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The Honorable Jeffrey Kessler, President
Senate of West Virginia, Office of the President
State Capitol
Building 1, Room 227-M
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

The Honorable Timothy Miley, Speaker
West Virginia House of Delegates, Office of the Speaker
State Capitol
Building 1, Room 462-M
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear President Kessler and Speaker Miley:

After the submission of my recommended FY 2015 Executive Budget on January 8, 2014, there have been a few areas that require adjustments and, therefore, I would like to provide you with additional recommended revisions to the TITLE II – APPROPRIATIONS:

Section 1. Appropriations from general revenue.

Executive

Governor's Office, Fund 0101, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0100
(To move funding for GOHELP to DHHR.)

- Decrease "GOHELP" Appropriation 11600 by $250,651.

Governor's Office-Civil Contingent Fund, Fund 0105, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0100
(To add funding for WVTAP home water testing project.)

- Add "Civil Contingent Fund - Total (R)" Appropriation 11400 for $762,300.

Department of Administration

Division of General Services, Fund 0230, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0211
(To clarify that funds can be used for all state-owned buildings.)

- Add the language, "The above appropriation to Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment, (appropriation 58900) shall be expended for capital improvements, maintenance, repairs and equipment for state-owned buildings."

Department of Commerce

Division of Forestry, Fund 0250, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0305

(To correct a drafting error and move funding to DHHR for Pill Mill Investigators.)

- Decrease "Equipment" Appropriation 07000 by $500,000.

Department of Education

State Board of Education-State Department of Education, Fund 0313, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0402

(To fully fund the Teachers' Retirement Savings Realized according to the final actuarial calculations.)

- Add "Teachers' Retirement Savings Realized" Appropriation 09500 for $304,000.
- Add the language, "The above appropriation for Teachers' Retirement Savings Realized (fund 0313, appropriation 09500) shall be transferred to the Employee Pension and Health Care Benefit Fund (fund 2044)."

State Department of Education-State Aid to Schools, Fund 0317, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0402

(To adjust School Aid Formula based on latest estimates.)

- Increase "Other Current Expenses" Appropriation 02200 by $2,854,055.
- Decrease "Service Personnel" Appropriation 15200 by $1,516,996.
- Decrease "Fixed Charges" Appropriation 15300 by $64,131
- Decrease "Professional Student Support Services" Appropriation 65500 by $743,125.
- Decrease "Improved Instructional Program" Appropriation 05600 by $2,449,728.
- Increase "21st Century Strategic Technology Learning Growth" Appropriation 93600 by $1,034,059.
- Decrease "Less Local Share" line by $6,101,195 from ($443,503,272) to ($437,402,077).
- Increase "Teachers' Retirement System" Appropriation 01900 by $55,531.
- Decrease "Retirement Systems - Unfunded Liability" Appropriation 77500 by $9,836,000.

State Board of Education-Division of Education Performance Audits, Fund 0573, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0402 (To provide for additional staff to perform audits.)

- Increase "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" Appropriation 00100 by $600,000.

Department of Education and the Arts

Educational Broadcast Authority, Fund 0300, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0439

(To maintain FY 2014 funding for Personal Services.)

- Increase "Personal Service and Employee Benefits" Appropriation 00100 by $392,803.
- Decrease "Current Expenses" Appropriation 13000 by $392,803.

Department of Health and Human Resources

Department of Health and Human Resources-Office of the Secretary, Fund 0400, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0501

(To move funding for GOHELP from the Governor's Office.)

- Add "GOHELP" Appropriation 11600 for $250,651.

Division of Human Services, Fund 0403, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0511

(To correct drafting error and move Pill Mill Investigators from Division of Forestry, to increase funds for Medicaid due to revised state match requirement for FY 2015, based on latest information, and to replace some of the reduction in the adjusted FY 2014 surplus supplemental appropriation bill.)

- Increase "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" Appropriation 00100 by $500,000.
- Increase "Medical Services" Appropriation 18900 by $5,719,408.

Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety

Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety-Office of the Secretary, Fund 0430, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0601 (To provide additional funding for WV Fire and EMS Survivor Benefit and the Law-Enforcement, Safety and Emergency Workers Funeral Expense Payment Fund.)

- Increase "Directed Transfer" Appropriation 70000 by $7,000.
- Increase "WV Fire and EMS Survivor Benefit" Appropriation 93900 by $100,000.

West Virginia State Police, Fund 0453, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0612

(To adjust the Trooper Retirement Fund contribution according to the final actuarial calculations.)

- Decrease "Trooper Retirement Fund" Appropriation 60500 by $145,302.
- Decrease "Retirement Systems - Unfunded Liability" Appropriation 77500 by $2,203,000.

Department of Transportation

Division of Public Transit, Fund 0510, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0805

(To add reappropriation language for projects expected to not be completed by June 30, 2014.)

- Add "(R)" next to the appropriation for "Equipment" Appropriation 07000 and "Other Assets" Appropriation 69000.
- Amend the language following fund 0510 to read as follows:
  "Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified-Total (fund 0510, appropriation 09600), Current Expenses (fund 0510, appropriation 13000), Equipment (fund 0510, appropriation 07000), Buildings (fund 0510, appropriation 25800), and Other Assets (fund 0510, appropriation 69000) at the close of the fiscal year 2014 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2015."

Department of Veterans' Assistance

Department of Veterans' Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0613

(To adjust funding between appropriations.)

- Increase "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" Appropriation 00100 by $250,000.
- Decrease "Veterans' Nursing Home" Appropriation 28600 by $250,000.

Section 3. Appropriations from other funds.

Department of Administration

Department of Administration-Office of the Secretary-Employee Pension and Health Care Benefit Fund, Fund 2044, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0201

(To allow for the full transfer of the Teachers' Retirement Savings Realized.)

- Increase "Current Expenses" Appropriation 13000 by $304,000.

Department of Commerce

Division of Forestry-Timbering Operation Enforcement Fund, Fund 3082, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0305

(To move positions from General Revenue due to budget reduction.)

- Increase "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" Appropriation 00100 by $120,000.

Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety

Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety-Office of the Secretary-Law-Enforcement, Safety and Emergency Worker Funeral Expense Payment Fund, Fund 6003, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0601

(To allow for payment of funeral expenses.)

- Increase "Current Expenses" Appropriation 13000 by $7,000.

Higher Education Policy Commission

Tuition Fee Revenue Bond Construction Fund, Fund 4906, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0442

(To correct a drafting error in the language.)

- Amend the reappropriation language following fund 4906 to read as follows: *"Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Outlay (fund 4906, appropriation 51100) at the close of the fiscal year 2014 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2015."*

Miscellaneous Boards and Commissions

WV Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses, Fund 8520, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0907

(To increase spending authority to continue funding for two positions.)

- Increase "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" Appropriation 00100 by $155,009.
- Increase "Current Expenses" Appropriation 13000 by $6,500.
- Increase "Equipment" Appropriation 07000 by $5,000.
- Increase "Other Assets" Appropriation 69000 by $2,000.

Section 6. Appropriations of federal funds.

Department of Education and the Arts

Educational Broadcasting Authority, Fund 8721, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0439
(To increase federal spending authority for a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to update the Charleston Studio.)

- Increase "Equipment" Appropriation 07000 by $250,000.

Department of Veterans' Assistance

Department of Veterans' Assistance, Fund 8830, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0613
(To continue federal spending authority from FY 2014 supplemental appropriation.)

- Increase "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" by $2,000,000.

Department of Veterans' Assistance-Veterans' Home, Fund 8728, Fiscal Year 2015, Org 0618
(To increase federal spending authority for facility improvements.)

- Increase "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" Appropriation 00100 by $150,000.
- Increase "Current Expenses" Appropriation 13000 by $28,000.
- Increase "Repairs and Alterations" Appropriation 06400 by $120,000.
- Increase "Equipment" Appropriation 07000 by $98,000.
- Increase "Buildings" Appropriation 25800 by $20,000.

Section 8. Awards for claims against the state.

Please amend the language to read as follows:

> *"There are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2015, from the fund as designated, in the amounts as specified, general revenue funds in the amount of **$2,920,734**, special revenue funds in the amount of **$351,398**, and state road funds in the amount of **$611,755** for payment of claims against the state."*

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. Your cooperation is always appreciated. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at any time.

Sincerely,

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Roman Prezioso, Chairman
The Honorable Brent Boggs, Chairman
State Budget Office