



*Jim Justice*  
*Governor of West Virginia*

March 5, 2024

The Honorable Craig Blair  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol, Building 1, Room 229-M  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

The Honorable Roger Hanshaw  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State Capitol, Building 1, Room 228-M  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear President Blair and Speaker Hanshaw:

After submission of my recommended FY 2025 Executive Budget on January 10, 2024, there are areas that require adjustment.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 51, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, I submit revisions to the FY 2025 Budget Bill for the following sections:

TITLE II - APPROPRIATIONS.

**Section 1. Appropriations from general revenue.**

**Department of Administration**

*Office of Technology - WV Office of Technology, Fund 0204, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0231*

(To add a new item of appropriation.)

30a - Office of Technology

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 0204 FY 2025 Org 0231

Directed Transfer..... 70000 \$ 5,000,000

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 0204, appropriation 70000) shall be transferred to the Information Services and Communication Fund (fund 2220).

*Committee for the Purchase of Commodities and Services from the Handicapped, Fund 0233, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0224*

(To strike language.)

- On page 27, line 1, strike in its entirety "The Division of Highways, Division of Motor Vehicles, Public Service Commission, and other departments, bureaus, divisions, or commissions operating from special revenue funds and/or federal funds shall pay their proportionate share of the public employees health insurance cost for their respective divisions."

#### **Department of Tourism**

*Department of Tourism – Office of the Secretary, Fund 0246, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0304*

(To increase Tourism - Brand Promotion (R) and decrease Tourism - Events and Sponsorships (R).)

- Decrease "Tourism-Events and Sponsorships" (fund 0246, appropriation 61805) by \$8,000,000.
- Increase "Tourism-Brand Promotion" (fund 0246, appropriation 61803) by \$8,000,000.

#### **Department of Education**

*Department of Education - State Department of Education, Fund 0313, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0402*

(To decrease Teacher Retirement Savings Realized appropriation per CPRB actuary calculation and to correct language.)

- Decrease "Teachers Retirement Savings Realized" (fund 0313, appropriation 09500) by \$19,094,000.
- On page 38, Line 50, after "Hope Scholarship Program (fund", strike "313," and replace with "0313".

*Department of Education - State Aid to Schools Fund, Fund 0317, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0402*

(To adjust School Aid Formula based on the actuarial requirement from the CPRB.)

- Decrease "Teachers' Retirement System" (fund 0317, appropriation 01900) by \$3,415,958.
- Increase "Retirement Systems-Unfunded Liability" (fund 0317, appropriation 77500) by \$779,958.

#### **Department of Health**

*Department of Health - Central Office, Fund 0407, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0506*

(To adjust appropriations.)

- Decrease "Office of Drug Control Policy" (fund 0407, appropriation 35401) by \$4,773.
- Increase "Current Expenses" (fund 0407, appropriation 13000) by \$650,000.

#### **Department of Human Services**

*Division of Human Services, Fund 0403, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0511*

(To adjust appropriations.)

- Increase "Office of Drug Control Policy" (fund 0403, appropriation 35401) by \$4,773.

#### **Department of Health Facilities**

*Health Facilities - Hopemont Hospital, Fund 0408, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0512*

(To add clarifying language.)

- On page 53, line 16, after "BRIM Premium (fund 0408, appropriation 91300)," insert "at the close of the fiscal year 2024".

*Health Facilities - Lakin Hospital, Fund 0409, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0512*

(To add clarifying language.)

- On page 54, line 16, after "BRIM Premium (fund 0408, appropriation 91300)," insert "at the close of the fiscal year 2024".

*Health Facilities - John Manchin Senior Healthcare Center, Fund 0410, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0512*

(To add clarifying language.)

- On page 55, line 16, after "BRIM Premium (fund 0408, appropriation 91300)," insert "at the close of the fiscal year 2024".

*Health Facilities - Jackie Withrow Hospital, Fund 0411, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0512*

(To add clarifying language.)

- On page 55, line 16, after "BRIM Premium (fund 0408, appropriation 91300)," insert "at the close of the fiscal year 2024".

*Health Facilities - Health Facilities - Welch Community Hospital, Fund 0412, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0512*

(To add clarifying language.)

- On page 57, line 16, after "BRIM Premium (fund 0408, appropriation 91300)," insert "at the close of the fiscal year 2024".

*Health Facilities - William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital, Fund 0413, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0512*

(To add clarifying language.)

- On page 58, line 16, after "BRIM Premium (fund 0408, appropriation 91300)," insert "at the close of the fiscal year 2024".

*Health Facilities - Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital, Fund 0414, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0512*

(To add clarifying language.)

- On page 59, line 16, after "BRIM Premium (fund 0408, appropriation 91300)," insert "at the close of the fiscal year 2024".

*Health Facilities - William Sharpe - Transitional Living Facility, Fund 0415, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0512*

(To add clarifying language.)

- On page 60, line 16, after "BRIM Premium (fund 0408, appropriation 91300)," insert "at the close of the fiscal year 2024".

**Department of Homeland Security**

*Department of Homeland Security - Office of The Secretary, Fund 0430, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0601*

(To add reappropriation language.)

- After "Unclassified (fund 0430, appropriation 09900)," insert "Current Expenses - Surplus (fund 0430, appropriation 13099),".

*West Virginia State Police, Fund 0453, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0612*

(To increase pension contribution per CPRB actuary calculation.)

- Increase "Retirement Systems-Unfunded Liability" (fund 0453, appropriation 77500) by \$7,000.

*Division of Administrative Services - Criminal Justice Fund, Fund 0546, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0623*

(To add reappropriation language.)

- Before "Child Advocacy Centers (fund 0546, appropriation 45800)," insert "Victims of Crime Act (fund 0546, appropriation 21601),".

**Department of Transportation**

*Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities - Public Transit General, Fund 0510, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0810*

(To add language.)

- On page 72, after line 9, insert a new paragraph with the text: "From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0510, appropriation 13000), \$30,000 shall be used to support the Sistersville Ferry."

**Department of Veterans' Assistance**

*Veterans' Home, Fund 0460, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0618*

(To add reappropriation language.)

- After "Current Expenses (fund 0460, appropriation 13000)" insert "and Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment - Surplus (fund 0460, appropriation 67700) are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2025."

**Council for Community and Technical College Education**

*New River Community and Technical College, Fund 0600, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0445*

(To correct an appropriation amount.)

- Decrease "New River Community and Technical College" (fund 0600, appropriation 35800) by \$50,000.

**Higher Education Policy Commission**

*Higher Education Policy Commission - Administration - Control Account, Fund 0589, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0441*

(To add reappropriation language.)

- After "Dual Enrollment Program (fund 0589, appropriation 42201)," insert "Underwood-Smith Scholarship Program - Student Awards - Surplus (Fund 0589, appropriation 16799), Nursing Program Expansion Support (fund 0589, appropriation 42202), Nursing Program Expansion Support - Surplus (fund 0589, appropriation 42299),".

*Shepherd University, Fund 0366, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0486*

(To correct an appropriation amount.)

- Increase "Shepherd University" (fund 0366, appropriation 43200) by \$348,730.

**Miscellaneous Boards and Commissions**

*Adjutant General - State Militia, Fund 0433, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0603*

(To add reappropriation language.)

- After "Unclassified (fund 0433, appropriation 09900)," insert "Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment - Surplus (fund 0433, appropriation 67700),".

**Sec. 3. Appropriations from other funds**

**Department of Administration**

*Office of the Secretary - Employee Pension and Health Care Benefit Fund, Fund 2044, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0201*

(To align appropriation with amount transferred from fund 0313 appropriation 09500 for FY 2025.)

- Decrease "Current Expenses" (fund 2044, appropriation 13000) by \$19,094,000.

**Department of Environmental Protection**

*Division of Environmental Protection - Environmental Laboratory Certification Fund, Fund 3340, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0313*

(To correct a transposed number.)

- On page 121, line 1, after appropriation 00100, strike and replace "389,641" with "389,614".

**Department of Revenue**

*Racing Commission - Advance Deposit Wagering Account, Fund 7309, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0707*

(To correct the fund name.)

- On page 141, after item "270 - Racing Commission -", strike and replace the fund name with "Advance Deposit Wagering Account".

**Bureau of Senior Services**

*Bureau of Senior Services - Community Based Service Fund, Fund 5409, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0508*

(To correct a foot total.)

- On page 145, line 5, after Total, strike and replace "\$14,529,966" with "\$14,589,966".



**Sec. 4. Appropriations from lottery net profits.**

**Higher Education Policy Commission**

*Higher Education Policy Commission - Lottery Education - Higher Education Policy Commission - Control Account, Fund 4925, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0441*

(To update appropriation name.)

- On page 160, line 6, change the name of "Minority Doctoral Fellowship (R)" to "State Doctoral Scholars Program (R)".
- On page 161, line 15, strike "Minority Doctoral Fellowship" and replace with "State Doctoral Scholars Program".

**Sec. 6. Appropriations of federal revenue.**

**Department of Human Services**

*Department of Human Services, Fund 8722, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0511*

(To correct appropriation amounts.)

- On page 183, line 6, strike and replace "6,753,105" with "4,151,432,776".
- On page 183, line 8, strike and replace "4,570,485" with "6,753,105".

**Miscellaneous Boards and Commissions**

*Economic Development Authority, Fund 8893, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0944*

(To correct a letter added to the section total.)

- On page 190, line 2, remove the "s" added to the section total for Federal Funds.

**Sec 9. Appropriations from general revenue fund surplus accrued.**

**Department of Environmental Protection**

*Division of Environmental Protection, Fund 0273, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0313*

(To correct code section cited and add two new items of appropriation.)

407 - Division of Environmental Protection

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 0273 FY 2025 Org 0313

Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment-Surplus.....	67700	\$ 1,500,000
Directed Transfer - Surplus.....	70099	\$ 2,268,230

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer - Surplus (fund 0273, appropriation 70099), \$2,268,230 shall be transferred to the Voluntary Remediation Administrative Fund (fund 3347).

**Department of Economic Development**

*Department of Economic Development - Office of the Secretary, Fund 0256, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0307*

(To add a new item of appropriation for WV Jobs Investment Trust.)

408a - Department of Economic Development -

Office of the Secretary

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 0256 FY 2025 Org 0307

Directed Transfer - Surplus.....	70099	\$ 10,000,000
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The above appropriation for Directed Transfer - Surplus (fund 0256, appropriation) shall be transferred to the Economic Development Authority, WV Jobs Investment Trust (fund 9071).

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**Higher Education Policy Commission**

*Higher Education Policy Commission - Administration - Control Account, Fund 0589, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0441*

(To strike a surplus item that was incorrectly placed under HEPC.)

- Strike Item 408 in its entirety

**Executive**

*Governor's Office - Civil Contingent Fund, Fund 0105, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0100*

(To insert a new surplus item under the Civil Contingent Fund.)

408a – Governor’s Office -

Civil Contingent Fund

(W.V. Code Chapter 5)

Fund 0105 FY 2025 Org 0100

Fire and EMS Training Program Support – Surplus .....	XXXXXX	\$	10,000,000
Fire and EMS Training Program Equipment – Surplus.....	XXXXXX		<u>10,000,000</u>
Total .....		\$	20,000,000

**Department of Transportation**

*Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities - State Rail Authority, Fund 0506, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 0810*

(To insert a surplus item of appropriation.)

412a - Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities -

State Rail Authority

(W.V. Code Chapter 17)

Fund 0506 FY 2025 Org 0810

Other Assets-Surplus.....	23699	\$	1,100,000
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**Executive**

*West Virginia Conservation Agency, Fund 0132, Fiscal Year 2025, Org 1400*

(To add a new item of appropriation.)

412b - West Virginia Conservation Agency

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 0132 FY 2025 Org 1400

Soil Conservation Projects - Surplus.....	26900	\$	1,549,450
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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Your cooperation is always appreciated. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at any time.

The Honorable Craig Blair, President  
The Honorable Roger Hanshaw, Speaker  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Justice", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Justice  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Eric Tarr, Senate Finance Chairman  
The Honorable Vernon Criss, House of Delegates Finance Chairman  
State Budget Office