

AMENDMENTS TO BUDGET BILL S.1602/A.3002

PART A. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The amendments (a) make changes to provisions of the General Government part of the bill, and (b) convert the General Government part to a stand-alone budget bill.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Administration Program

To accommodate funding of legal technology enhancements, the amendment increases a General Fund / State Operations appropriation by \$5.75 million for personal service and nonpersonal service costs associated with a technology enhancement initiative.

Counsel For The State Program

To accommodate increased costs for expert services, the amendment increases a General Fund / State Operations appropriation by \$4.8 million for services required by various lawsuits.

To accommodate the transfer of revenue from the Antitrust Enforcement Account to the Litigation Settlement Account, the amendment increases a Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations appropriation by \$500,000.

Criminal Prosecutions Program

To accommodate a transfer from General Fund / Aid to Localities to General Fund / State Operations, the amendment increases the appropriation by \$266,700 for personal service costs associated with internet fraud investigations.

To accommodate a transfer from General Fund / Aid to Localities to General Fund / State Operations, the amendment eliminates a maintenance undistributed appropriation of \$437,800 for internet fraud investigations personal service costs.

To accommodate increased costs for the Criminal Prosecutions Program, the amendment establishes a General Fund / State Operations Maintenance Undistributed appropriation of \$1.3 million for increased workload.

Medicaid Fraud Control Program

To accommodate increased revenue from seized assets, the amendment creates a Special Revenue - Other / State Operations appropriation of \$1 million for Medicaid Fraud Control Seized Assets.

Public Advocacy Program

To accommodate a transfer from General Fund / Aid to Localities to General Fund / State Operations, the amendment increases the appropriation by \$171,100 for personal service costs associated with internet fraud investigations.

To accommodate increased costs for the Public Advocacy Program, the amendment establishes a General Fund / State Operations Maintenance Undistributed appropriation of \$1.5 million for expected increased workload including up to

\$600,000 for civil rights activities, up to \$500,000 for the enforcement of the tobacco litigation settlement, and up to \$400,000 for the activities of the Internet unit.

To accommodate elimination of the Antitrust Enforcement Account, the amendment eliminates the \$500,000 appropriation from the account.

ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

To accommodate the elimination of the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund - 339, Antitrust Enforcement Account (EB), the amendment transfers the remaining balance of \$133,000 from the Antitrust Enforcement Account to the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund - 339, Litigation Settlement Account (LI).

MISCELLANEOUS -- ALL STATE AGENCIES

GENERAL STATE CHARGES

Amendments reduce General Fund appropriations by \$15.08 million. This change includes \$15.6 million in reduced appropriations due to reestimates of spending for employer contributions to the social security fund, Court of Claims judgements, and taxes on State-owned lands. In addition, the appropriation for employer contributions to the New York State and Local Retirement Systems is increased by \$520,000 to reflect new costs associated with Chapter 657 of the Laws of 1998, which provided an improved pension plan for safety officers in State institutions.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Assistance for TWA Flight 800 Memorial

Funding of \$100,000 is provided to Suffolk County to construct a memorial for TWA Flight 800 at Smith Point in Suffolk County.

PART B. TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

The amendments (a) make changes to provisions of the Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation part of the bill, and (b) convert the Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation part to a stand-alone budget bill.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS

Agricultural Business Services Program

Amendments to the General Fund Aid to Localities appropriations add \$315,000 and appropriation language to continue the Avian Disease Program.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources Program

The amendment modifies language for the Natural Resource Damage appropriation to allow funds to be suballocated to other State departments and agencies.

Environmental Protection and Enhancements

The amendment modifies appropriation language to clarify the purposes of the Environmental Protection Fund appropriation.

Fish and Wildlife Program

The amendment adds a \$900,000 Federal appropriation for the Federal share of the Clean Vessel Act pump out program which was inadvertently omitted.

Solid Waste Program

The amendment adds an appropriation for \$230,000 for post closure costs of the State owned Rush Landfill which was inadvertently omitted.

Solid Waste Management Program

The amendment adds a \$30 million Federal appropriation for the Federal share of the cleanup of hazardous waste sites which was inadvertently omitted.

Water Resources Program

Technical amendment language is added to clarify the purposes of a shore protection appropriation.

OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Natural Heritage Trust Program

Amendments to General Fund Aid to Localities reappropriations add \$480,000 and appropriation language to continue items that were unintentionally omitted.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION

High Technology Program

To redirect General Fund Local Assistance funding from the Syracuse University Northeast Parallel Architecture Center (NPAC) to the University's Sensing, Analyzing, Interpreting and Deciding (SAID) Center, amendments strike a reference to NPAC and replace it with a reference to SAID.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mass Transportation Operating Assistance Fund Program

To accommodate increased aid to transit systems, amendments increase Special Revenue-Other Aid to Localities appropriations by \$52.946 million.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Economic Development Program

To provide funding necessary to maintain the competitiveness of the Delphi Harrison Thermal Systems Corporation, amendments add a General Fund / Aid to Localities appropriation of \$19 million.

To clarify that funds appropriated for military base re-use initiatives are available for use at the Seneca Army Depot, amendments modify appropriation language to reference the Depot.

To clarify the amount of funds available for the JOBS NOW program, amendments modify appropriation language.

#### PART C. PUBLIC PROTECTION, HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

The amendments (a) make changes to provisions of the Public Protection, Health and Mental Hygiene part of the bill, and (b) convert the Public Protection, Health and Mental Hygiene part to a stand-alone budget bill.

#### OFFICE OF ADVOCATE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The amendment makes a technical correction to the name of Federal Fund-267.

#### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

##### Administration Program

To reflect receipt of a lower than anticipated Federal 1998 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) award, amendments decrease the Federal Funds / State Operations appropriation for the Federal Fiscal Year 1998 SCAAP award by \$5.1 million.

##### Supervision Program

To offset a shortfall in the Department's operating budget caused by the receipt of a lower than anticipated Federal 1998 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) award, amendments increase the General Fund / State Operations appropriation for personal service by \$5.1 million.

#### DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

##### Administration Program

The amendment increases the suballocation from the Division of Criminal Justice Services to the Office of the State Comptroller for services and expenses of the Justice Court Fund in accordance with a memorandum of understanding for the upgrade of the Data Reconciliation Project and the Electronic Disposition Reporting System.

The amendment provides a reappropriation of the 1998-99 General Fund State match to the Federal Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant, since these funds will not be fully encumbered before the June lapse date.

##### Funding and Program Assistance Program

The amendment modifies the Special Revenue Funds - Federal / Aid to Localities Law Enforcement Block Grant appropriation to include necessary language permitting the transfer of funds to state operations in the Division of Criminal Justice Services to allow for the bulk purchase of equipment for localities and for suballocation of the Federal funds to the other State agencies to support program administration.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Administration and Executive Direction Program

Technical amendments increase appropriations for the Health Occupation Development and Workplace Demonstration Account by \$463,900 which was inadvertently omitted.

Wadsworth Center For Laboratories and Research Program

Technical amendments increase the Special Revenue Fund / State Operations, personal service and fringe benefit appropriations for the Clinical Laboratory Fee Reference account by \$239,500 which was inadvertently omitted.

Audit and Fraud Program

A technical amendment makes an appropriate reference to the Special Revenue Fund / State Operations - Revenue Maximization Contractor Account.

Medical Assistance Program

Technical amendments modify the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund - Federal and Fiduciary Fund Aid to Localities appropriations for the Medical Assistance Program.

Institutional Management Program

A technical amendment adds appropriation language for the New York City Veterans' Home account which was inadvertently omitted.

Aids Institute

A technical amendment reappropriates \$50,000 to community based organizations for AIDS prevention and education.

Health Care Financing Program

A technical amendment reappropriates \$200,000 for the Health Care Financing Program which was inadvertently omitted.

INTEREST ON LAWYER ACCOUNT

Interest on Lawyer Account

To accommodate various nonpersonal service contractual and computer costs, including Y2K implementation, the amendment increases a Fiduciary Fund / State Operations appropriation by \$120,000 for the Interest on Lawyer Account.

OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Prevention and Program Support

The amendment makes technical changes to the Special Revenue Funds appropriation for the Federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act to reflect the amount of the grant award and the correct name of Federal Fund-267.

OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH

The amendment makes a technical correction to the name of Federal Fund-267.

OFFICE OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Senior Companion Program

The amendment provides an appropriation increase of \$40,000 for the Office's Senior Companion Program to reflect a potential Federal grant award increase.

DIVISION OF MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS

Emergency Management Program

To accommodate costs associated with the flood damage in Queens County resulting from the January 3, 1999 rainstorm, the amendment establishes a \$500,000 General Fund / State Operations appropriation.

To accommodate costs associated with the flood damage in Clinton and Essex Counties, the amendment establishes a \$250,000 General Fund / Aid to Localities appropriation.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Program

To accommodate an unanticipated increase in Federal grant award levels, the amendment increases a Special Revenue Funds - Federal / Aid to Localities appropriation by \$2 million for local Federal Highway Safety projects.

DIVISION OF PROBATION AND CORRECTIONAL ALTERNATIVES

Community Corrections Program

The amendment provides a reappropriation of 1998-99 General Fund Aid to Localities funds suballocated from the Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives to the Division of Parole which will not be fully encumbered before the September lapse date.

COMMISSION ON QUALITY OF CARE FOR THE MENTALLY DISABLED

The amendment makes a technical correction to the name of Federal Fund-267.

DIVISION OF STATE POLICE

Patrol Activities Program

To accommodate a new grant from the National Traffic Safety Council, the amendment increases a Special Revenue Other - Seized Assets Account / State Operations appropriation by \$500,000 to develop a statewide comprehensive seat belt enforcement program.

CONTINGENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

A technical amendment modifies appropriation language for the Health Service Account to reference the correct State fiscal year.

PART D. EDUCATION, LABOR AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE

The amendments (a) make changes to provisions of the Education, Labor and Family Assistance part of the bill, and (b) convert the Education, Labor and Family Assistance part to a stand-alone budget bill.

OFFICE FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Administration Program

To accommodate increases in hotline call volume, the amendment increases a General Fund / Aid to Localities appropriation by \$155,000 for increases in staffing levels and systems enhancements as approved by the Office.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Elementary, Middle, Secondary and Continuing Education Program

The amendment appropriates funds for a new Early Grade Literacy Education (EAGLE) initiative for Big Five city school districts that would support reading and literacy skills in the early grades, particularly second, third, and fourth grades. Big Five city school districts would use the funds, pursuant to a plan approved by the commissioner, for classroom and intervention services necessary to improve performance on the fourth grade English language arts assessment.

In 1998, the Federal government changed the accounts used for Federal appropriations related to health and education programs. Until that time, Federal Fund-265 was associated with health, education and social services programs. As a result of the recent change, Federal Fund-265 will now be used for health and human services-related appropriations, and the newly established Federal Fund-267 will be used for education-related programs. This amendment is proposed to realign originally recommended appropriations between the old Federal Fund-265 and the new Federal Fund-267 to reflect the current Federal structure. Amendments throughout various programs also make technical corrections to the name of Federal Fund-267.

Additionally, technical corrections are made to correctly identify time frames related to payments for the summer school special education program.

Cultural Education Program

In 1993, the Federal government awarded the State Education Department \$1.14 million in Local Assistance Funds for library construction aid. However, one outstanding project associated with these funds currently faces unanticipated delays due to litigation between a library which received a grant and its construction contractor. The proposed amendment adds a reappropriation of \$41,000 to ensure that this project can be closed out once the litigation is resolved and the project completed.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE  
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Family and Children's Services Program

The amendment reduces the appropriation for State and local implementation of the Federal Adoption and Safe Families (ASFA) Act of 1997 to reflect a revised estimate of fingerprinting costs.

The amendment makes technical corrections to appropriation totals.

The amendment makes a language change required to clarify that the \$1 million General Fund appropriation to reimburse local social services districts for legal fees incurred in certain adoptions is available separate from and in addition to the Family and Children's Services Block Grant.

Maintenance and Improvement of Youth Facilities

The amendment appropriates an additional \$400,000 for interior and exterior repairs to the Tonawanda Indian Community House. An appropriation of \$100,000 was included in the 1999-2000 for this purpose, however, recently received information indicates that repairs are estimated to total \$500,000.

The amendment appropriates \$2.1 million to provide funding to renovate and upgrade water and sewage treatment plants at various youth facilities. Recent information indicates that improvements are necessary to meet environmental regulations and avoid EPA fines.

Executive Direction and Administrative Services

The amendment appropriates \$700,000 to support overhead costs for Office of General Services survey fees and contractor impact claims. Survey fees and impact claims are not included in design, construction and inspection fees, and were not accommodated in the Budget in the shift from bond funding to hard dollar.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE  
OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Administration Program

The amendment ensures that appropriation language for the Federal Revenue Maximization Program State Operations and Aid to Localities accounts is consistent with proposed Article VII provisions.

Child Support Enforcement Program

The amendment allows the Office to fund a paternity media campaign that will encourage paternal child rearing.

The amendment clarifies that up to \$94,000 of the Federal Access and Visitation grant and 10 percent of the grants received for improved custodial cooperation may be transferred to the state operations account.

The amendment expands existing language to allow the Office to support administrative and operational services incurred by or associated with contracted public and private entities that are providing local child support enforcement services.



Temporary and Disability Assistance Program

The amendment reduces General Fund support for the Safety Net program based on revised welfare caseload projections which reflect additional caseload declines since the development of the Executive Budget and to reflect a one-time SSI payment adjustment with the Federal Government.

The amendment expands the Built-on-Pride program to include non-custodial parents in the program's target population.

The amendment more closely links one component of the public assistance shelter schedule language to the item of appropriation.

The amendment facilitates transfer of welfare employment funds from the Office to the Department of Labor.

The amendment clarifies authorization to use Federal welfare block grant funding to reimburse local costs of providing foster care to eligible juvenile delinquents and persons in need of supervision.

Shelter and Supported Housing Program

The amendment provides reappropriation authority for McKinney Homeless Housing grants, as permitted by Federal law.

HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES CORPORATION

The amendment makes a technical correction to the name of Federal Fund-267.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Administration Program

The amendment allows the payment of potential court ordered fees related to welfare employment fair hearing decisions and statutory salary increases for Employment Relations Board members enacted in Chapter 630 of the Laws of 1998.

Employment and Training Program

The amendment corrects the public law citation relating to the Workforce Investment Act.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

The amendment makes a technical correction to the name of Federal Fund-267.

An additional amendment increases the obligation cap for the State University of New York Bonded Residence Hall Rehabilitation Fund from \$28.0 million to \$110.1 million to allow the University to advance in Fiscal Year 1999-2000 additional residence hall projects at six campuses.