



Georgia Department of Human Services

Legal Update

Bond Resolution

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Stronger Families for a Stronger Georgia

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Vision, Mission and Core Values

Vision

Stronger Families for a Stronger Georgia.

Mission

Strengthen Georgia by providing Individuals and Families access to services that promote self-sufficiency, independence, and protect Georgia's vulnerable children and adults.

Core Values

- Provide access to resources that offer support and empower Georgians and their families.
- Deliver services professionally and treat all clients with dignity and respect.
- Manage business operations effectively and efficiently by aligning resources across the agency.
- Promote accountability, transparency and quality in all services we deliver and programs we administer.
- Develop our employees at all levels of the agency.



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We support the Department by:

- Establishing clear expectations regarding the Department's role in judicial and administrative processes and procedures
- Handling communications with attorneys for adverse parties and managing direct Department contact with the Office of the Attorney General and outside counsel
- Providing legal review and drafting of programmatic contracts, agreements and proposals
- Providing legal review of proposed legislation, programmatic changes, internal policies and procedures



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Range of Legal Services

- Contracts and procurement
- Child support enforcement
- Child welfare matter
- Privacy protections
- Regulatory support regarding assistance to needy families
- Matters pertaining to senior citizens
- Open records information requests
- Employment matters
- Legal liaison for federal programs
- Civil rights and EEOC matters
- Finance and banking
- Real estate, facilities and environmental
- Legislation
- Litigation support
- And more



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Major Litigation Update

- Melanie K Class Action Settlement reached as to attorney's fees and costs through April 15, 2016
- Dougherty County Settlement reached regarding payment of fees for service of process in DCSS cases from August 2011 through May 2012
- Kenny A Exit plan negotiations are ongoing and progressing





Bond Resolution

H.B.	Bond	Appropriation	General Obligation Debt Authorized	General Obligation Debt Previously Issued	General Obligation Debt Available	General Obligation Debt Requested
751	# 64	From State General Funds, \$94,874 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Human Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$410,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.	\$410,000	\$0	\$410,000	\$410,000



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H.B.	Bond	Appropriation	General Obligation Debt Authorized	General Obligation Debt Previously Issued	General Obligation Debt Available	General Obligation Debt Requested
751	# 65	From State General Funds, \$1,115,348 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Human Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,820,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.				
			\$4,820,000	\$0	\$4,820,000	\$4,820,000
		Total	\$5,230,000	\$0	\$5,230,000	\$5,230,000



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QUESTIONS?



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