



**American Rescue Plan Act
Recommendations
&
Executive Budget Highlights
FY 2022-23**

Everywhere you look, South Carolina is growing. Our economy is booming. More and more people are visiting our state - with many deciding to stay for good. Employers are creating new jobs, entrepreneurs are opening new businesses, and companies are deciding to locate here.

Competition between states for new jobs and investment is fierce. South Carolina must have the workforce, the infrastructure, the intellectual capital, the environmental assets, and the quality of life necessary to compete and win.

If we take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity – by making big, bold, and transformative investments in the areas of education, infrastructure, workforce, and economic development, South Carolina will prosper for generations to come.

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Save More Money



\$500 MILLION

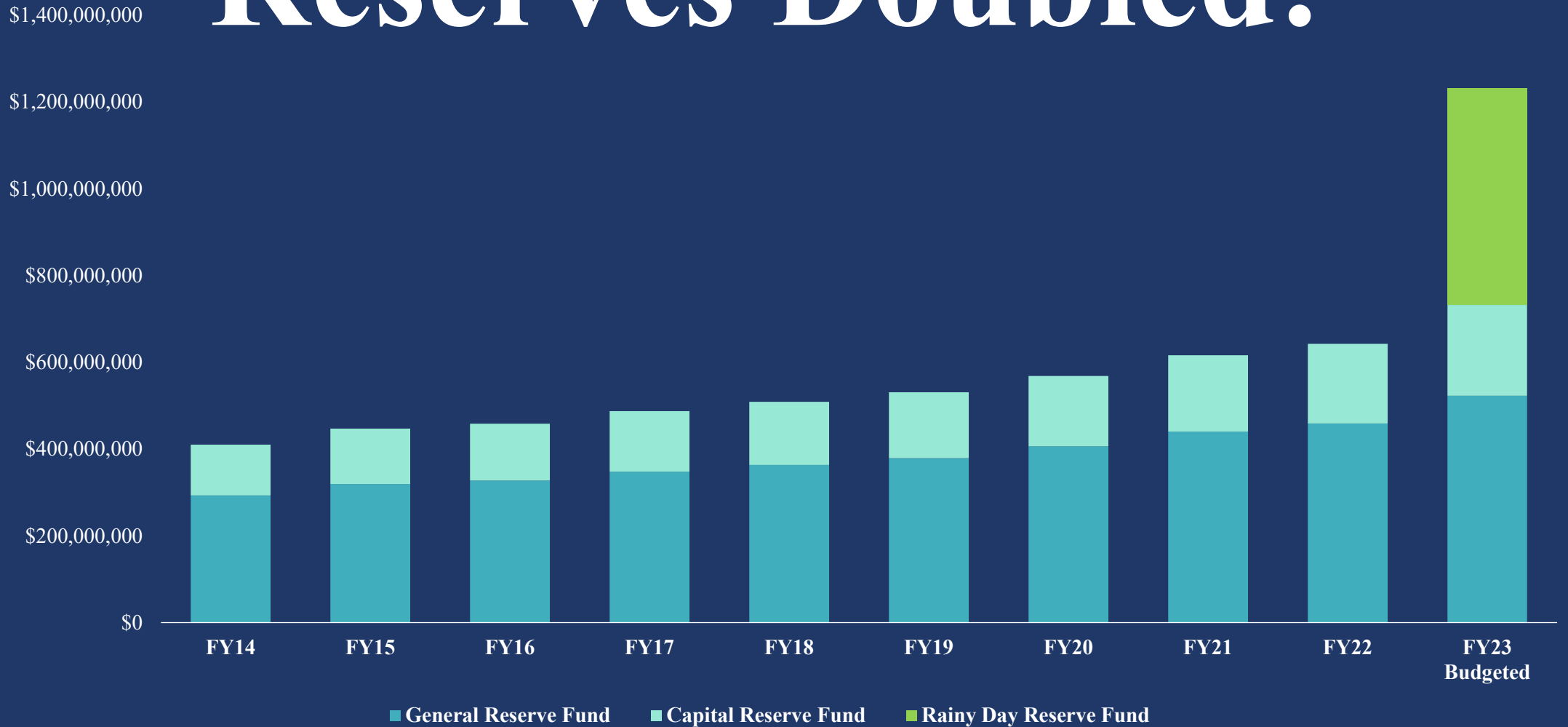


***DOUBLE RAINY-
DAY FUND***



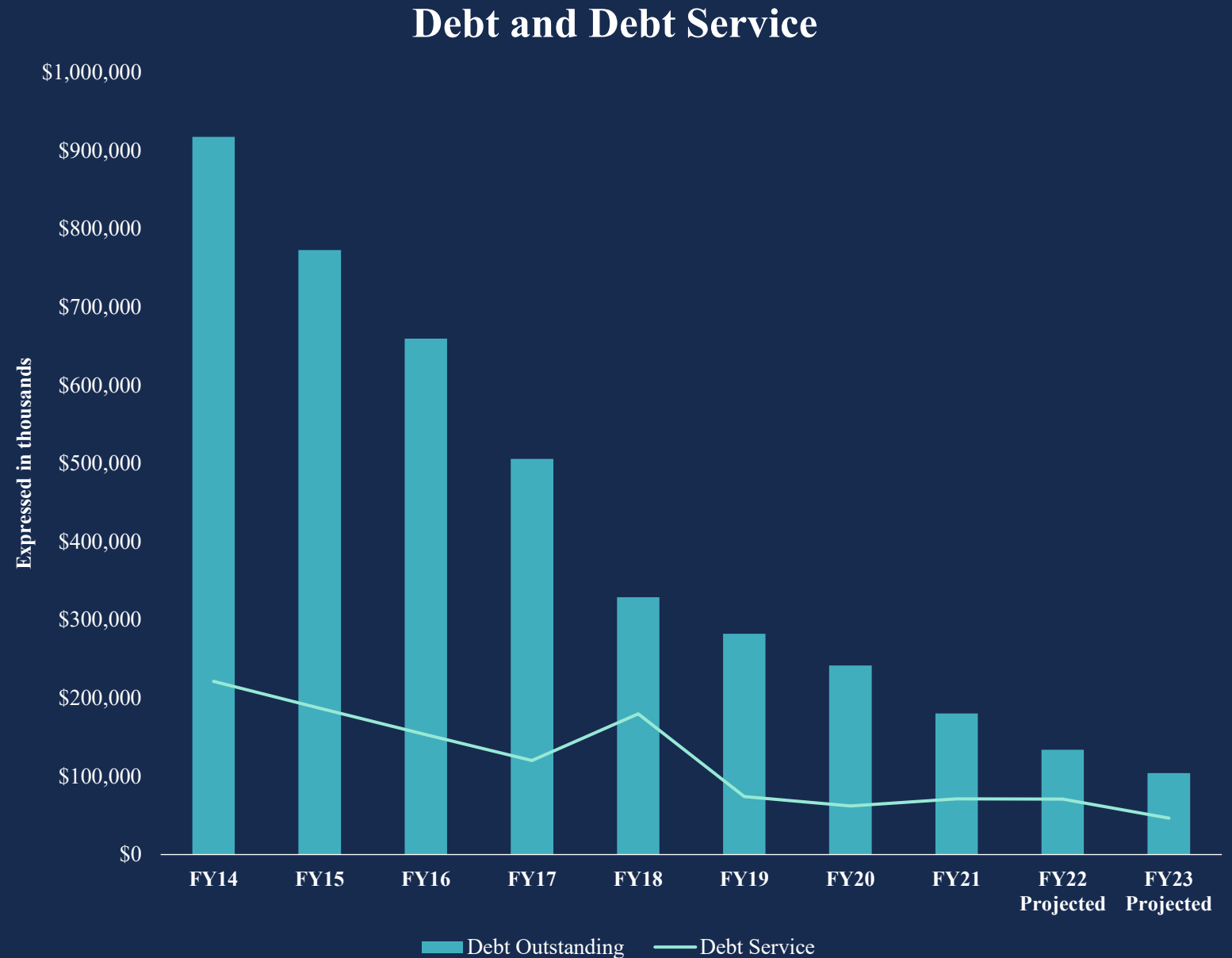
***10% OF STATE
BUDGET SAVED***

Reserves Doubled!



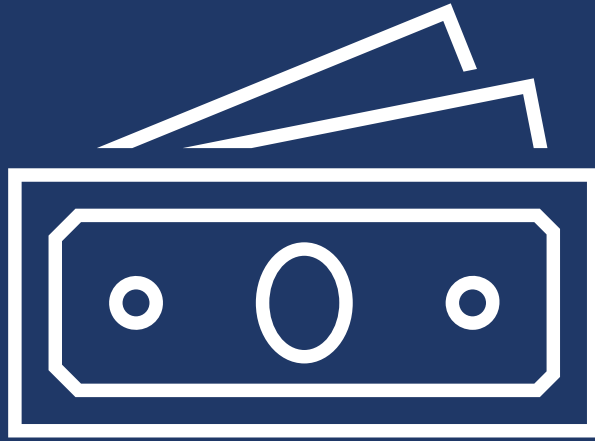
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Lowest Debt in History



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Cut Income Taxes



South Carolina has the highest personal income tax in the Southeast

Fix Roads & Bridges Faster



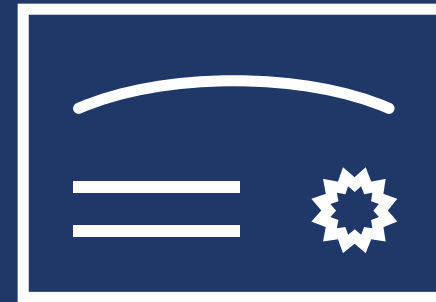
\$1.26 Billion Supercharge

Fix K-12 Funding



*State Funds Are For Classrooms
Transparency in Spending*

Education Innovation



Workforce Scholarships
Charter Schools – Nursing Shortage
Education Savings Accounts

Free Job Training



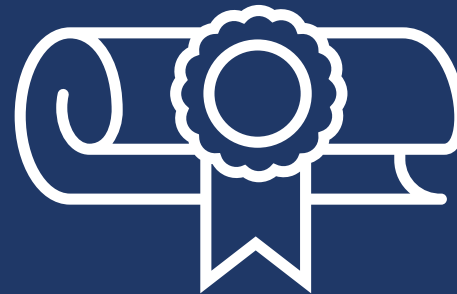
*Skilled Workforce Needed to
Compete in the Future*

School Buses & Drivers



*Zero Emission Buses
Bonuses for Drivers*

Make College Affordable



Freeze Tuition

Increase Financial Aid

Deferred Maintenance for Buildings

Transform Rural S.C.



NEW *Water & Sewer Infrastructure*

Broadband Internet Access



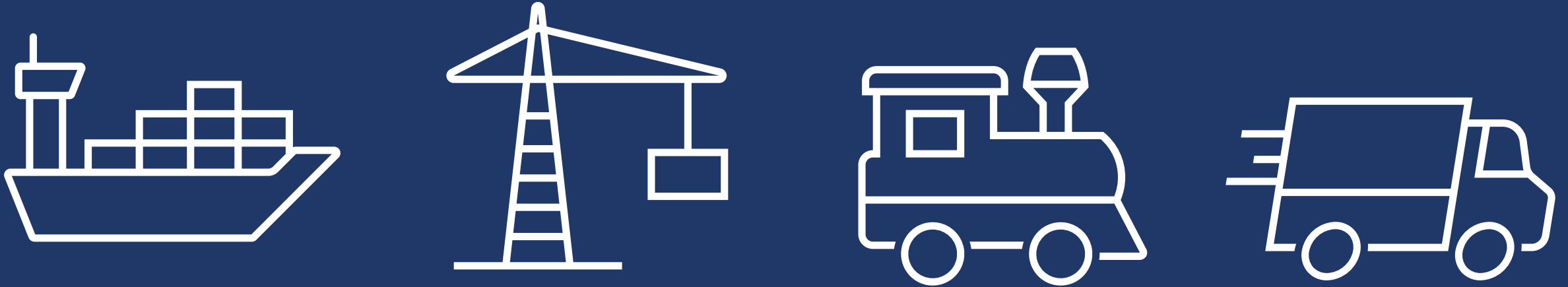
Bridge the Digital Divide

Protect Natural Resources



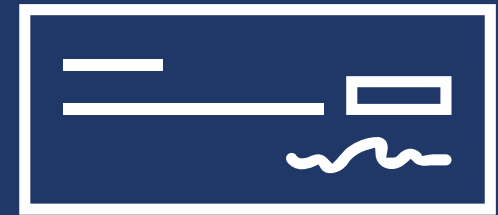
Resilience for the Future

Rail Access to Port



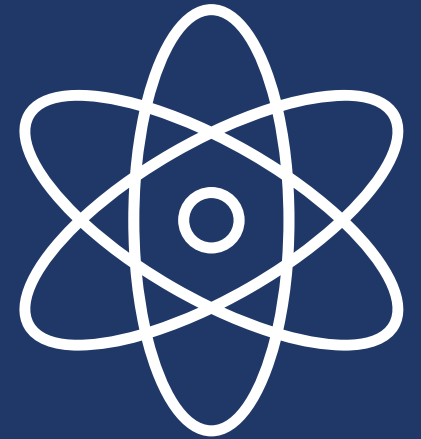
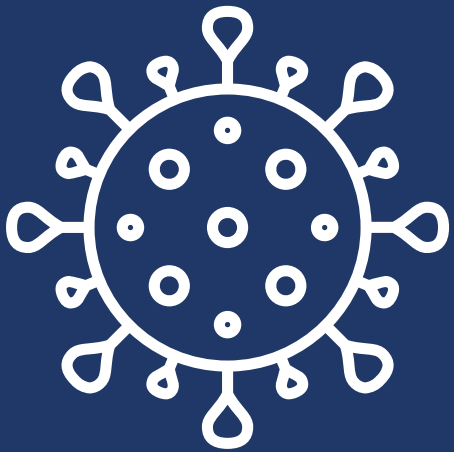
Complete Intermodal Transfer Facility

Help Small Businesses



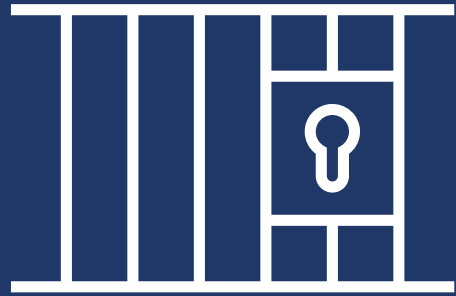
*Replenish Unemployment
Insurance Trust Fund*

New DHEC Lab



*Testing and Research Demand
Requires Modern Facility*

Pay Raises



Recruitment & Retention

Merit Based for State Employees

Tax Free Pension



Military and First Responders

Public Safety



Body Cameras - Vests

Animal Fighting – Domestic Violence

Free and Fair Elections



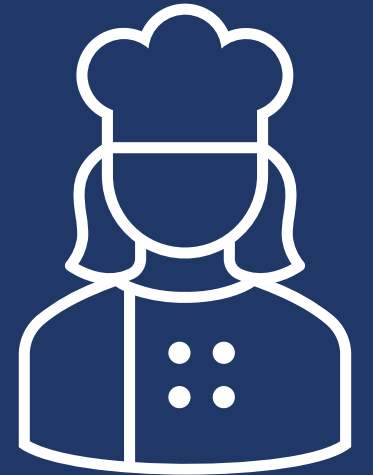
Auditing of Election Results

Ethics Reform



Local Lobbyist Disclosure - Hire More Ethics Investigators
Expand Inspector General Authority
Ethics Training for Sheriffs

Economic Development & Marketing



Agribusiness - Tourism
Manufacturing - Research

ARPA

<i>Rural Water/Sewer Infrastructure</i>	<i>\$500 million</i>
<i>Broadband Access/Expansion</i>	<i>\$400 million</i>
<i>Resilience Environmental Mitigation and Remediation</i>	<i>\$300 million</i>
<i>I-26 - Complete Widening Columbia to Charleston</i>	<i>\$360 million</i>
<i>I-73 - Phase I</i>	<i>\$300 million</i>
<i>Unemployment Trust Fund - Small Business Assistance</i>	<i>\$250 million</i>
<i>Workforce Scholarships for the Future</i>	<i>\$124 million</i>
<i>New DHEC Laboratory</i>	<i>\$100 million</i>
<i>Cyber Security - Hardening of State Agency IT Infrastructure</i>	<i>\$87 million</i>
<i>Agribusiness Marketing and Initiatives</i>	<i>\$50 million</i>
<i>Motorsports Marketing and Infrastructure Fund</i>	<i>\$30 million</i>
<i>Tourism Recovery Initiatives</i>	<i>\$50 million</i>
<i>Guidehouse Grant Management</i>	<i>\$10 million</i>

Executive Budget Highlights

<i>Rainy Day Reserves</i>	<i>\$500 million</i>	<i>Nursing Shortage</i>	<i>\$20 million</i>
<i>SCDOT (non-recurring)</i>	<i>\$500 million</i>	<i>Merit Raise State Employees</i>	<i>\$46 million</i>
<i>SCDOT (recurring)</i>	<i>\$100 million</i>	<i>Law Enforcement Raises</i>	<i>\$31 million</i>
<i>Port</i>	<i>\$300 million</i>	<i>Military Pension</i>	<i>\$9.6 million</i>
<i>Income Tax Cut</i>	<i>\$177 million</i>	<i>Law Enforcement Pension</i>	<i>\$10.7 million</i>
<i>K-12 Funding Reform</i>	<i>\$120 million</i>	<i>Election Commission</i>	<i>\$3 million</i>
<i>EV Buses</i>	<i>\$24 million</i>	<i>Ethics Commission</i>	<i>\$1.7 million</i>
<i>Bus Drivers</i>	<i>\$12 million</i>	<i>Inspector General</i>	<i>\$1.5 million</i>
<i>Charter School</i>	<i>\$60 million</i>	<i>Sheriff Ethics Training</i>	<i>\$200 thousand</i>
<i>Education Savings Accounts</i>	<i>\$20 million</i>	<i>Body Camera and Vest Grants</i>	<i>\$20 million</i>
<i>Instructional Materials</i>	<i>\$100 million</i>		
<i>Tuition Freeze</i>	<i>\$20 million</i>		
<i>Higher Ed Def. Maintenance</i>	<i>\$183 million</i>		



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