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March 11, 2026

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 3  
2026 REGULAR SESSION

The Honorable Randy Smith  
President, West Virginia Senate  
Building 1, Room M-229  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear President Smith:

I herewith submit, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, revisions to the FY 2027 budget bill I presented to the Legislature on January 14, 2026, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Morrissey".

Patrick Morrissey  
Governor



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The Honorable Randy Smith  
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 Smith and Speaker Hanshaw:

After submission of my recommended FY 2027 Executive Budget on January 14, 2026, 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 2027 Budget Bill for the following sections:

TITLE II - APPROPRIATIONS.

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

**Department of Commerce**

*Geological and Economic Survey - General Administration Fund, Fund 0253, Fiscal Year 2027, Org 0306*

(To correct transposition typo on funding string 0253-0306-00100 to read 1,869,906.)

- Decrease "Personal Services And Employee Benefits" (fund 0253, appropriation 00100) by \$27,000.

**Department of Education**

*Department of Education - State Department of Education Fund, Fund 0313, Fiscal Year 2027, Org 0402*

(To revise directive language used in fund 0313-86401 Mountain State Digital Literacy Program.)

- On page 39, strike lines 64-65 and insert "From the above appropriation for Mountain State Digital Literacy Program (fund 0313, appropriation 86401), \$3,000,000 shall be used for instructional, educational support and tutoring resources for digital literacy, math, career-technical education, and internet safety."

*Department of Education - State Aid To Schools Fund, Fund 0317, Fiscal Year 2027, Org 0402*

(To adjust School Aid Formula steps and local share based on certified property valuations; and adjustments to retirement contributions based on the fiscal note for HB 4765 and actuarial requirements from the CPRB.)

- Increase "Teachers' Retirement System" (fund 0317, appropriation 01900) by \$13,047,748.
- Increase "Less Local Share" (fund 0317, appropriation Less Local Share) by \$3,618,568.
- Decrease "Teacher And Leader Induction" (fund 0317, appropriation 93601) by \$723,714.
- Decrease "Retirement Systems - Unfunded Liability" (fund 0317, appropriation 77500) by \$19,250,000.
- Decrease "Improved Instructional Programs" (fund 0317, appropriation 15600) by \$361,857.

- Decrease "21st Century Strategic Technology Learning Growth" (fund 0317, appropriation 93600) by \$723,714.

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

*Division of Human Services - Bureau For Social Services - Office of the Commissioner, Fund 0486, Fiscal Year 2027, Org 0511*

(To better align spending. A net zero alignment.)

- Decrease "Social Services" (fund 0486, appropriation 19500) by \$705,141.

*Division of Human Services - Bureau For Social Service - Foster Care, Fund 0489, Fiscal Year 2027, Org 0511*

(To better align spending. A net zero alignment.)

- Increase "Social Services" (fund 0489, appropriation 19500) by \$705,141.

#### **Miscellaneous Boards and Commissions**

*Adjutant General - State Militia Fund, Fund 0433, Fiscal Year 2027, Org 0603*

(To add reappropriation language.)

- On page 91, line 14 after "30799)," insert "SEARCH Director (fund 0433, appropriation 50201),".

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.

Sincerely,



Patrick Morrissey  
Governor

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