DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service

The amendments increase certain debt service appropriations to account for revised and/or corrected debt financing assumptions for RESCUE and Empire Opportunity Fund bonding, as well as contingent appropriations for variable rate bonds and interest rate exchange agreements.
CRIME VICTIMS BOARD

Administration Program

The amendment adds an additional $89,000 to fully appropriate the administration portion of the Federal Crime Victims Compensation Account.

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

Livery Vehicle Safety Training Program

The amendment provides a General Fund – State Operations appropriation of $200,000 to fund the livery vehicle safety training program.

OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES

Executive Direction Program

The amendments appropriate $350,000 for a new Special Revenue Fund – Other, Cuba Lake Management Account, pursuant to Chapter 342 of the Laws of 2000, in order to utilize rental revenues to maintain and preserve Cuba Lake.

The amendments also increase nonpersonal service by $9.4 million in the Internal Service Fund to permit the Office of General Services to pay insurance policy premiums directly for State agencies and authorities. This approach will permit faster payments to vendors and reduce administrative workload.

DIVISION OF MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS

World Trade Center

The amendment adds $10 billion in Special Revenue Federal Disaster Assistance Program Aid to Localities appropriation authority for World Trade Center disaster recovery costs. Accordingly, the amendment decreases the 2002-03 recommended reappropriation of a 2001-02 deficiency item for this program by $10 billion.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Local Government and Community Services Program

The amendment adds a $9.5 million Federal fund appropriation within the Local Government and Community Services Program. The increased appropriation will be used to support an increase in the FFY 2002 Community Services Block Grant award for New York State, as announced by the Federal government on January 31, 2002.

DIVISION OF STATE POLICE

Technical Police Services Program

The amendment increases the Seized Asset Account appropriation by $2 million to reflect higher than anticipated asset forfeiture proceeds.
MISCELLANEOUS – ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

HOMELAND SECURITY

The amendment adds $200 million in appropriation authority for costs related to Homeland Security. Accordingly, the recommended 2002-03 reappropriation of a 2001-02 deficiency item for this program will be deleted.

GENERAL STATE CHARGES

General State Charges

The amendment reduces the General Fund appropriation for payment of Court of Claims judgments against the State by $11 million. This change reflects anticipated savings from proposed legislation that would establish a market-based formula for determining the rate of interest to be applied in court judgments against the State, local governments and public authorities.

ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Health

The amendment adds an appropriation to authorize the transfer of monies from the Federal Health and Human Services Fund to the EPIC Premium Account in the event that a Federal program or Federal assistance is available for providing pharmaceuticals to seniors.
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Clean Air Program

The amendment corrects an error in the appropriation for personal service in the Clean Air Program.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Regulation of Utilities Program

The amendment increases the appropriation authority for the PSC-Pipeline Safety Grant Account. Based on a review of relevant appropriation bills signed by President Bush in December 2001, the Department expects to receive additional Federal funding for the gas pipeline safety account.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Snow and Ice Control Purpose

The amendment adds a $10 million reappropriation of 2001-02 Snow and Ice funds from the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund. This action is necessary to allow the Department to encumber local snow and ice contract billings expected to be submitted after the end of the fiscal year.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Economic Development Purpose

This technical amendment provides appropriation authority for the $750 million Empire Opportunity Fund (EOF) included in this Executive Budget.
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources Program

The amendment decreases the General Fund State Operations personal service appropriation by $400,000.

Water Resources Purpose

The amendment increases the new appropriation for the Water Quality category of the 1972 Environmental Quality Bond Act from $5,579,000 to $5,900,500, to fully appropriate the available balance for this category.

Environment and Recreation Purpose

The amendment corrects the reference to the cap on capital project disbursements that can be transferred to the 2001-02 Environmental Protection Fund.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Administration and Executive Direction Program

The amendment adds a Fiduciary Fund appropriation to cover expenditures associated with Technology Transfer revenues expected in 2002-03.

AIDS Institute

The amendments add language to allow transfers of funds to the General Fund for administration.

Center for Community Health

The amendments increase the General Public Health Works appropriation to conform with agreements reached in HCRA 2002, as well as to add a Federal appropriation for rape prevention.

EPIC Program

The amendment adds language to the EPIC Program, EPIC Premium Account, to authorize transfers of monies from the EPIC Premium Account to the Tobacco Control and Insurance Initiatives Pool in the event that a Federal program or Federal assistance is available for providing pharmaceuticals to seniors.

Institutional Management Program

The amendment adds appropriation authority for Helen Hayes Hospital to allow the institution to spend projected excess 2001-02 revenues in 2002-03.

Maintenance Undistributed

The amendment removes $1.8 million in General Fund State Operations offset appropriations attributed to a proposed increase in Triplicate Prescription Forms fees which has been withdrawn.
Office of Medicaid Management Program

The amendments increase the appropriation from the General Fund Local Assistance account to continue relocating individuals from nursing homes to community placement under the Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver Program, and increase the Special Revenue Other HCRA Transfer Fund appropriation to support additional Family Health Plus facilitated enrollment contract costs.

Medical Assistance Program

The amendment modifies language in the Medical Assistance Program authorizing the Budget Director to direct any or all additional Federal Medicaid funding, which would materialize if necessary Federal legislation is enacted, to the HCRA Tobacco Control and Insurance Initiatives Pool. Also included is an amendment to increase the appropriation to the HCRA Transfer Fund -- Special Revenue Other to reflect anticipated transfers that will offset Medicaid program costs.

Administration and Executive Direction Program

The amendment adds Federal reappropriations for the National Health Service Corps Federal Health and Human Services Fund and for the Federal Block Grant Fund.

Center for Environmental Health Program

The amendment adds a reappropriation to authorize the spending from the Federal Health and Human Services Fund, which was inadvertently omitted.

Office of Medicaid Management Program

The amendments add language to the reappropriations to allow transfers to other State agencies for Medicaid-related expenses.

Medical Assistance Administration

The amendments add language to the reappropriation to allow transfers to other State agencies for the administration of the Medicaid program.

Wadsworth Center for Laboratories

The amendment adds a reappropriation to reflect anticipated 2002-03 delivery of newborn screening computer equipment encumbered in 2001-02.

Water Resources Purpose

The amendment adds $200,000 to reflect the correct appropriation amount.

OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Natural Heritage Trust Program

The amendment removes a duplicate reappropriation of $4,952,000, for the FY 2001-02 Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquaria program, as it was also reappropriated under the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) within the Department of Environmental Conservation.
CONTINGENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The amendment authorizes spending from the appropriation for the Medicaid Restitution Account through March 31, 2004.

The amendment provides that an outstanding balance amount up to $500,000 for each institutional account may be carried over into the next fiscal year, without identifying a specific fiscal year.
COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Administration Program

The amendments add appropriations to establish a revenue account in the amount of $75,000 for the Head Start Collaboration Project to deposit fees charged for the purchase of materials associated with early childhood activities, and to establish a revenue account in the amount of $150,000 for the Even Start Statewide Literacy Program to deposit fees charged to providers for family literacy training.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Elementary, Secondary and Continuing Education Program

The amendment adds language to the prior year claims portion of the school aid appropriation to conform appropriation language to Article VII language requiring Budget Director approval of allocations from such appropriation and to permit the use of such appropriation for fiscal stabilization grants.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE

OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Child Care Program

The amendments modify language in the proposed Liberty Zone Child Care demonstration project to expand eligibility to include families up to 275 percent of the Federal poverty level and add an appropriation to establish the Quality Child Care and Protection Account for the deposit of penalties received from child care providers in administering the Quality Child Care and Protection Act.

Family and Children’s Services Program

The amendment modifies foster care block grant language to clarify provisions related to the moratorium on sanctions.

Training and Development Program

The amendment modifies language to clarify that the training plan may operate upon submission of a Federal plan.

Family and Children’s Services Program

The amendment reappropriates $150,000 for domestic violence training contracts, ensuring the Office’s ability to pay contracts encumbered as part of the 2000 and 2001 Multi-Agency Training Plans.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE

OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Administration Program

The amendment modifies language to allow the training plan to operate upon submission of a Federal plan, and modifies language to eliminate conflicting transfer and interchange language.
Division of Child Support Enforcement Program

The amendment corrects the amount of funds available in the Child Support Incentive Revenue Account for transfer to the Department of Taxation and Finance.

Division of Disability Determinations Program

The amendment adds $10 million in appropriation authority to more accurately reflect the anticipated Federal grant award.

Food Assistance Program

The amendment, consistent with legislation which took effect on October 1, 2001, corrects the omission of domestic violence victims who are eligible to receive assistance.

Temporary and Disability Assistance Program

The amendments decrease the Temporary and Disability Assistance Program appropriation by $102 million to correct a technical error, modify language in the Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) appropriation and reappropriations to provide the Commissioner of the Department of Labor the same authority as the Commissioner of the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to waive State-imposed TANF program requirements for local social services districts, and modify TANF EAF set-aside language to allow allocations to be based on claims rather than reimbursement.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Program

The amendments correct grant period and Federal fiscal year references in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to ensure the Department’s ability to access WIA funds, and increase Special Interest and Penalty Fund appropriations for the Displaced Homemaker program by $250,000 to allow for the receipt and spending of a national litigation settlement distribution to increase services in the program.

Occupational Safety and Health Program

The amendment increases appropriation authority for the Department’s Health and Safety Fee Account by $135,000 to receive and spend moneys for the removal of improperly stored hazardous waste.

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Program

The amendment provides $12 million in General Fund appropriations for the payment of interest costs associated with Federal loans to fund the payment of unemployment insurance benefits.

OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY SERVICES

Policy and Organizational Support Services Program

The amendment provides funds for transition aid to localities impacted by the Rail Access Tax Incentive Proposal, which would streamline and reduce local property taxes on transportation properties of railroads.