The FY 2012 budget appropriates $1.74 billion in state funding to the 35 colleges and universities that comprise the University System of Georgia (USG). The budget is a 9.1 percent, or $174 million, cut compared to state spending in the original FY 2011 budget. State allocations per FTE in FY 2012 will fall to the lowest level in over a decade.

FY 2012 USG Budget Highlights
- Loss of American Recovery Act funding ($23 million).
- Funding for teaching cut by $145 million.
- Unfunded enrollment growth ($177 million).

USG Statistics
- 41,000 additional students enrolled in USG since 2009.
- $540 million in state spending cuts since FY 2009.
- 17 percent increase in average tuition and fees for fall 2011 compared to FY 2010.

Since FY 2009, state funding for the university system has declined by 23.7 percent ($540 million) while total enrollment growth and average in-state tuition and fees have increased by 14.1 percent and 71.2 percent respectively. Accordingly, FY 2012 will be another year of serving more students with less state financial support.
Funding Cuts Affect Georgia’s Technical Colleges

**Technical College System of Georgia**

The FY 2012 budget appropriates $313 million in state funds to the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). When excluding $8 million in state payments to the State Health Benefit Plan and $7 million in expired federal Recovery Act funding, the TCSG experiences a 6.8 percent, or $21.7 million, cut compared to state spending in the original FY 2011 budget.

**FY 2012 TCSG Budget Highlights**

- Loss of American Recovery Act funding ($7 million).
- Technical education funding cut by $16.8 million.
- Adult Literacy and Quick Start funding cut by $1.1.

Since FY 2009 total state funding for TCSG has been cut $58 million. The adult literacy program has experienced $3.5 million in funding cuts since FY 2009, during a time in which an estimated 1.3 million adults in Georgia lack a high school diploma or GED.

Moreover, the technical education program has experienced $47 million in funding cuts since FY 2009, during a time in which enrollment has reached record levels as a result of the economic downturn. In order to manage enrollment increases in the midst of declining state support for technical education, an increase in tuition rates is scheduled beginning in the summer of 2011.

**TCSG State Funding Changes From FY 2009 to FY 2012**

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