891 | 26,223,432 | 26,272,371 | 26,697,460 | 26,697,460 | 27,945,080 | 27,945,080 |
| Board and Care for Children - | | | | | | | |
| Short-term and Residential | 8,287,605 | 8,107,103 | 8,287,605 | 8,482,103 | 8,482,103 | 8,482,103 | 8,482,103 |
| LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity | | | | | | | |
| Network | - | 256,382 | 250,000 | 256,382 | 256,382 | 256,382 | 256,382 |
| Counsel for Domestic Violence | 937,500 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 |
| Outreach Services for Norwich | - | - | - | - | - | 675,000 | 675,000 |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | · · · · · · | · · · · · | | |
| Board and Care for Children - | | | | | | | |
| Short-term and Residential | - | - | - | - | - | 4,471,229 | 4,471,229 |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 580,067,393 | 590,402,556 | 605,217,667 | 619,913,486 | 625,689,652 | 646,525,059 | 650,971,309 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Foreclosure Mediation Program | 2,137,371 | 2,040,196 | 2,158,656 | 2,158,656 | 2,158,656 | 2,158,656 | 2,158,656 |
| Agency Total - Banking Fund | 2,137,371 | 2,040,196 | 2,158,656 | 2,158,656 | 2,158,656 | 2,158,656 | 2,158,656 |
| Criminal Injuries Compensation | 2,025,222 | 1,793,846 | 2,934,088 | 2,934,088 | 2,934,088 | 2,934,088 | 2,934,088 |
| Agency Total - Criminal | | | | | | | |
| Injuries Compensation Fund | 2,025,222 | 1,793,846 | 2,934,088 | 2,934,088 | 2,934,088 | 2,934,088 | 2,934,088 |
| Total - Appropriated Funds | 584,229,986 | 594,236,598 | 610,310,411 | 625,006,230 | 630,782,396 | 651,617,803 | 656,064,053 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Victim Support

| Other Expenses | - | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | - |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Juvenile Alternative Incarceration | - | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | - |

Governor

Provide funding of \$2.5 million in FY 27 to expand support for victims of child abuse and sexual assault. \$1.25 million will be provided to Connecticut Children's Alliance and \$1.25 million will be provided to CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence.

Committee

Provide funding of \$2.5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the above organizations.

Provide Funding for Right to Counsel

| Legal Aid | - | - | 1,750,000 | 2,500,000 | 1,750,000 | 2,500,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 1,750,000 | 2,500,000 | 1,750,000 | 2,500,000 |

Background

PA 21-34 created the Right to Counsel Program, which is currently administered by the Connecticut Bar Foundation using ARPA funds that will expire on December 31, 2026.

Committee

Provide funding of \$1.75 million in FY 26 and \$2.5 million in FY 27 to the Right to Counsel Program.

Provide Funding for Judges' Salary Increases

| Personal Services | - | - | - | 1,704,260 | - | 1,704,260 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Probate Court | - | - | - | 353,908 | - | 353,908 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 2,058,168 | - | 2,058,168 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$2,058,168 in FY 27 to reflect a 3.5% increase to judicial compensation in FY 27.

Provide Funding for Youth Services Prevention

| Youth Services Prevention | - | - | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 |
|---------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$600,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for Youth Services Prevention.

Provide Funding for New IT Staff to Support Digital Court Operations

| | 477,131 | 477,131 | 477,131 | 477,131 | _ | - |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|-----|
| Personal Services | 477,131 | 477,131 | 477,131 | 477,131 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 477,131 | 477,131 | 477,131 | 477,131 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | 5 | 5 | - | - | (5) | (5) |

Governor

Provide funding of \$477,131 in FY 26 and FY 27 for five new IT staff positions in the Judicial Department that will support the enhanced and expanded digital court operations. Five additional positions have also been recommended for this purpose in the Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

Committee

Same as Governor, except no new positions are provided.

Provide Funding for Juvenile Planning

| Juvenile Planning | - | - | 170,000 | 170,000 | 170,000 | 170,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 170,000 | 170,000 | 170,000 | 170,000 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$170,000 for Juvenile Planning in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Transfer and Provide Funding to EMERGE CT

| Other Expenses | - | - | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 |

Background

EMERGE CT is a construction training program that supports formerly incarcerated individuals.

Committee

Transfer funding of \$500,000 from the Department of Correction (DOC) to the Judicial Department for EMERGE CT in FY 26 and FY 27.

Provide an additional \$100,000 for EMERGE CT in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Increase Funds Exempt from the Statutory Sweep of the Probate Court Administration Fund

Background

Subsection (j) of CGS 45a-82 allows the Probate Court Administration Fund (PCAF) to retain 15% of the projected operating cost for the next fiscal year. The remainder is swept into the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year.

Committee

Increase the amount of funds exempt from the statutory sweep of the Probate Court Administration Fund (PCAF) into the General Fund from 15% to 20% of the projected operating cost for the next fiscal year in FY 25 and in FY 26.

Transfer Project Longevity Funding to Norwich Community Development Corporation

| Project Longevity | - | - | (675,000) | (675,000) | (675,000) | (675,000) |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Outreach Services for Norwich | - | - | 675,000 | 675,000 | 675,000 | 675,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Background

Project Longevity is an initiative between police departments, and community and social service organizations to reduce gun violence.

Committee

Transfer funding of \$675,000 to Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC) from Norwich's portion of Project Longevity.

Current Services

Provide Funding for Court Support Services Division Programs

| Alternative Incarceration Program | - | - | 11,329,555 | 11,329,555 | 11,329,555 | 11,329,555 |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Juvenile Alternative Incarceration | - | - | 2,630,944 | 2,630,944 | 2,630,944 | 2,630,944 |
| Juvenile Justice Outreach Services | - | - | 1,247,620 | 1,247,620 | 1,247,620 | 1,247,620 |
| Board and Care for Children - Short- | | | | | | |
| term and Residential | - | - | 4,471,229 | 4,471,229 | 4,471,229 | 4,471,229 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 19,679,348 | 19,679,348 | 19,679,348 | 19,679,348 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$19,679,348 to various accounts in FY 26 and in FY 27 to fund services administered by the Court Support Services Division (CSSD).

Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies

| Personal Services | 3,800,000 | 3,800,000 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Other Expenses | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 5,700,000 | 5,700,000 | 1,700,000 | 1,700,000 |
| Total - General Fund | 7,800,000 | 7,800,000 | 9,700,000 | 9,700,000 | 1,900,000 | 1,900,000 |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Governor

Provide funding of \$7.8 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Committee

Provide funding of \$9.7 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Annualize Cost of 13 Superior Court Judges

| | 2,613,299 | 2,613,299 | 2,613,299 | 2,613,299 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|------|
| Personal Services | 2,613,299 | 2,613,299 | 2,613,299 | 2,613,299 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 2,613,299 | 2,613,299 | 2,613,299 | 2,613,299 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | 13 | 13 | - | - | (13) | (13) |

Background

In January 2025, Governor Lamont appointed 13 new judges to the Superior Court.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,613,299 in FY 26 and FY 27 for 13 Superior Court judge positions.

Committee

Same as Governor, except no new positions are provided.

Provide Funding for Additional Judicial Marshals

| Personal Services | 1,175,551 | 4,451,717 | 587,776 | 2,225,858 | (587,775) | (2,225,859) |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Total - General Fund | 1,175,551 | 4,451,717 | 587,776 | 2,225,858 | (587,775) | (2,225,859) |

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,175,551 in FY 26 and \$4,451,717 in FY 27 for 60 new judicial marshals in FY 26 and an additional 60 in FY 27.

Committee

Provide funding of \$587,776 in FY 26 and \$2,225,858 in FY 27 for 30 new judicial marshals in FY 26 and an additional 30 in FY 27.

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

| Alternative Incarceration Program | 1,162,860 | 1,162,860 | 1,162,860 | 1,162,860 | - | - |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|---|---|
| Justice Education Center, Inc. | 12,852 | 12,852 | 12,852 | 12,852 | - | - |
| Juvenile Alternative Incarceration | 553,555 | 553,555 | 553,555 | 553 <i>,</i> 555 | - | - |
| Children of Incarcerated Parents | 13,509 | 13,509 | 13,509 | 13,509 | - | - |
| Youth Violence Initiative | 139,211 | 139,211 | 139,211 | 139,211 | - | - |
| Project Longevity | 121,882 | 121,882 | 121,882 | 121,882 | - | - |
| Juvenile Justice Outreach Services | 425,089 | 425,089 | 425,089 | 425,089 | - | - |
| Board and Care for Children - Short- | | | | | | |
| term and Residential | 194,498 | 194,498 | 194,498 | 194,498 | - | - |
| LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity | | | | | | |
| Network | 6,382 | 6,382 | 6,382 | 6,382 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 2,629,838 | 2,629,838 | 2,629,838 | 2,629,838 | - | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,629,838 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding from Alternative Incarceration Program to Juvenile Alternative Incarceration

| Alternative Incarceration Program | (750,000) | (750,000) | (750,000) | (750,000) | - | - |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Juvenile Alternative Incarceration | 750,000 | 750,000 | 750,000 | 750,000 | - | - |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Total Conserval From d | | | | | | |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Background

PA 22-115, An Act Concerning Juvenile Justice and Services, Firearms Background Checks, and Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, made various changes to juvenile justice related laws. The act (1) changed procedures for when a child is arrested for an alleged delinquent act, (2) expanded an existing law on juvenile serious sexual offender prosecutions to also cover certain homicide and firearm crimes, (3) created an electronic monitoring program, and (4) established a new penalty structure of larceny of a motor vehicle. When associated funding was provided, funds were erroneously provided to the Alternative Incarceration Program account instead of the Juvenile Alternative Incarceration account.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$750,000 from Alternative Incarceration Program account to Juvenile Alternative Incarceration account to correct past error.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding of Child Advocacy Services to Children in Placement

Committee

Transfer funding of \$41,528 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Child Advocates of SW Connecticut to Children in Placement.

| Totals | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|--|--|--|
| Budget Components | Governor Recommended | | Commi | ttee | Difference from Governor | | | | |
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 605,217,667 | 605,217,667 | 605,217,667 | 605,217,667 | - | - | | | |
| Policy Revisions | 477,131 | 2,977,131 | 6,097,131 | 8,905,299 | 5,620,000 | 5,928,168 | | | |
| Current Services | 14,218,688 | 17,494,854 | 35,210,261 | 36,848,343 | 20,991,573 | 19,353,489 | | | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 619,913,486 | 625,689,652 | 646,525,059 | 650,971,309 | 26,611,573 | 25,281,657 | | | |

| Positions | Governor Rec | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 4,274 | 4,274 | 4,274 | 4,274 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 5 | 5 | - | - | (5) | (5) | |
| Current Services | 13 | 13 | - | - | (13) | (13) | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 4,292 | 4,292 | 4,274 | 4,274 | (18) | (18) | |

Public Defender Services Commission PDS98500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual Actual | | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 451 | 451 | 451 | 451 | 451 | 504 | 504 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation FY 25 | Governor Rec | commended | Committee | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| Personal Services | 48,056,784 | 49,247,719 | 51,267,598 | 54,782,499 | 54,782,499 | 58,196,969 | 58,196,969 | |
| Other Expenses | 1,559,656 | 1,561,619 | 1,565,163 | 1,565,163 | 1,565,163 | 1,565,163 | 1,565,163 | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Assigned Counsel - Criminal | 20,837,403 | 31,313,988 | 33,764,004 | 30,508,488 | 30,508,488 | 37,784,482 | 41,354,960 | |
| Expert Witnesses | 2,316,202 | 2,575,600 | 2,775,604 | 2,775,604 | 2,775,604 | 2,775,604 | 2,775,604 | |
| Training And Education | 272,039 | 119,747 | 119,748 | 119,748 | 119,748 | 119,748 | 119,748 | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 73,042,084 | 84,818,673 | 89,492,117 | 89,751,502 | 89,751,502 | 100,441,966 | 104,012,444 | |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 FY 27 | | |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding to Increase Assigned Counsel Rates

| Assigned Counsel - Criminal | - | - | 3,570,478 | 7,140,956 | 3,570,478 | 7,140,956 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 3,570,478 | 7,140,956 | 3,570,478 | 7,140,956 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$3,570,478 in FY 26 and \$7,140,956 in FY 27 to increase assigned counsel rates by approximately 9.5% in each fiscal year.

Provide Funding for Public Defender Translators

| Personal Services | 805,516 | 805,516 | 805,516 | 805,516 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assigned Counsel - Criminal | (805,516) | (805,516) | - | - | 805,516 | 805,516 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 805,516 | 805,516 | 805,516 | 805,516 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |

Governor

Transfer funding of \$805,516 from the Assigned Counsel account to the Personal Services account in both FY 26 and FY 27 to hire 13 translators.

Committee

Provide funding of \$805,516 to the Personal Services account in both FY 26 and FY 27 to hire 13 translators.

Maintain the Eligibility Threshold of 250% of Federal Poverty Level

| Personal Services | (3,414,470) | (3,414,470) | - | - | 3,414,470 | 3,414,470 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----|----|-----------|-----------|
| Assigned Counsel - Criminal | (2,900,000) | (2,900,000) | - | - | 2,900,000 | 2,900,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (6,314,470) | (6,314,470) | - | - | 6,314,470 | 6,314,470 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Account | FY 26 FY 27 | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |

Background

The Public Defender Services Commission (PDS) bases its eligibility thresholds to receive services on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Prior to January 1, 2025, PDS had set the eligibility threshold at 200% of FPL. Section 201 of PA 23-204 raised this threshold to 250% of FPL for an individual to qualify for services.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$6,314,470 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reduce the eligibility threshold from 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 200% of FPL.

Committee

Maintain funding and the eligibility threshold of 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and increase the position count by 20 to reflect current staff.

Current Services

Annualize Funding to Increase Public Defender Eligibility Thresholds

| Personal Services | 1,964,470 | 1,964,470 | 1,964,470 | 1,964,470 | - | - |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|----|
| Assigned Counsel - Criminal | 1,450,000 | 1,450,000 | 1,450,000 | 1,450,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 3,414,470 | 3,414,470 | 3,414,470 | 3,414,470 | - | - |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |

Background

The Public Defender Services Commission (PDS) bases its eligibility thresholds to receive services on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Prior to January 1, 2025, PDS had set the eligibility threshold at 200% of FPL. Section 201 of PA 23-204 raised this threshold to 250% of FPL for an individual to qualify for services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$3,414,470 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize the costs associated with the increase in the eligibility threshold.

Committee

Same as Governor, except 20 new positions are provided.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 4,159,385 | 4,159,385 | 4,159,385 | 4,159,385 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 4,159,385 | 4,159,385 | 4,159,385 | 4,159,385 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$4,159,385 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Assigned Counsel - Criminal | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | - | - |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | (1,000,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Reco | mmended | Commi | ttee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 89,492,117 | 89,492,117 | 89,492,117 | 89,492,117 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | (6,314,470) | (6,314,470) | 4,375,994 | 7,946,472 | 10,690,464 | 14,260,942 | |
| Current Services | 6,573,855 | 6,573,855 | 6,573,855 | 6,573,855 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 89,751,502 | 89,751,502 | 100,441,966 | 104,012,444 | 10,690,464 | 14,260,942 | |

| Positions | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| Positions | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 451 | 451 | 451 | 451 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | |
| Current Services | - | - | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 451 | 451 | 504 | 504 | 53 | 53 | |

Veterans' and Military Affairs

Coordinator – Jacob Phillips

Office of Fiscal Analysis

| | Page | A a 1 | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Recommended | | Committee | |
|-------------------------|------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | # | Analyst | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | | · · · · · | ł | | | I | | | |
| Department of Veterans' | | | | | | | | | |
| Affairs | 248 | JP | 26,930,246 | 26,425,913 | 27,344,272 | 28,997,725 | 28,997,725 | 29,210,225 | 29,663,725 |
| Military Department | 251 | ME | 6,288,688 | 6,234,423 | 6,420,298 | 6,573,315 | 6,891,015 | 6,573,315 | 7,060,015 |
| Total - General Fund | | | 33,218,934 | 32,660,336 | 33,764,570 | 35,571,040 | 35,888,740 | 35,783,540 | 36,723,740 |
| Total - Appropriated | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds | | | 33,218,934 | 32,660,336 | 33,764,570 | 35,571,040 | 35,888,740 | 35,783,540 | 36,723,740 |

Department of Veterans' Affairs DVA21000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Committee | |
|--------------|-------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| General Fund | 239 | 241 | 241 | 241 | 241 | 244 | 247 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | commended | Committee | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | |
| Personal Services | 22,239,904 | 21,919,442 | 22,917,263 | 23,298,956 | 23,298,956 | 23,491,456 | 23,683,956 | | | |
| Other Expenses | 3,454,105 | 3,221,896 | 3,066,113 | 4,066,113 | 4,066,113 | 4,086,113 | 4,347,113 | | | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| SSMF Administration | 546,396 | 560,345 | 546,396 | 560,345 | 560,345 | 560,345 | 560,345 | | | |
| Veterans' Opportunity Pilot | - | 38,041 | - | 245,047 | 245,047 | 245,047 | 245,047 | | | |
| Veterans' Rally Point | 500,000 | 512,764 | 500,000 | 512,764 | 512,764 | 512,764 | 512,764 | | | |
| Other Than Payments to Local G | overnments | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | · · · · · | | | | | |
| Burial Expenses | 6,666 | 6,666 | 6,666 | 6,666 | 6,666 | 6,666 | 6,666 | | | |
| Headstones | 183,175 | 166,759 | 307,834 | 307,834 | 307,834 | 307,834 | 307,834 | | | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 26,930,246 | 26,425,913 | 27,344,272 | 28,997,725 | 28,997,725 | 29,210,225 | 29,663,725 | | | |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide One-Time Funding for Various Projects

| Other Expenses | - | - | - | 241,000 | - | 241,000 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---------|---|---------|
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 241,000 | - | 241,000 |

Committee

Provide one-time funding of \$241,000 in FY 27 to support various capital projects around the state. The funding will support \$50,000 for the repair and expansion of the Southington Veterans' Memorial and \$191,000 for the New London VFW Post 189 for renovations and repairs.

Provide funding for DVA Office of Advocacy and Assistance

| Personal Services | - | - | 192,500 | 385,000 | 192,500 | 385,000 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Other Expenses | - | - | 20,000 | 40,000 | 20,000 | 40,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 212,500 | 425,000 | 212,500 | 425,000 |
| Positions - General Fund | - | - | 3 | 6 | 3 | 6 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$212,500 in FY 26 for three positions and \$425,000 beginning in FY 27 for six positions to support the establishment of two veterans' service offices. The funding will support two veterans' service officers and one clerical position in FY 26 and four veterans' service officers and two clerical positions in FY 27 for two new Advocacy and Assistance teams. Funding in FY 26 is intended to support a service office in the Northeastern part of state and the additional funding in FY 27 is intended to support a service office in the state.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Transfer Veterans' Opportunity Pilot to DVA

| Veterans' Opportunity Pilot | 245,047 | 245,047 | 245,047 | 245,047 | - | - |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 245,047 | 245,047 | 245,047 | 245,047 | - | - |

Background

The Veterans Opportunity Pilot Program was created within the Department of Labor (DOL) in 2014 to assist veterans seeking job opportunities. Due to the pandemic, this program ceased operations in March 2020, and it has not since been reestablished.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$245,047 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Veterans' Opportunity Pilot from the Department of Labor to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to better align with programmatic requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Current Services

Annualize FY 2025 Private Provider COLA

| SSMF Administration | 13,949 | 13,949 | 13,949 | 13,949 | - | - |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Veterans' Rally Point | 12,764 | 12,764 | 12,764 | 12,764 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 26,713 | 26,713 | 26,713 | 26,713 | - | - |

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$26,713 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

| Other Expenses | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | - | - |

Background

Provides funding to address increased costs in the Other Expenses account due to rising food, utility, and medication costs in the department's skilled nursing facility.

Governor

Increase funding by \$1,000,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor.

Reduce Funding to Reflect Current Staffing Levels

| Personal Services | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | - | - |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | (600,000) | - | - |

Governor

Reduce funding by \$600,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor.

| Account | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Annualize Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 981,693 | 981,693 | 981,693 | 981,693 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 981,693 | 981,693 | 981,693 | 981,693 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$981,693 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor.

| Budget Components | Governor Recommended | | Comm | ittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|---------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 27,344,272 | 27,344,272 | 27,344,272 | 27,344,272 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | 245,047 | 245,047 | 457,547 | 911,047 | 212,500 | 666,000 | |
| Current Services | 1,408,406 | 1,408,406 | 1,408,406 | 1,408,406 | - | - | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 28,997,725 | 28,997,725 | 29,210,225 | 29,663,725 | 212,500 | 666,000 | |

| Positions | Governor Recommended | | Com | nittee | Difference from Governor | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 241 | 241 | 241 | 241 | - | - | |
| Policy Revisions | _ | - | 3 | 6 | 3 | 6 | |
| Total Recommended - GF | 241 | 241 | 244 | 247 | 3 | 6 | |

Military Department MIL36000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

| Fund | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Re | commended | Comr | nittee |
|--------------|-------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fund | FY 23 FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | |
| General Fund | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual | Actual | Appropriation | Governor Rec | ommended | Committee | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| Account | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | | | | |
| Personal Services | 3,349,224 | 3,188,208 | 3,413,875 | 3,560,092 | 3,560,092 | 3,305,492 | 3,305,492 | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 2,342,914 | 2,519,175 | 2,344,823 | 2,429,823 | 2,429,823 | 2,144,823 | 2,144,823 | | | | |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honor Guards | 524,500 | 463,440 | 561,600 | 521,600 | 521,600 | 561,600 | 561,600 | | | | |
| Veteran's Service Bonuses | 72,050 | 63,600 | 100,000 | 61,800 | 379,500 | 61,800 | 379,500 | | | | |
| JEEP Program | - | - | - | - | - | 169,600 | 338,600 | | | | |
| Governor's Guards | - | - | - | - | - | 330,000 | 330,000 | | | | |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 6,288,688 | 6,234,423 | 6,420,298 | 6,573,315 | 6,891,015 | 6,573,315 | 7,060,015 | | | | |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for the Joint Enlistment Enhancement Program

| Personal Services | - | - | (129,600) | (129,600) | (129,600) | (129,600) |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Other Expenses | - | - | (40,000) | (40,000) | (40,000) | (40,000) |
| JEEP Program | - | - | 169,600 | 338,600 | 169,600 | 338,600 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 169,000 | - | 169,000 |

Background

The JEEP provides an incentive for Connecticut National Guard (CTNG) members, CTNG retirees and members of Connecticut's Organized Militia (i.e., Governor's Guard and State Guard) to recruit persons to enlist into the Connecticut National Guard. The program provides an incentive for qualified persons to receive an allowance for providing a lead that results in an enlistment.

Committee

Provide funding of \$169,600 in in FY 26 and \$338,600 in FY 27 for the JEEP program. Reduce personal services funding by \$129,600 in FY 26 and FY 27 and other expenses funding by \$40,000 in FY 26 and FY 27.

Current Services

Provide Funding to the Governor's Foot Guard and Horse Guard

| Personal Services | - | - | (125,000) | (125,000) | (125,000) | (125,000) |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Other Expenses | - | - | (205,000) | (205,000) | (205,000) | (205,000) |
| Governor's Guards | - | - | 330,000 | 330,000 | 330,000 | 330,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Comm | nittee | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Provide funding of \$330,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Governor's Horse Guard and the Governor's Foot Guard. Reduce Personal Services funding by \$125,000 and Other Expenses funding by \$205,000 in FY 26 and FY 27. Funding cannot be altered or reduced without approval from the Appropriations Committee, Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee, and a vote before the General Assembly.

Create a task force to study the future of the Governor's Horse Guard and Governor's Foot Guard and submit a report to the Appropriations Committee by June 30, 2026.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

| Personal Services | 146,217 | 146,217 | 146,217 | 146,217 | - | - |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|---|
| Total - General Fund | 146,217 | 146,217 | 146,217 | 146,217 | - | - |

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$146,217 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Anticipated Payments

| Other Expenses | - | - | (40,000) | (40,000) | (40,000) | (40,000) |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Honor Guards | (40,000) | (40,000) | - | - | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Veteran's Service Bonuses | (38,200) | 279,500 | (38,200) | 279,500 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | (78,200) | 239,500 | (78,200) | 239,500 | - | _ |

Background

The Honor Guard account funds three-member rifle squads for veteran funerals which is a supplemental benefit to the federally required presentation of the flag and playing of "taps."

The Veterans' Service Bonus program was established for National Guard members called to active service on or after September 11, 2001. The bonus is \$50 for each month of active service, up to a maximum of \$1,200 for combat service, or \$500 for non-combat service for each member who meets the eligibility qualifications.

Governor

Reduce funding of \$40,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the honor guards account and reduce funding of \$38,200 in FY 26 and increase funding of \$279,500 in FY 27 to the Veteran's Service Bonuses account to reflect anticipated costs.

Committee

Maintain funding of \$40,000 in in the honor guards account in FY 26 and FY 27 and reduce funding in the other expenses account by \$40,000 in FY 26 and FY 27. Reduce funding of \$38,200 in FY 26 and increase funding of \$279,500 in FY 27 to the Veteran's Service Bonuses account to reflect anticipated costs.

Provide Funding for the Putnam Readiness Center Operating Costs

| | | - | - | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|---|
| Other Expenses | 85,000 | 85,000 | 85,000 | 85,000 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 85,000 | 85,000 | 85,000 | 85,000 | - | - |

Background

The Putnam Readiness Center will be home to the Connecticut Army National Guard's 643rd Military Police Company which currently resides at the Readiness Center in Westbrook, which was constructed in the 1950s and does not meet current anti-terrorism and force protection standards. The 39,000 square foot facility will provide state-of-the-art training, an assembly hall, equipment storage, parking lots and will be the first National Guard facility in Windham County. Construction of the Putnam Readiness Center began in FY 19 and is expected to be completed in FY 26.

Governor

Provide funding of \$85,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support the operating costs of the Putnam Readiness Center.

| Account | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Account | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |

Committee

Same as Governor

| Budget Components | Governor Recommended | | Committee | | Difference from Governor | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|
| | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| FY 25 Appropriation - GF | 6,420,298 | 6,420,298 | 6,420,298 | 6,420,298 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | - | - | - | 169,000 | - | 169,000 |
| Current Services | 153,017 | 470,717 | 153,017 | 470,717 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - GF | 6,573,315 | 6,891,015 | 6,573,315 | 7,060,015 | - | 169,000 |