

## Element. & Secondary Education

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<b>General Fund</b>									
Department of Education	2	CF	3,125,660,377	3,329,585,152	3,518,047,131	3,593,605,722	3,589,141,073	(4,464,649)	(0.12)
Connecticut Technical Education and Career System	8	DD	193,279,469	209,749,330	214,216,119	207,516,119	215,171,367	7,655,248	3.69
Office of Early Childhood	10	LD	313,424,740	380,807,347	424,847,084	443,007,258	445,428,963	2,421,705	0.55
State Library	13	DD	9,674,603	10,377,539	10,553,900	10,572,192	10,408,286	(163,906)	(1.55)
Teachers' Retirement Board	15	NN	1,578,729,566	1,637,352,333	1,843,145,333	1,761,069,083	1,787,588,083	26,519,000	1.51
<b>Total - General Fund</b>			<b>5,220,768,755</b>	<b>5,567,871,701</b>	<b>6,010,809,567</b>	<b>6,015,770,374</b>	<b>6,047,737,772</b>	<b>31,967,398</b>	<b>0.53</b>
<b>Total - Appropriated Funds</b>			<b>5,220,768,755</b>	<b>5,567,871,701</b>	<b>6,010,809,567</b>	<b>6,015,770,374</b>	<b>6,047,737,772</b>	<b>31,967,398</b>	<b>0.53</b>

## Department of Education

### SDE64000

#### Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund	284	284	290	291	291	-	-

#### Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
Personal Services	14,177,486	16,428,687	17,276,641	18,557,641	18,557,641	-	-
Other Expenses	8,558,633	9,477,262	18,884,863	28,295,963	3,770,963	(24,525,000)	(86.67)
<b>Other Current Expenses</b>							
Admin - Adult Education	754,634	692,322	750,000	-	-	-	n/a
Development of Mastery Exams Grades 4, 6, and 8	10,469,130	10,679,818	10,571,192	10,571,192	10,571,192	-	-
Primary Mental Health	303,829	318,783	335,288	335,288	314,288	(21,000)	(6.26)
Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership (LEAP)	312,211	312,211	312,211	312,211	249,769	(62,442)	(20.00)
Adult Education Action	159,958	184,198	169,534	169,534	159,534	(10,000)	(5.90)
Connecticut Writing Project	47,608	95,250	95,250	95,250	76,200	(19,050)	(20.00)
CT Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	800,000	(200,000)	(20.00)
Sheff Settlement	18,041,772	15,911,524	23,714,911	18,721,292	18,721,292	-	-
Admin - After School Programs	57,207	28,604	57,207	-	-	-	n/a
Parent Trust Fund Program	267,193	267,193	267,193	350,000	350,000	-	-
Commissioner's Network	9,791,557	9,816,696	9,869,398	9,869,398	9,817,398	(52,000)	(0.53)
Local Charter Schools	885,000	921,000	957,000	957,000	957,000	-	-
Bridges to Success	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	21,600	(5,400)	(20.00)
Talent Development	1,902,567	1,911,920	2,068,449	2,068,449	4,068,449	2,000,000	96.69
School-Based Diversion Initiative	887,426	880,916	900,000	900,000	720,000	(180,000)	(20.00)
EdSight	1,126,070	1,138,906	1,140,690	1,140,690	1,640,690	500,000	43.83
Sheff Transportation	67,676,250	66,701,459	77,661,541	80,326,212	80,326,212	-	-
Curriculum and Standards	2,215,773	2,215,782	4,215,782	4,215,782	8,715,782	4,500,000	106.74
Non-Sheff Transportation	13,476,380	14,453,806	14,275,787	14,275,787	14,275,787	-	-
Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program	255,000	836,665	4,000,000	6,000,000	4,000,000	(2,000,000)	(33.33)
Education Finance Reform	-	143,364,584	-	-	-	-	n/a
Assistance to Paraeducators	-	5,000,000	-	-	-	-	n/a
Dual Credit	-	-	-	6,000,000	6,000,000	-	-
Local Food for Local Schools Incentive Program	-	-	1,500,000	3,430,000	3,430,000	-	-
Office of Dyslexia	-	-	680,000	680,000	680,000	-	-
Special Education Initiatives	-	-	-	-	1,800,000	1,800,000	n/a
<b>Other Than Payments to Local Governments</b>							
American School For The Deaf	10,757,514	11,557,514	12,357,514	12,357,514	12,357,514	-	-
Regional Education Services	196,875	247,221	262,500	262,500	254,500	(8,000)	(3.05)
Family Resource Centers	6,662,824	6,317,398	6,352,710	7,000,000	5,734,858	(1,265,142)	(18.07)
Charter Schools	131,251,382	137,284,535	141,803,548	144,122,548	147,112,541	2,989,993	2.07
Child Nutrition State Match	2,354,000	2,354,000	2,354,000	2,354,000	2,877,755	523,755	22.25
Health Foods Initiative	4,151,463	4,151,463	4,151,463	4,151,463	4,151,463	-	-
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	12,288,800	12,288,800	n/a

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Rose City Learning	-	-	159,000	159,000	127,200	(31,800)	(20.00)
<b>Grant Payments to Local Governments</b>							
Vocational Agriculture	19,583,200	18,824,200	26,333,711	26,295,732	26,132,180	(163,552)	(0.62)
Adult Education	22,537,660	23,031,044	20,944,983	25,953,382	21,694,983	(4,258,399)	(16.41)
Health and Welfare Services Pupils Private Schools	3,438,415	3,438,415	3,438,415	6,447,702	3,438,415	(3,009,287)	(46.67)
Education Equalization Grants	2,231,164,150	2,286,719,850	2,456,768,109	2,456,935,081	2,458,678,956	1,743,875	0.07
Bilingual Education	3,783,024	3,808,410	3,832,260	3,832,260	3,832,260	-	-
Priority School Districts	30,816,420	30,818,778	30,818,778	30,818,778	30,818,778	-	-
Interdistrict Cooperation	1,682,967	1,789,428	1,537,500	1,537,500	1,537,500	-	-
School Breakfast Program	2,158,900	2,158,900	2,158,900	2,158,900	14,158,900	12,000,000	555.84
Excess Cost - Student Based	181,152,455	181,253,066	221,119,782	221,119,782	221,119,782	-	-
Open Choice Program	30,741,927	31,058,756	30,472,503	31,472,503	31,472,503	-	-
Magnet Schools	279,195,021	270,082,816	320,425,940	344,345,603	332,345,603	(12,000,000)	(3.48)
After School Program	5,308,884	5,693,487	5,693,488	5,750,695	5,750,695	-	-
Extended School Hours	2,918,405	2,919,646	2,919,883	2,919,883	2,919,883	-	-
School Accountability	3,412,207	3,411,639	3,412,207	3,412,207	3,412,207	-	-
High Dosage Tutoring Grants	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-
Special Education and Expansion Development	-	-	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	-	-
High Quality Special Ed Incentives	-	-	-	9,900,000	9,900,000	-	-
Learner Engagement and Attendance Program	-	-	-	7,000,000	7,000,000	-	-
School Based Behavioral Health Grants	-	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	n/a
<b>Agency Total - General Fund</b>	<b>3,125,660,377</b>	<b>3,329,585,152</b>	<b>3,518,047,131</b>	<b>3,593,605,722</b>	<b>3,589,141,073</b>	<b>(4,464,649)</b>	<b>(0.12)</b>

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## Policy Revisions

### Provide Funding for Various School Meal Programs

Child Nutrition State Match	523,755
School Breakfast Program	12,000,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>12,523,755</b>

#### Background

Additional funding for school meals was provided via ARPA in FY 23 through FY 25 as follows:

- **FY 23:** Approximately \$57.8 million for universal free meals
- **FY 24:** Approximately \$12.9 million for universal free breakfast and for free lunch for students who qualify for reduced price meals
- **FY 25:** A portion of unspent prior year ARPA school meals allocations was used for free meals for students who qualify for reduced price meals. This funding impacted students who did 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 \$12,523,755 in FY 27 for universal free breakfast and for free lunch for students who qualify for reduced price meals.

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### Reduce Funding for RESC Magnet Operational Support

Magnet Schools	(12,000,000)
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(12,000,000)</b>

#### Background

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provides \$12 million in additional funding in FY 27 to RESC and other non-local board of education magnet school operators. The funding is to be distributed to operators proportionally based on enrollment pursuant to Section 224 of PA 25-174, the FY 26 and FY 27 bond bill.

Sections 1-3 of HB 5033, *An Act Implementing the Governor's Budget Recommendations for Education*, allow magnet and Vocational Agriculture operators to increase the tuition charged to sending towns every two years beginning in FY 28. Any tuition increases must be based on the CPI-U.

#### Governor

Reduce funding by \$12 million in FY 27 to eliminate additional RESC magnet school operational support (including to other non-local board of education magnet school operators).

### Provide Funding for Various COVID-Era Programs

Talent Development	2,000,000
EdSight	500,000
School Based Behavioral Health Grants	5,000,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>7,500,000</b>

#### Background

**Connecticut Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program:** PA 23-167 established the Connecticut Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program beginning FY 24 and required SDE, with certification from the Department of Labor, to leverage federal funding for the program. The program served four registered apprentices in two pilot school districts, New Britain and Waterbury, in its first year. The program has since expanded to serve 54 registered apprentices in seven school districts.

**The Center for Connecticut Education Research Collaboration (CCERC):** CCERC is a collaborative of public and private universities across the state. It was founded during the COVID-19 pandemic, using federal coronavirus relief funds, to evaluate K-12 education interventions and spending in response to the pandemic.

**School-Based Behavioral Health Initiatives:** A behavioral health pilot program focused on coordinating resources for behavioral health supports during the COVID-19 pandemic. It currently serves seven school districts and has been funded by \$3 million in GEER II funds, matched by SDE's ARP ESSER funds (\$6 million in total) since FY 22.

#### Governor

Provide funding of \$7.5 million in FY 27 to continue three programs created during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Connecticut Teacher Registered Apprenticeship program will be expanded to fund 75 registered teacher apprentices through the Talent Development account. The behavioral health initiatives program will be expanded to an additional 13 districts (20 districts in total).

### Reduce Funding to Maintain FY 26 Levels for Various Statutory Grants

Adult Education	(3,661,147)
Health and Welfare Services Pupils Private Schools	(3,017,493)
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(6,678,640)</b>

#### 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. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, capped the grant in FY 26 only.

**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. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, capped the grant in FY 26 only; the grant had previously been capped for many years.

#### Governor

Reduce funding by \$6,678,640 in FY 27 to maintain funding at FY 26 levels for Adult Education and Health and Welfare Services for Private School Pupils.

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### Provide Funding for a Statewide Literacy Strategy and Curriculum

Curriculum and Standards	4,500,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>4,500,000</b>

#### Background

PA 21-2 JSS established the Right to Read program in Connecticut and created the Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success to implement the program. Under the program, local and regional boards of education must adopt a science-backed curriculum to teach reading. Approximately \$12.9 million in ARPA funding was approved for the program in FY 23 and FY 24. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provides \$2 million in FY 26 and \$1.6 million in FY 27 for the Science of Reading Masterclass, which provides educators with professional learning and coaching related to literacy instruction.

In 2013, Mississippi passed legislation to place emphasis on grade-level reading skills and research-based reading instruction methods as students progress through grades K-3. The legislation specifically created supports for teachers in grades K-3, curriculum specialists, and other educators. Since the passage of this legislation, Mississippi has seen significant improvements in students' reading skills.

#### Governor

Provide funding of \$4.5 million in FY 27 for a statewide literacy strategy and curriculum. A statewide literacy coaching network will be under the direction of SDE's Center for Literacy Research and Success. Funding will support literacy coaches for 50 schools across the state, focusing on Title I-eligible schools. Coaches will work with school staff to lesson plan, model and demonstrate lessons, implement universal screening programs, engage families, collect and review data, and create action plans.

### Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account

Other Expenses	(15,361,000)
Various Grants	15,361,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Governor

Transfer funding of \$15,361,000 from the Other Expenses account to the Various Grants account in FY 27.

### Reduce Legislative Grants by 20%

Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership (LEAP)	(62,442)
Connecticut Writing Project	(19,050)
CT Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs	(200,000)
Bridges to Success	(5,400)
School-Based Diversion Initiative	(180,000)
Family Resource Centers	(1,265,142)
Various Grants	(3,072,200)
Rose City Learning	(31,800)
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(4,836,034)</b>

#### Governor

Reduce various accounts by \$4,836,034 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction of 20% to legislative grants.

## Current Services

### Adjust Funding for New Special Education Items

Other Expenses	(9,164,000)
Special Education Initiatives	1,800,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(7,364,000)</b>

#### Background

PA 25-93 and PA 25-67 establish various requirements related to special education including: (1) a special education training, education and testing competitive grant program for special education educators and paraeducators; (2) a grant for support services for special education students who have experienced trauma or have behavioral health needs; and (3) reporting.

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided funding in excess of what is required to meet the requirements of PA 25-93 and PA 25-67.

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**Governor**

Reduce funding by \$7,364,000 in FY 27 to align funding with requirements relating to special education. Transfer the remaining funding designated for special education initiatives included in PA 25-93 and PA 25-67, \$1.8 million, from Other Expenses to a new Special Education Initiatives account.

**Provide Funding to Reflect Updated Grant Calculations for Choice School Programs**

Charter Schools	2,989,993
Vocational Agriculture	(163,552)
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>2,826,441</b>

**Background**

**Charter Schools:** State charter schools are funded through a partially need-based formula based on the ECS formula. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided funding for Stamford Big Picture to open in FY 26 and a one-time planning grant for Taino CoLAB New Haven in FY 26.

**Vocational Agriculture:** The state Vocational Agriculture grant is a partially need-based formula that uses components of the ECS formula to determine grant amounts for out-of-district students and for an in-district student, a grant of \$5,200 per student.

**Governor**

Provide funding of \$2,826,441 in FY 27 based on projected enrollment and demographic information.

**Reduce Funding for Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program**

Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program	(2,000,000)
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(2,000,000)</b>

**Background**

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. In FY 25, 149 scholarships were awarded and approximately \$837,000 was expended from the account.

**Governor**

Reduce funding by \$2 million in FY 27 for the Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program to reflect anticipated FY 26 spending.

**Provide ECS Funding to Reflect Updated Grant Calculations**

Education Equalization Grants	1,743,875
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>1,743,875</b>

**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. Each year, the student and town level data used in the formula are updated which may result in changes to a town's grant.

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, extended the general hold harmless provision through the biennium to eliminate reductions for towns considered overfunded by the formula. Reductions for overfunded towns are set to resume in FY 28 with overfunded towns expected to reach full funding in FY 34. Underfunded towns reached full funding in FY 26.

**Governor**

Provide funding of \$1,743,875 in FY 27 to fund ECS under current law, based on preliminary FY 26 enrollment and demographic data.

**Adjust Funding for Various Formula Grants**

Adult Education	(597,252)
Health and Welfare Services Pupils Private Schools	8,206
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(589,046)</b>

**Governor**

Reduce funding by \$589,046 in FY 27 to reflect projected formula grant totals. (See also the Policy Revisions adjustment.)

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**Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements**

Primary Mental Health	(21,000)
Adult Education Action	(10,000)
Commissioner’s Network	(52,000)
Regional Education Services	(8,000)
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(91,000)</b>

**Governor**

Reduce funding by \$91,000 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

**Totals**

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	3,593,605,722
Policy Revisions	1,009,081
Current Services	(5,473,730)
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>3,589,141,073</b>

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	291
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>291</b>

## Connecticut Technical Education and Career System TEC64600

### Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund	1,536	1,539	1,609	1,609	1,652	43	2.67

### Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
Personal Services	164,866,832	175,925,530	175,558,658	175,558,658	177,213,906	1,655,248	0.94
Other Expenses	28,412,637	33,823,800	38,657,461	31,957,461	37,957,461	6,000,000	18.77
<b>Agency Total - General Fund</b>	<b>193,279,469</b>	<b>209,749,330</b>	<b>214,216,119</b>	<b>207,516,119</b>	<b>215,171,367</b>	<b>7,655,248</b>	<b>3.69</b>

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## *Policy Revisions*

### Expand Adult Education Programming

Personal Services	500,000
Other Expenses	1,000,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	<b>7</b>

#### Background

CTECS offers three types of adult education programming: (1) aviation maintenance; (2) part-time apprenticeship programs in licensed trades (barbering, electrical, hairdressing, heating and cooling, plumbing, and sheet metal) and unlicensed trades (manufacturing and welding); and (3) full-time technical programs at the Bristol Technical Education Center (automotive technology, culinary, electronics technology, health technology, heating/venting and air conditioning, precision machining technology, welding and metal fabrication).

As of Spring 2025, there were 1,436 students enrolled in CTECS' adult education programs.

#### Governor

Provide funding of \$1.5 million and seven positions in FY 27 to expand adult education programming at the Bristol Tech campus. Of this amount, \$500,000 is provided to conduct a landscape analysis to aid in planning and potential future expansion.

### Expand Special Education Instructional Capacity

Personal Services	1,155,248
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>1,155,248</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	<b>36</b>

#### Background

Over the past ten years, the percentage of special education students enrolled at CTECS has increased from 9.5% of total enrollment in the 2016-17 academic year to 17.8% in 2025-26. To address rising special education costs, CTECS has been contracting with CREC to provide special education services, including paraeducators, since at least the 2023-24 academic year.

#### Governor

Provide funding of \$1,155,248 and 36 positions in FY 27 to hire up to 36 paraeducators across CTECS.

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## Current Services

### Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Other Expenses	5,000,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>

**Governor**

Provide funding of \$5 million in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements. CTECS' Other Expenses expenditures increased 25.6% from FY 23 to FY 25, primarily due to increased special education and utilities costs.

### Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	207,516,119
Policy Revisions	2,655,248
Current Services	5,000,000
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>215,171,367</b>

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	1,609
Policy Revisions	43
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>1,652</b>

## Office of Early Childhood OEC64800

### Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund	118	118	118	118	119	1	0.85

### Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
Personal Services	8,275,873	8,782,291	9,426,912	9,926,912	9,926,912	-	-
Other Expenses	5,134,202	3,798,345	1,694,731	8,294,731	7,919,731	(375,000)	(4.52)
<b>Other Current Expenses</b>							
Birth to Three	34,351,477	34,189,012	36,582,762	36,093,626	38,493,626	2,400,000	6.65
Evenstart	545,454	545,454	545,456	545,456	545,456	-	-
2Gen - TANF	540,473	574,856	415,685	575,685	672,390	96,705	16.80
Nurturing Families Network	12,484,084	12,694,517	13,167,665	14,469,995	-	(14,469,995)	(100.00)
OEC Parent Cabinet	143,500	147,233	152,264	152,264	152,264	-	-
Capitol Child Development Center	-	-	263,000	263,000	263,000	-	-
CT Home Visiting System	-	-	-	-	14,469,995	14,469,995	n/a
<b>Other Than Payments to Local Governments</b>							
Head Start Services	4,993,641	4,969,685	5,833,238	5,833,238	5,833,238	-	-
Care4Kids TANF/CCDF	81,513,372	112,827,095	147,957,756	151,227,096	151,227,096	-	-
Child Care Quality Enhancements	5,891,953	5,954,430	5,954,530	5,954,530	5,954,530	-	-
Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership	1,374,236	1,498,750	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	-
Early Care and Education	154,926,475	191,576,140	198,028,085	201,845,725	201,845,725	-	-
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000	n/a
Smart Start	3,250,000	3,249,539	3,325,000	6,325,000	6,325,000	-	-
<b>Agency Total - General Fund</b>	<b>313,424,740</b>	<b>380,807,347</b>	<b>424,847,084</b>	<b>443,007,258</b>	<b>445,428,963</b>	<b>2,421,705</b>	<b>0.55</b>

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## Policy Revisions

### Provide Funding to Implement Birth to Three Tiered Rates

Birth to Three	2,400,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>2,400,000</b>

#### 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.

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**Governor**

Provide funding of \$2.4 million in FY 27 to reflect increased rates for Birth to Three related to implementing a new tiered rate system. Related funding of \$1.6 million is recommended in the Department of Social Services to support a coinciding adjustment to Medicaid rates.

**Eliminate OHS and Transfer Functions to Various Agencies**

2Gen - TANF	96,705
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>96,705</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	<b>1</b>

**Background**

The Governor's Recommended Budget transfers \$16.2 million and 42 positions from the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) to six agencies in FY 27, which will assume responsibilities related to the agency's various programs including overseeing the Certificate of Need process and managing the Health Information Exchange.

**Governor**

Transfer \$96,705 and one position from OHS to OEC in FY 27. The funding and position will support the 2Gen Initiative, as this function is transferred from OHS to OEC.

**Reduce Legislative Grants by 20%**

Various Grants	(75,000)
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(75,000)</b>

**Governor**

Reduce the Various Grants account by \$75,000 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction of 20% to legislative grants.

**Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account**

Other Expenses	(375,000)
Various Grants	375,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>

**Governor**

Transfer funding of \$375,000 from the Other Expenses account to the Various Grants account in FY 27.

***Current Services*****Adjust Account Name from Nurturing Families Network to CT Home Visiting System**

Nurturing Families Network	(14,469,995)
CT Home Visiting System	14,469,995
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>

**Background**

Pursuant to CGS Sec. 10-509, the Nurturing Families Network has been renamed the CT Home Visiting System.

**Governor**

Reallocate funding of \$14,469,995 to the CT Home Visiting System line item to support the program's name change.

**Totals**

<b>Budget Components</b>	<b>Governor Revised FY 27</b>
Original Appropriation - GF	443,007,258
Policy Revisions	2,421,705
Current Services	-
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>445,428,963</b>

<b>Positions</b>	<b>Governor Revised FY 27</b>
Original Appropriation - GF	118
Policy Revisions	1
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>119</b>

## State Library CSL66000

### Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund	53	53	53	53	53	-	-

### Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
Personal Services	4,927,239	5,383,499	5,419,751	5,419,751	5,419,751	-	-
Other Expenses	1,315,843	1,530,946	1,442,223	1,460,515	772,336	(688,179)	(47.12)
<b>Other Current Expenses</b>							
State-Wide Digital Library	1,654,909	1,698,316	1,709,210	1,709,210	1,709,210	-	-
Interlibrary Loan Delivery Service	315,369	290,524	380,136	380,136	380,136	-	-
Legal/Legislative Library Materials	574,523	574,524	674,540	674,540	674,540	-	-
Library for the Blind	58,680	71,690	100,000	100,000	100,000	-	-
<b>Other Than Payments to Local Governments</b>							
Support Cooperating Library Service Units	124,402	124,402	124,402	124,402	124,402	-	-
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	440,000	440,000	n/a
<b>Grant Payments to Local Governments</b>							
Grants To Public Libraries	-	-	-	-	225,000	225,000	n/a
Connecticard Payments	703,638	703,638	703,638	703,638	562,911	(140,727)	(20.00)
<b>Agency Total - General Fund</b>	<b>9,674,603</b>	<b>10,377,539</b>	<b>10,553,900</b>	<b>10,572,192</b>	<b>10,408,286</b>	<b>(163,906)</b>	<b>(1.55)</b>

Account	Governor Revised FY 27

## *Policy Revisions*

### Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account

Other Expenses	(550,000)
Various Grants	550,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>

**Governor**

Transfer funding of \$550,000 from the Other Expenses account to the Various Grants account in FY 27.

### Reduce Legislative Grants by 20%

Various Grants	(110,000)
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(110,000)</b>

**Governor**

Reduce the Various Grants account by \$110,000 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction of 20% to legislative grants.

### Reduce Funding for BorrowIT

Connecticard Payments	(140,727)
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(140,727)</b>

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**Background**

BorrowIT, formerly known as Connecticard, is a cooperative program among public libraries that allows a resident of one town to use their library card to borrow materials from any other participating library in the state. This account provides grants to towns to reimburse them for the costs of participating in the program; it does not fund the cost of the delivery service. From FY 20 to FY 24, the median payment for this grant ranged from \$1,221 to \$1,502.

**Governor**

Reduce funding by \$140,727 in FY 27 to achieve BorrowIT savings of 20%.

**Reallocate Funding for Library Incentive Grants**

Other Expenses	(225,000)
Grants To Public Libraries	225,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>

**Background**

Library Incentive Grants provide operational support for the 164 municipal principal public libraries in the state. To receive a grant, a library must develop policies pertaining to: (1) collection, development and maintenance; (2) library display and programs; and (3) material review and reconsideration. Libraries must also provide the Connecticut State Library with the minutes of the town meeting at which these policies were adopted, and submit an annual report.

Funding is distributed with a base of \$1,200 per library, plus additional amounts based on town property wealth, adjusted for income, along with population and per capita library expenditures.

**Governor**

Transfer funding of \$225,000 for Library Incentive Grants from the Other Expenses account to the Grants to Public Libraries account in FY 27.

**Current Services****Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements**

Other Expenses	86,821
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>86,821</b>

**Governor**

Provide funding of \$86,821 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

**Totals**

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	10,572,192
Policy Revisions	(250,727)
Current Services	86,821
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>10,408,286</b>

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	53
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>53</b>

## Teachers' Retirement Board TRB77500

### Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
General Fund	27	27	27	27	27	-	-

### Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Difference Gov- Orig FY 27	% Diff Gov - Orig FY 27
Personal Services	1,971,034	2,069,738	2,191,080	2,291,080	2,291,080	-	-
Other Expenses	451,239	374,887	496,003	482,003	482,003	-	-
<b>Other Current Expenses</b>							
Retirement Contributions - Normal Cost	-	-	293,618,465	299,800,000	328,073,000	28,273,000	9.43
Retirement Contributions - UAL	-	-	1,511,502,535	1,405,300,000	1,403,546,000	(1,754,000)	(0.12)
<b>Other Than Payments to Local Governments</b>							
Retirement Contributions	1,554,542,000	1,601,407,000	-	-	-	-	n/a
Retirees Health Service Cost	13,557,097	25,609,860	29,307,250	44,356,000	44,356,000	-	-
Municipal Retiree Health Insurance Costs	8,208,196	7,890,848	6,030,000	8,840,000	8,840,000	-	-
<b>Agency Total - General Fund</b>	<b>1,578,729,566</b>	<b>1,637,352,333</b>	<b>1,843,145,333</b>	<b>1,761,069,083</b>	<b>1,787,588,083</b>	<b>26,519,000</b>	<b>1.51</b>

Account	Governor Revised FY 27

## Current Services

### Fund the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) for the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

Retirement Contributions - Normal Cost	28,273,000
Retirement Contributions - UAL	(1,754,000)
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>26,519,000</b>

#### Background

The Connecticut Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) is the state's defined benefit plan for approximately 52,000 active and 40,100 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, 2025, TRS actuarial valuation set an actuarially determined employer contribution (ADEC) for the TRS of \$1,731,619,000 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 of \$26,519,000 in FY 27 to fund the ADEC for the TRS.

### Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	1,761,069,083
Current Services	26,519,000
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>1,787,588,083</b>

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27
Original Appropriation - GF	27
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>27</b>