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Senate Bill 283 (S-1 as reported)

Committee: Appropriations

FY 2002-03 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	\$4,037,164,400
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Changes from FY 2002-03 Year-to-Date:

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| 1. General Budget Issues. The Governor reflects: reductions associated with the FY 2002-03 hiring freeze, Early Retirement, and two Executive Orders, unearned revenue and occupancy adjustments; and increased funds for retirement payouts, terminal annual leave, sick leave, health benefits and other related costs. The Senate concurs with the recommendation. | (75,090,200) |
| 2. Child Care Fund. The Governor recommends increases for caseload and a change to reimburse counties 75%, currently at 50%, for in-home services. A new line, Enhanced Child Care Fund Reimbursement for Community Programs, is created by fund transfers from related programs. The Senate rejects the transfers, except the child care fund and prevention services, and reduces half of the rate increase funds to use innovation grants. | 4,950,800 |
| 3. Youth Services. The Governor projects 1,046 fewer foster care cases and a \$5,155 reduction in the Wayne county cost per case, 2,200 more adoption cases and an increase for medical subsidy payments, and a policy change assumes a \$3.6 million reduction related to a lowered subsidy eligible age. Regional detention services and juvenile boot camp use is reduced. The Senate concurs except recommends \$6 million GF/GP for in-home services. | (6,984,600) |
| 4. Federal Grants. The Governor recognizes increases in the Low-income energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Federal grants. | 36,640,800 |
| 5. Cash Assistance. The Governor reduces the Family Independence Program caseload to 69,500, a reduction of 10,200 cases and maintains the clothing allowance at \$25 per school age child. Projections include a 8,400 State Disability Assistance caseload, an increase of 500 cases, a 214,300 SSI caseload, an increase of 2,300 cases, a 66,300 day care caseload, a reduction of 1,900 cases. Indigent burial services are reduced by 15%. The Homestead Property Tax and Transition Work Support lines are eliminated. The Senate concurs with the caseload projections and other adjustments, and funds a \$50 school clothing allowance. | (45,617,800) |
| 6. Child Support Enforcement. The Governor recommends funds for a Legal Support Contracts cost of living increase and for the distribution computer system operations costs. | 13,116,600 |
| 7. Technology. The Governor recommends a \$12.7 million increase for food stamp distribution improvements and reductions reflecting certification and completion of the Child Support Enforcement System. | (15,702,200) |
| 8. Employment Services. The Governor's proposal maintains 64 Community Resource Coordinators from Project Zero and Volunteer Services Coordinator positions. The Senate reverses the Governor's transfer of the Fatherhood and Marriage initiatives. | (1,897,500) |
| 9. Economic Adjustments. The Governor recommends adjustments for food, fuel and utilities, workers' compensation, and building occupancy charges. The bill does not contain employee related economics for salaries and wages, insurance, and retirement costs, totaling \$45,773,500 Gross, \$15,717,100 GF/GP. | \$111,000 |
| 10. Comparison to Governor's Recommendation. The Senate Substitute is at the Governor's recommended funding level. | |

Total Changes	(\$91,473,100)
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FY 2003-04 Senate Appropriations Committee Gross Appropriation	\$3,945,691,300
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Changes from FY 2002-03 Year to Date:

1. **Contingency Funds.** The Senate does not provide contingency fund legislative transfer authorization. (Sec. 206 not included)
2. **Faith-based Organization Contracts.** Restrictions on contracts with religious organizations. The Governor eliminates this section. The Senate does not concur with the Governor and adds assurances for contract participation. (Sec. 220)
3. **Operation Efficiencies.** The Governor recommends funds to encourage efficiencies. The Senate does not concur with the language. (Sec. 222)
4. **Office Reorganization.** Legislative approval of local office restructuring. The Governor does not include the language. The Senate does not concur with the Governor. (Sec. 261)
5. **Uniform Reporting.** The Senate recommends a uniform standard be followed in all reports department preparation. (Sec. 270)
6. **Audit Reviews.** The Senate recommends reports on the Federal child and family services and the Title IV-E eligibility audit reviews. (Sec. 271 and Sec. 272)
7. **Policies and Grants.** The Senate requires reports on department policy changes and department applications on Federal grants and an annual regulatory plan. (Sec. 273 and Sec. 274)
8. **Billboards.** The Senate prohibits funding for billboard advertising. (Sec. 275)
9. **Child Support Funds.** The Senate provides Title IV-D funds for Office of Attorney General child support efforts. (Sec. 401)
10. **Fatherhood and Marriage Initiatives.** The Senate provides \$500,000 for Fatherhood and \$750,000 for Marriage Initiatives. (Sec. 415 and Sec. 416)
11. **Foster Care Rate.** The Governor proposes a \$453,000 reduction in private child placing and treatment facilities administrative rates. The Senate does not concur with the Governor. (Sec. 521)
12. **Foster Care Assignment System.** The Senate requires that a geographically based placement system not be implemented unless in the foster children's best interest. (Sec. 536)
13. **Service Analysis.** Private nonprofit foster care placements required if the department caseload/worker ratio is greater than 20:1. The Senate requires a third party to analyze the public and private service costs and a department report on the results. (Sec. 537)
14. **Burial Rates.** The Governor recommends a 15% reduction in the reimbursement rate. The Senate concurs with the proposal. (Sec. 613)
15. **Five-year Assistance Limit.** The Senate provides for continuation of assistance payments past the Federal welfare reform 5-year limit. (Sec. 648)
16. **Child Care.** The Senate continues Before- and After-School projects, at \$8,500,000 in TANF funds. (Sec. 657)
17. **Boys and Girls Clubs.** The Senate provides \$250,000 for statewide projects, a 10% match by the contractors and a project report. (Sec. 668)
18. **Cash Assistance Distribution.** The Senate provides that at least 2 weeks prior to payments for the clothing allowance, the department provide recipients information on applicable retail stores and discounts. (Sec. 669)
19. **Maxey Report.** The Senate requires a facility Federal investigation report. (Sec. 705)

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