

# OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

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## **M**EMORANDUM

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Chairman, House Finance Committee

The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Joseph Codega Jr., Budget Officer

Date: February 14, 2023

Subject: Corrections to the FY 2024 Appropriations Act (23-H-5200)

The Budget Office has reviewed the FY 2024 Appropriations Act as posted on the legislative website and through this review and from feedback provided by the Fiscal Staffs have identified several errors and omissions that were contained in the original version submitted by our office to the Legislative Counsel's office. Below is a list of these corrections by Article number and section, with page and line number references within each article section.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about these requested changes.

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor Stephen Whitney, Senate Fiscal Advisor Brian Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget James E. Thorsen, Director of Administration

## 1. Article 1 - Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2024

#### Section 1.

Page 17, Line 5: After "direct services through the Coalition Against Domestic Violence," Insert "\$25,000 for the Center for Southeast Asians,". Funding for this grant was appropriately included within the line item, but the proviso language had been inadvertently omitted.

## Section 11.

Page 37, Line 22: Strike "773.0" and replace with "770.0"

Page 37, Line 23: Strike "264.0" and replace with "267.0"

## 2. Article 3 - Relating to Government Reform and Reorganization

#### Section 7.

Page 76, Line 25. Replace existing section 7 with the following and renumber "Section 7" to be "Section 8," and so forth throughout the remainder of the article.

Section 36-4-16.4 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-4 entitled "Merit System" is hereby amended to read as follows:

## 36-4-16.4. Salaries of directors.

- (a) In the month of March of each year, the department of administration shall conduct a public hearing to determine salaries to be paid to directors of all state executive departments for the following year, at which hearing all persons shall have the opportunity to provide testimony, orally and in writing. In determining these salaries, the department of administration will take into consideration the duties and responsibilities of the aforenamed officers, as well as such related factors as salaries paid executive positions in other states and levels of government, and in comparable positions anywhere that require similar skills, experience, or training. Consideration shall also be given to the amounts of salary adjustments made for other state employees during the period that pay for directors was set last.
- (b) Each salary determined by the department of administration will be in a flat amount, exclusive of such other monetary provisions as longevity, educational incentive awards, or other fringe additives accorded other state employees under provisions of law, and for which directors are eligible and entitled.
- (c) In no event will the department of administration lower the salaries of existing directors during their term of office.
- (d) Upon determination by the department of administration, the proposed salaries of directors will be referred to the general assembly by the last day in April of that year to go into effect thirty (30) days hence, unless rejected by formal action of the house and the senate acting concurrently within that time.
- (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for 2015 only, the time period for the department of administration to conduct the public hearing shall be extended to July and the proposed salaries shall be referred to the general assembly by August 30. The salaries may take effect before next year, but all other provisions of this section shall apply.
- (f) [Deleted by P.L. 2022, ch. 231, art. 3, § 12.]
- (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any law to the contrary, for 2022 2023 only, the salary of the director of the department of children, youth and families shall be determined by the governor.