

#### Overview of Georgia's FY 2021 & FY 2022 State Budget

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### **Overview: State of Georgia Facing \$1.2 Billion in Continued Cuts**

- Beginning on July 1 of this year (FY 2021), Georgia began implementing \$2.2 billion in cuts (10% to most areas of govt)
- Gov. Kemp's FY 2021 amended budget raises tax forecast by \$682 million, but removes \$250 million previously allocated from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve
- \$1.2 Billion in cuts recommended for FY 2022, spending per resident is \$100 below FY 2008 levels (about 4% less than 14 years ago, prior to impact of the Great Recession, adjusted for inflation)
- Cuts-alone strategy to balance budget



### Where Does Georgia's Money Come From?

- FY 2022 General Fund Revenue Estimate: \$25.8 billion
- Personal Income Tax: \$12.7 billion (49.4%)
- Corporate Income Tax: \$880 million (3.4%)
- Sales Tax: \$6.6 million (26%)
- Motor fuel: \$2 million (7.5%)
- Other taxes/fees: \$3.5 billion (14%)



#### Georgia Tax Revenues, Fiscal Years 2020 - 2022



Source: The Governor's Budget Report, Amended Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022; Office of Planning and Budget, FY 2021 Revenue Estimate.

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- At the start of FY 2021, tax collections expected to fall by \$1 billion from prior year
- AFY 2021 tax revenue estimate revised upward, state now expects drop of \$366 million
- Tax collections expected to grow by relatively slow rate of 3.6 percent from FY 2021 to FY 2022
- Sharp reduction expected in corporate income tax collections (30%), sales tax expected to drive lion's share of revenue growth next year



### **State Spending Overview**

Education and Health Care Equal 74 Percent of State Budget, Deep Cuts Remain from Pre-Pandemic Levels in FY 2022 Budget



- Pre-K-12 Education, 39.06%
- Medicaid and Peach Care, 14.31%
- Higher Education, 14.09%
- Transportation, 7.14%
- Criminal Legal Systems, 6.18%
- Debt Service, 4.43%
- General Government, 4.30%
- Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, 4.26%
- Human Services, 2.95%
- Public Health and Other Health Care, 1.98%
- Other Public Safety, 1.29%



Source: The Governor's Budget Report, Amended Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022.

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# Summary of FY 2022 Budget Cuts

Budget Proposes \$1.2 Billion Less than Pre-Pandemic Spending, Maintains Deep Cuts for Education and Health Care

Share of Cuts to Pre-Pandemic Funding Levels (FY 2020 to FY 2022)



Pre-K-12 Education, \$416 Million Cut

Health, \$283 Million Cut

Higher Education, \$280 Million Cut

Criminal Legal Systems, \$149 Million Cut

Transportation, \$59 Million Cut

Human Services and Department of Labor, \$27 Million Cut

General Government, \$9 Million Cut



Source: The Governor's Budget Report, Amended Fiscal Year 2022; House Bill 31 (2020).

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#### Examples of Budget Cuts FY 2020 to FY 2022

- \$393 million cut from QBE funding formula for public schools
- \$14 million early childhood education
- \$219 million reduction in University System funding for teaching
- \$33 million cut from addictive disease services (DBHDD)
- \$7 million cut from general funds for public health
- \$26 million cut to Department of Human Services



### Georgia's Savings Account Goes Untouched, Billions In cuts instead

As Georgia Implements Deep Budget Cuts, State Savings Account Goes Largely Untouched





### **Risky Medicaid Waiver Creates New Fiscal Uncertainty**

- State plans to cover 31,000 people in FY 2022 under Medicaid waiver at cost of \$76 million
- Full Medicaid expansion could cover approx. 482,000 people for \$144 million in FY 2022
- Cost of up to 7x per enrollee under current plan
- Georgia's uninsured rate (pre-pandemic) 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in America; 1 of 12 states to reject Medicaid Expansion + 90% funding match

#### State Cost Per Enrollee FY 2022



Total cost of full expansion: \$497



Net cost of full expansion with agency savings + additional revenue: \$298



Estimated cost of current Medicaid waiver in FY 2022 budget: \$2,054

Source: State Auditor Greg S. Griffin, 2018 Fiscal Note on House Bill (LC 46 0015); Georgia Pathways to Coverage Medicaid 1115 Waiver, Approval Document from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, October 15, 2020; The Governor's Budget Report, Amended Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022.

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