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**PUBLIC NOTICE: GEORGIA DRIVER'S
EDUCATION COMMISSION**

The Georgia Driver's Education Commission will conduct its third quarter Commission meeting on March 17, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive SE, Suite 370, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The public is welcome to attend. Meeting documents and public access information will be posted on <https://www.gahighwaysafety.org/gdec-resources/> by 5:00 pm on March 14, 2025.

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Next Meeting: June 10, 2025; 1:30 pm

MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA DRIVER’S EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING

September 19, 2024

Meeting Location:
Georgia Department of Driver Services
2206 Eastview Pkwy NE, Conyers, GA 30013

Chairman Allen Poole called the September 19, 2024, meeting of Georgia Driver’s Education Commission meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were as follows:

Board Members in Attendance	Board Members not in Attendance
Mr. Allen Poole, Chairman	
Mr. Spencer R. Moore, Vice Chairman	
Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins	
Mr. J. Barry Schrenk	
Ms. Kathy L. Watts	
Dr. Andrea Daniel	

Non-Members in Attendance were as follows:

Mr. Josh Turner, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission
Ms. Kisha Bell, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission
Mr. Robert Hydrick, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety
Ms. Lisa Owens, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety
Ms. Amy Radley, Georgia Attorney General’s Office
Ms. Laura Bohlander, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety
Ms. Juenesse Holman, Georgia Department of Driver Services
Mr. Brent Bennett, Georgia Department of Driver Services

Roll Call

Mr. Josh Turner called the roll. All members were present, and a quorum was established.

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Allen Poole welcomed everyone for attending today’s board meeting. Mr. Josh Turner was pleased to share with the board that Governor Kemp appointed Dr. Andrea Daniel, President of Athens Technical College, to the Georgia Driver’s Education Commission representing public providers. The board welcomed Dr. Daniel to the Commission.

Adoption of Agenda

Chairman Poole presented the agenda. Vice Chairman Spencer R. Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. J. Barry Schrenk seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of June 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Chairman Poole presented the June 18, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Schrenk made a motion to adopt the

minutes with scrivener's errors to be corrected. Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairman Poole offered a time for Public Comment. There was no response.

Staff Report

Mr. Turner presented the staff report. The Scholarship Reports for July 2024, August 2024, and September 2024 were presented and are attached to these minutes. The Scholarship Redemption Report for the period of June 15, 2024, through September 14, 2024, was presented and is attached to these minutes. The Customer Service Report for the months of June 2024, July 2024, and August 2024 was presented and is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Turner highlighted "Performance Audit 23-15 – Driver Education" by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts previously provided to the Commission by email.

Additionally, Mr. Turner announced that the Georgia Department of Education has updated the "Free and Reduced-price Meals" household income eligibility levels for the 2024-2025 school year and as the Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program eligibility is based on the Free and Reduced-price Meal Eligibility, he would be updating the household income eligibility in the scholarship program application on October 1, 2024.

Mr. Turner announced that the recommendations from the Policy Review Committee are in the final draft and almost ready for Commission consideration.

Finally, Mr. Turner thanked his staff and the finance staff of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for their hard work every day.

Discussion ensued regarding "Performance Audit 23-15 – Driver's Education" and the Commission collectively requested that Mr. Turner draft a Resolution for their consideration advocating for the General Assembly to establish of a "driver's education fund that would prevent scholarship funds from lapsing" as stated in the audit report. The General Assembly should consider establishing a driver's education fund that would prevent scholarship funds from lapsing.

Mr. Schrenk made a motion to approve the staff report. Chairman Poole seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report

Mr. Turner presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission and highlighted the report.

Mr. Turner requested that any motion to adopt the report include authorization for staff to correct any scriveners' errors or minor changes that would not affect the outcome of the report as the report had not yet been edited.

Mr. Schrenk made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report and to authorize the staff to correct any scriveners' errors or minor changes that would not affect the outcome of the report. Dr. Andrea Daniel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Schrenk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Poole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kischa Bell
Business Operations Analyst
Georgia Driver's Education Commission

9-19-2024 Draft Meeting Minutes



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: July 2024	Monthly Allocation: 400	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	647	400
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	11	11
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	636	389

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	247
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	0	29
2	0	0	1	0	0	29
3	0	0	1	0	0	29
4	0	0	0	0	0	29
5	0	0	0	0	0	26
6	0	0	0	0	0	18
7	0	0	0	0	0	29
8	0	0	1	0	0	29
9	0	0	1	0	0	25
10	0	0	0	0	0	29
11	0	0	2	0	0	29
12	0	0	1	0	0	29
13	0	0	1	0	0	30
14	0	0	3	0	0	29
Total	0	0	11	0	0	389
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194,500.00



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: August 2024	Monthly Allocation: 400	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	533	154
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	3	3
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	530	151

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	246	246	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	379
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	1	10
2	0	0	0	0	20	11
3	0	0	0	0	13	11
4	0	0	0	0	22	11
5	0	0	0	0	0	11
6	0	0	0	0	0	10
7	0	0	0	0	20	11
8	0	0	0	0	11	10
9	0	0	0	0	0	11
10	0	0	0	0	21	11
11	0	0	1	0	44	11
12	0	0	0	0	17	11
13	0	0	2	0	31	11
14	0	0	0	0	46	11
Total	0	0	3	0	246	151
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$123,000.00	\$ 75,500.00



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: September 2024	Monthly Allocation: 400	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	575	21
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	9	9
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month	566	12

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	379	379	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	554
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	9	1
2	0	0	1	0	35	1
3	0	0	0	0	41	1
4	0	0	0	0	26	1
5	0	0	0	0	13	1
6	0	0	0	0	5	1
7	0	0	3	0	21	1
8	0	0	0	0	16	0
9	0	0	1	0	16	0
10	0	0	2	0	51	1
11	0	0	1	0	51	1
12	0	0	1	0	18	1
13	0	0	0	0	34	1
14	0	0	0	0	43	1
Total	0	0	9	0	379	12
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$189,500.00	\$ 6,000.00

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report between June 15, 2024 and September 14, 2024

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed	Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	282	Central Georgia Technical College	16
West Metro Driving School	112	Coastal Pines Technical College	16
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	78	Ogeechee Technical College	16
New London School of Driving Inc.	76	AA Academy of Action Driving School	15
Savannah Technical College	44	Southern Regional Technical College	15
!!01 Act Driving Schools, LLC	35	Georgia Northwestern Technical College	14
Advance Driving Academy	33	Lanier Technical College	14
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	31	Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	14
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	30	The Wiser Driver	12
Kennesaw Driving School	30	Collins Driving School	10
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	29	Oconee Fall Line Technical College	10
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	28	FB Driving, Inc.	9
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	27	Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	8
A+ Driving Services, Inc.	26	West Georgia Technical College	7
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	24	Gordon County Board of Education	6
Thumbs Up Driving Inc.	24	South Georgia Technical College	6
North Georgia Technical College	22	Duluth DUI and Driving School	5
Marietta City Board of Education	21	Georgia Piedmont Technical College	4
Southern Crescent Technical College	21	Oconee County Board of Education	4
Taggart's Driving School	20	Southern Defensive Driving School	3
DriveSmart Systems, Inc.	19	Columbus Technical College	2
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	18	Safe America Foundation, Inc.	2
Just Driver Training	17	White County Board of Education	2
Albany Technical College	16	Calhoun City BOE	1
Augusta Technical College	16	NBK All-Risk Solutions, LLC	1
		Total	1,291

Customer Service Report for June 2024 through August 2024

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	151	Individual Staff Email Contacts	3,507
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	516	Invoices Processed: 501 invoices totaling \$630,138.88 accounting for 1,374 students	



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: October 2024	Monthly Allocation: 443	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	468	0
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	0	0
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month:	468	0

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	554	443	111	\$ 55,500.00
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	468
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	20	0
2	0	0	0	0	36	0
3	0	0	0	0	32	0
4	0	0	0	0	37	0
5	0	0	0	0	31	0
6	0	0	0	0	18	0
7	0	0	0	0	38	0
8	0	0	0	0	32	0
9	0	0	0	0	19	0
10	0	0	0	0	38	0
11	0	0	0	0	38	0
12	0	0	0	0	28	0
13	0	0	0	0	38	0
14	0	0	0	0	38	0
Total	0	0	0	0	443	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$221,500.00	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: November 2024	Monthly Allocation: 400	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	412	17
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	17	17
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month:	395	0

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	467	272	195	\$ 97,500.00
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	111	111	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	395
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	15	0
2	0	0	2	0	20	0
3	0	0	1	0	21	0
4	0	0	2	6	21	0
5	0	0	0	0	17	0
6	0	0	0	0	13	0
7	0	0	1	6	21	0
8	0	0	2	0	20	0
9	0	0	1	0	19	0
10	0	0	0	30	21	0
11	0	0	5	11	21	0
12	0	0	1	0	21	0
13	0	0	2	41	21	0
14	0	0	0	17	21	0
Total	0	0	17	111	272	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 55,500.00	\$136,000.00	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: December 2024	Monthly Allocation: 400	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	348	7
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	7	7
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month:	341	0

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	395	199	196	\$ 98,000.00
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	194	194	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	341
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	1	1	12	0
2	0	0	3	2	14	0
3	0	0	0	15	14	0
4	0	0	0	1	15	0
5	0	0	0	2	14	0
6	0	0	0	41	15	0
7	0	0	0	5	14	0
8	0	0	0	0	14	0
9	0	0	0	5	14	0
10	0	0	2	14	14	0
11	0	0	1	39	15	0
12	0	0	0	6	14	0
13	0	0	0	23	15	0
14	0	0	0	40	15	0
Total	0	0	7	194	199	0
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 99,500.00	\$ -



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: January 2025	Monthly Allocation: 655	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	356	119
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	6	6
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month:	350	113

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	341	341	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	195	195	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	237
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	9	8
2	0	0	0	21	30	8
3	0	0	0	8	23	9
4	0	0	0	1	17	8
5	0	0	0	2	17	9
6	0	0	0	24	40	8
7	0	0	1	3	11	2
8	0	0	1	5	10	8
9	0	0	1	12	21	9
10	0	0	1	40	23	9
11	0	0	1	19	38	9
12	0	0	0	2	16	8
13	0	0	0	36	50	9
14	0	0	1	22	36	9
Total	0	0	6	195	341	113
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 97,500.00	\$170,500.00	\$ 56,500.00



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: February 2025	Monthly Allocation: 675	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	568	438
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	8	8
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month:	560	430

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	237	237	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	130
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	1	17
2	0	0	0	0	25	36
3	0	0	0	0	18	37
4	0	0	0	0	5	28
5	0	0	0	0	7	22
6	0	0	2	0	31	36
7	0	0	0	0	0	19
8	0	0	0	0	19	17
9	0	0	1	0	10	36
10	0	0	0	0	19	36
11	0	0	1	0	32	36
12	0	0	2	0	13	36
13	0	0	1	0	34	37
14	0	0	1	0	23	37
Total	0	0	8	0	237	430
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$118,500.00	\$ 215,000.00



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

Month: March 2025	Monthly Allocation: 636	
	Applied	Approved
Total New Applicants This Month:	506	506
Tier 1 New Applicants This Month:	8	8
Tier 2 New Applicants This Month:	498	498

Reconsideration Statistics	Applied	Approved	Denied	\$ Needed to Award Denied
Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration:	130	130	0	\$ -
Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration:	0	0	0	\$ -

New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month:	0
Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month:	0

Congressional District	Tier 1			Tier 2		
	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month	Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration	Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration	Applied this Month & Approved This Month
1	0	0	0	0	0	17
2	0	0	0	0	14	49
3	0	0	1	0	6	25
4	0	0	0	0	0	29
5	0	0	0	0	0	15
6	0	0	2	0	21	57
7	0	0	0	0	0	20
8	0	0	0	0	0	20
9	0	0	0	0	14	43
10	0	0	0	0	6	31
11	0	0	2	0	8	62
12	0	0	1	0	0	22
13	0	0	0	0	36	55
14	0	0	2	0	25	53
Total	0	0	8	0	130	498
Value of Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 249,000.00

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for September 2024

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed	Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	55	The Wiser Driver	5
West Metro Driving School	33	A Driving Advantage	5
New London School of Driving Inc.	22	Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	4
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	20	Central Georgia Technical College	4
AA Academy of Action Driving School	11	Kennesaw Driving School	4
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	11	Southern Regional Technical College	4
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	10	Georgia Piedmont Technical College	3
Albany Technical College	9	Lanier Technical College	3
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	9	North Georgia Technical College	3
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	8	Oconee County Board of Education	3
Savannah Technical College	8	Southern Crescent Technical College	3
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	7	Coastal Pines Technical College	2
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	7	DriveSmart Georgia	2
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	7	Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	2
Augusta Technical College	6	Calhoun City BOE	1
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	6	Collins Driving School	1
Taggart's Driving School	6	Oconee Fall Line Technical College	1
Advance Driving Academy	5	South Georgia Technical College	1
Marietta City Board of Education	5	Total	296

Customer Service Report for September 2024

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	44	Individual Staff Email Contacts	840
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	114	Invoices Processed: 168 invoices totaling \$194,782.52 accounting for 420 students	

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for October 2024

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed	Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	73	Central Georgia Technical College	5
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	31	Coastal Pines Technical College	5
West Metro Driving School	24	AA Academy of Action Driving	4
New London School of Driving Inc.	22	Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	4
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	19	Kennesaw Driving School	4
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	19	Calhoun City BOE	3
Advance Driving Academy	16	DriveSmart Georgia	3
Augusta Technical College	11	Georgia Piedmont Technical College	3
Duluth DUI and Driving School	11	Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	3
Marietta City Board of Education	11	Southern Crescent Technical College	3
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	11	West Georgia Technical College	3
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	10	Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	3
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	10	A+ Driving Services, Inc.	2
Taggart's Driving School	10	Collins Driving School	2
Savannah Technical College	10	Southern Defensive Driving School	2
A Driving Advantage	9	Lanier Technical College	2
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	8	Oconee Fall Line Technical College	2
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	7	Southern Regional Technical College	2
The Wiser Driver	7	Columbus Technical College	1
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	6	FB Driving, Inc.	1
Albany Technical College	6	South Georgia Technical College	1
		Total	389

Customer Service Report for October 2024

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	41	Individual Staff Email Contacts	901
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	96	Invoices Processed: 187 invoices totaling \$201,721.00 accounting for 436 students	

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for November 2024

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed	Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	63	Augusta Technical College	3
West Metro Driving School	29	Coastal Pines Technical College	3
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	18	Southern Regional Technical College	3
New London School of Driving Inc.	16	Calhoun City BOE	2
Advance Driving Academy	15	Central Georgia Technical College	2
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	12	FB Driving, Inc.	2
The Wiser Driver	11	Southern Defensive Driving School	2
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	9	Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	2
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	8	A Driving Advantage	2
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	8	West Georgia Technical College	2
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	6	Albany Technical College	1
Taggart's Driving School	6	DriveSmart Georgia	1
North Georgia Technical College	6	Duluth DUI and Driving School	1
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	6	Just Driver Training	1
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	6	Lanier Technical College	1
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	5	Oconee County Board of Education	1
Savannah Technical College	5	Oconee Fall Line Technical College	1
Collins Driving School	4	Safe America Foundation, Inc.	1
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	4	Kennesaw Driving School	1
Marietta City Board of Education	4	South Georgia Technical College	1
Ogeechee Technical College	4	Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	1
AA Academy of Action Driving School	3	Total	282

Customer Service Report for November 2024

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	66	Individual Staff Email Contacts	968
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	206	Invoices Processed: 156 invoices totaling \$196,795.56.00 accounting for 431 students	

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for December 2024

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed		Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	73		Ogeechee Technical College	6
West Metro Driving School	30		Savannah Technical College	6
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	19		Augusta Technical College	5
Marietta City Board of Education	18		Central Georgia Technical College	5
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	15		Southern Crescent Technical College	4
Shead Capital Group, LLC	13		Coastal Pines Technical College	3
Taggart's Driving School	12		FB Driving, Inc.	3
Advance Driving Academy	10		Georgia Driving School, Inc.	3
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	9		North Georgia Technical College	3
New London School of Driving Inc.	9		Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	3
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	9		Athens Technical College	2
DriveSmart Georgia	8		Columbus Technical College	2
Taggart's Driving School	8		Lanier Technical College	2
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	7		Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	2
AA Academy of Action Driving School	7		Albany Technical College	1
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	7		Collins Driving School	1
Just Driver Training	7		Duluth DUI and Driving School	1
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	7		Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	1
A Driving Advantage	7		Oconee County Board of Education	1
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	6		Southern Regional Technical College	1
Calhoun City BOE	6		Total	342

Customer Service Report for December 2024

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	67	Individual Staff Email Contacts	932
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	182	Invoices Processed: 135 invoices totaling \$169,892.00 accounting for 372 students	

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for January 2025

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed		Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	134		Lanier Technical College	7
West Metro Driving School	42		Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	7
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	41		AA Academy of Action Driving	6
New London School of Driving Inc.	38		Albany Technical College	6
Advance Driving Academy	30		Georgia Driving School, Inc.	6
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	16		Southern Crescent Technical College	6
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	16		Calhoun City BOE	4
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	16		Oconee Fall Line Technical College	4
Marietta City Board of Education	16		Athens Technical College	3
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	15		Augusta Technical College	3
Kennesaw Driving School	14		Coastal Pines Technical College	3
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	12		Southern Defensive Driving School	3
The Wiser Driver	12		North Georgia Technical College	3
Central Georgia Technical College	10		Ogeechee Technical College	3
Collins Driving School	9		Southern Regional Technical College	3
Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	9		Duluth DUI and Driving School	2
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	9		Georgia Piedmont Technical College	2
A Driving Advantage	9		Just Driver Training	2
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	8		Oconee County Board of Education	2
Savannah Technical College	8		West Georgia Technical College	2
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	8		Columbus Technical College	1
Taggart's Driving School	7		DriveSmart Georgia	1
			Total	558

Customer Service Report for January 2025

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	31	Individual Staff Email Contacts	1,058
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	126	Invoices Processed: 148 invoices totaling \$192,892.58 accounting for 412 students	

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report for February 2025

Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed	Provider Name	Scholarships Redeemed
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	132	Georgia Piedmont Technical College	7
West Metro Driving School	39	Ogeechee Technical College	7
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	32	Southern Crescent Technical College	7
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	22	Southern Regional Technical College	7
New London School of Driving Inc.	19	Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	6
Marietta City Board of Education	18	West Georgia Technical College	6
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	16	Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	6
A Driving Advantage	16	Calhoun City BOE	4
1 ACT Driving Schools, LLC	14	Coastal Pines Technical College	4
Kennesaw Driving School	13	Collins Driving School	4
Augusta Technical College	12	DriveSmart Georgia	4
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	12	Taggart's Driving School	4
Savannah Technical College	12	AA Academy of Action Driving	3
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	12	FB Driving, Inc.	3
Advance Driving Academy	11	Oconee County Board of Education	3
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	11	Athens Technical College	2
Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	11	Central Georgia Technical College	2
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	10	Duluth DUI and Driving School	2
1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	9	Oconee Fall Line Technical College	2
North Georgia Technical College	9	Columbus Technical College	1
The Wiser Driver	9	Safe America Foundation, Inc.	1
Albany Technical College	8	Total	532

Customer Service Report for February 2025

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	36	Individual Staff Email Contacts	1,061
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	191	Invoices Processed: 123 invoices totaling \$156,314.00 accounting for 357 students	

Georgia Traffic Deaths - Yearly Total and Comparison
GDOT Office of Traffic Operations
Fatalities as of 03/10/2025

ROUTE TYPE

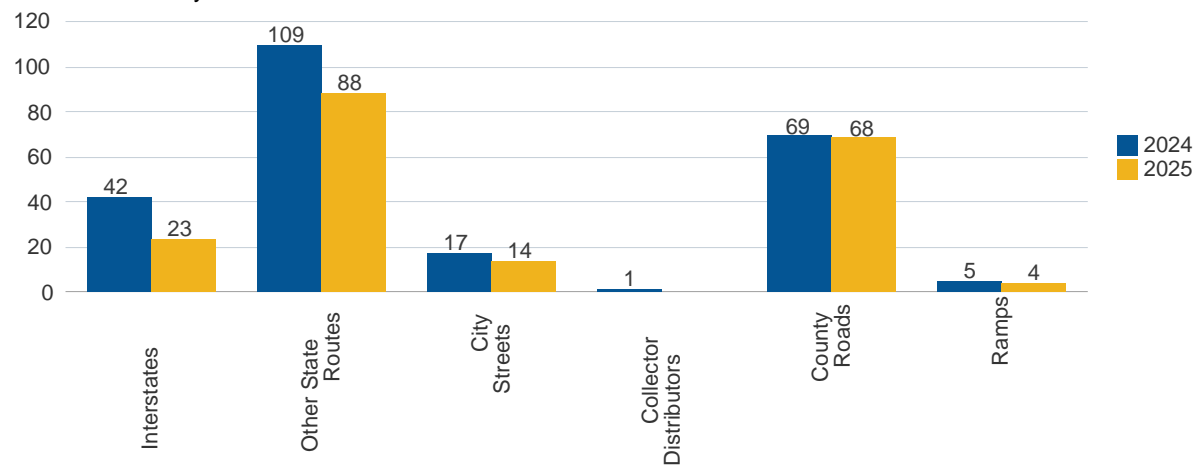
Fatality Details	TOTAL		ANNUAL		YEAR TO DATE		YTD CHANGE	
Fatality Type	2023	2024	Difference	Percent	2024	2025	Difference	Percent
Interstates	227	187	-40	-18	42	23	-19	-45
Collector Distributors	6	7	1	17	1			
Ramps	39	17	-22	-56	5	4	-1	-20
Other State Routes	817	739	-78	-10	109	88	-21	-19
County Roads	457	401	-56	-12	69	68	-1	-1
City Streets	121	113	-8	-7	17	14	-3	-18
Grand Total	1667	1464	-203	-12	243	197	-46	-19

YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE

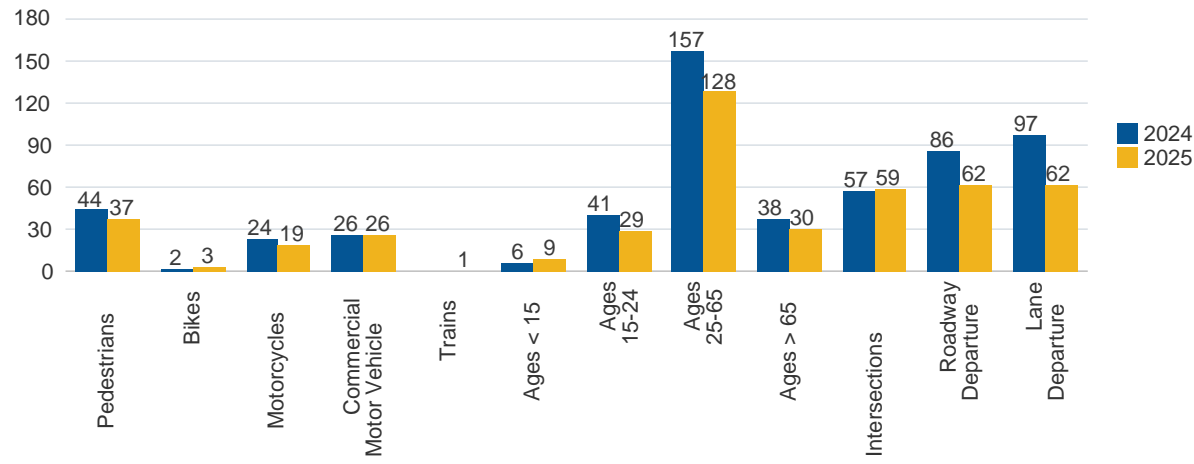
Fatality Details	TOTAL		ANNUAL		YEAR TO DATE		YTD CHANGE	
Fatality Type	2023	2024	Difference	Percent	2024	2025	Difference	Percent
Pedestrians	323	294	-29	-9	47	37	-10	-21
Bikes	24	25	1	4	2	3	1	50
Motorcycles	182	163	-19	-10	24	19	-5	-21
Commercial Motor Vehicle	184	173	-11	-6	26	26	0	0
Trains	5	3	-2	-40		1		
Ages < 15	53	51	-2	-4	7	9	2	29
Ages 15-24	260	243	-17	-7	43	29	-14	-33
Ages 25-65	1109	912	-197	-18	164	128	-36	-22
Ages > 65	241	251	10	4	38	30	-8	-21
Intersections	376	346	-30	-8	60	59	-1	-2
Roadway Departure	541	445	-96	-18	89	62	-27	-30
Lane Departure	617	449	-168	-27	100	62	-38	-38
Seat Belt (No/Unknown)	697	579	-118	-17	113	84	-29	-26

Note: Any single fatality may fall into one or more Emphasis Types.

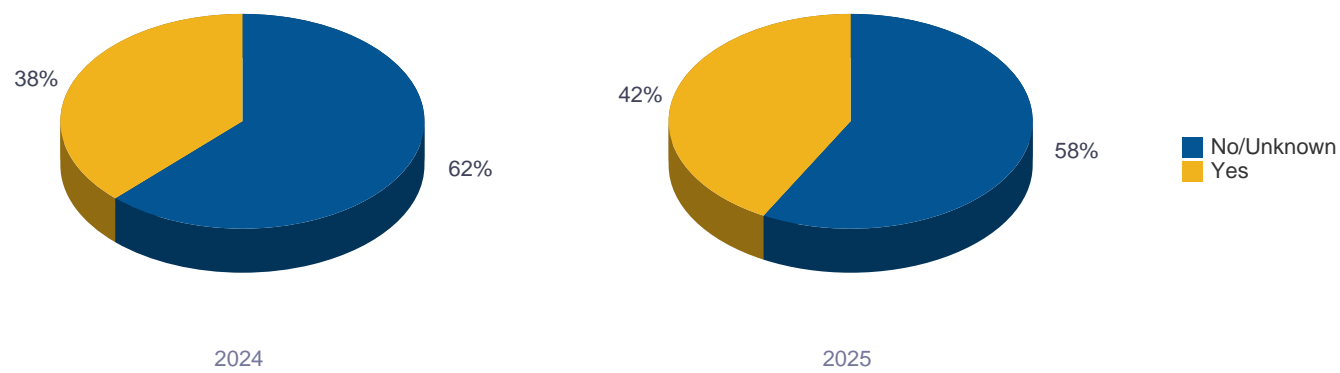
YTD Fatalities by ROUTE TYPE



YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE



YTD Seat Belt Fatalities



Section 39: Public Safety, Department of		Gov's Rec		House		Senate		As Passed	
		State Funds	Total Funds	State Funds	Total Funds	State Funds	Total Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
39.9.1	Increase funds to provide mandatory training for newly elected sheriffs.	\$246,000	\$246,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000
39.9.2	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	-	-	(\$61,476)	(\$61,476)	(\$21,476)	(\$21,476)	(\$61,476)	(\$61,476)
39.9.3	Increase funds to support training for chiefs of police.	-	-	-	-	\$408,000	\$408,000	\$318,000	\$318,000
39.9.4	Utilize existing funds (\$40,000) to purchase one new vehicle. (S:Yes) (CC:No)	-	-	-	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<i>Program Net</i>	\$246,000	\$246,000	\$263,524	\$263,524	\$711,524	\$711,524	\$581,524	\$581,524
	HB 67	\$6,530,249	\$6,530,249	\$6,547,773	\$6,547,773	\$6,995,773	\$6,995,773	\$6,865,773	\$6,865,773
39.10	Georgia Public Safety Training Center								
	HB 916	\$30,970,910	\$35,452,842	\$30,970,910	\$35,452,842	\$30,970,910	\$35,452,842	\$30,970,910	\$35,452,842
39.10.1	Provide funds for additional training for jailers in accordance with SB 37 (2024 Session). (H & S:Provide funds for additional training for jailers in accordance with SB 37 (2024 Session) beginning April 1, 2025.) (CC:Provide funds for additional training for jailers in accordance with SB 37 (2024 Session) beginning April 1, 2025.)	\$168,853	\$168,853	\$114,419	\$114,419	\$114,419	\$114,419	\$114,419	\$114,419
39.10.2	Provide funds for two training instructors and supplies for increased basic law enforcement training. (H & S:Provide funds for two training instructors and supplies for increased basic law enforcement training beginning April 1, 2025.) (CC:Provide funds for two training instructors and supplies for increased basic law enforcement training beginning April 1, 2025.)	\$316,996	\$316,996	\$258,328	\$258,328	\$258,328	\$258,328	\$258,328	\$258,328
39.10.3	Reduce funds for rent at the Pickens Academy location.	(\$9,912)	(\$9,912)	(\$4,956)	(\$4,956)	(\$9,912)	(\$9,912)	(\$9,912)	(\$9,912)
39.10.4	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	-	-	(\$338,335)	(\$338,335)	(\$338,335)	(\$338,335)	(\$338,335)	(\$338,335)
39.10.5	Increase funds for expenses related to basic mandate expansion for equipment, weapons, ammunition, and vehicle expenses.	-	-	\$338,335	\$338,335	\$338,335	\$338,335	\$338,335	\$338,335
	<i>Program Net</i>	\$475,937	\$475,937	\$367,791	\$367,791	\$362,835	\$362,835	\$362,835	\$362,835
	HB 67	\$31,446,847	\$35,928,779	\$31,338,701	\$35,820,633	\$31,333,745	\$35,815,677	\$31,333,745	\$35,815,677
39.11	Office of Highway Safety								
	HB 916	\$738,883	\$21,182,937	\$738,883	\$21,182,937	\$738,883	\$21,182,937	\$738,883	\$21,182,937
39.11.1	Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
39.11.2	Replace federal funds with state funds for the personal services cost of three employees. (H:No) (CC:Replace federal funds with state funds for the personal services cost of three employees.)	\$161,917	\$161,917	\$0	\$0	\$161,917	\$161,917	\$130,000	\$130,000
	<i>Program Net</i>	\$177,917	\$177,917	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$177,917	\$177,917	\$146,000	\$146,000
	HB 67	\$916,800	\$21,360,854	\$754,883	\$21,198,937	\$916,800	\$21,360,854	\$884,883	\$21,328,937
39.12	Office of Highway Safety: Georgia Driver's Education Commission								
	HB 916	\$2,929,873	\$2,929,873	\$2,929,873	\$2,929,873	\$2,929,873	\$2,929,873	\$2,929,873	\$2,929,873
39.12.1	Increase funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY 2024 Joshua's Law Collections.	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437
	<i>Program Net</i>	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437
	HB 67	\$3,452,310	\$3,452,310	\$3,452,310	\$3,452,310	\$3,452,310	\$3,452,310	\$3,452,310	\$3,452,310
Section 39: Public Safety, Department of									
	<i>Agency Net</i>	\$3,048,271	\$3,048,271	\$2,053,806	\$2,053,806	\$2,658,767	\$2,658,767	\$2,496,850	\$2,496,850
	HB 67	\$257,875,295	\$318,443,109	\$256,880,830	\$317,448,644	\$257,485,791	\$318,053,605	\$257,323,874	\$317,891,688

HB 68 (FY 2026G) - Transportation

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Number of drivers age 20 and under in fatal crashes	223	210	214	210
Number of counties served by grants	57	62	38	58
Number of transportation safety groups participating in grant programs	39	44	55	32
Number of law enforcement entities receiving grants	54	58	49	76
Total amount of law enforcement grant awards disbursed	\$7,237,283.11	\$7,456,126.38	\$5,360,527.31	\$11,551,021.64
Number of GOHS initiated and led community engagement/outreach events	N/A	N/A	N/A	14
Number of requests for GOHS participation in community engagement/outreach efforts	N/A	N/A	N/A	14
Number of GOHS initiated public stakeholder participation and engagement events	N/A	N/A	1	1
Number of public stakeholder participation and engagement requests	N/A	N/A	1	1

Summary of Activities: Develop and implement programs that educate the public on traffic and highway safety issues, with the goal of reducing crashes and eliminating serious injuries and fatalities on Georgia roadways. Program categories include Occupant Protection, Impaired Driving, Speeding, High-Visibility Campaigns through both media and enforcement, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety, Young Drivers, Older Drivers, Distracted Driving, Motorcycle Safety, and the Improvement of crash data reporting.

Fund Sources: State general funds, Federal Funds (National Priority Safety Programs CFDA 20.616, and State and Community Highway Safety CFDA 20.600), and Agency Funds (mainly Sales and Services), and Agency to Agency contracts).

Continuation Budget

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$738,883	\$738,883
State General Funds	\$738,883	\$738,883
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$19,791,142	\$19,791,142
National Priority Safety Programs CFDA20.616	\$6,703,203	\$6,703,203
State and Community Highway Safety CFDA20.600	\$13,087,939	\$13,087,939
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$507,912	\$507,912
Sales and Services	\$507,912	\$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$162,102	\$162,102
Specialty License Plate Revenues	\$345,810	\$345,810
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$145,000	\$145,000
State Funds Transfers	\$145,000	\$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$145,000	\$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$21,182,937	\$21,182,937

279.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.

State General Funds	\$2,013	\$2,013
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279.2 Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.

State General Funds	\$21,333	\$21,333
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279.3 Increase funds to replace federal funds for the personnel cost of three employees.

State General Funds	\$161,917	\$0
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279.1000 Highway Safety, Office of	Appropriation (HB 68)
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The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$924,146	\$762,229
State General Funds	\$924,146	\$762,229
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$19,791,142	\$19,791,142
National Priority Safety Programs CFDA20.616	\$6,703,203	\$6,703,203
State and Community Highway Safety CFDA20.600	\$13,087,939	\$13,087,939
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$507,912	\$507,912
Sales and Services	\$507,912	\$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$162,102	\$162,102
Specialty License Plate Revenues	\$345,810	\$345,810
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$145,000	\$145,000
State Funds Transfers	\$145,000	\$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$145,000	\$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$21,368,200	\$21,206,283

Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver’s Education Commission

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

Program Overview

Performance Measures:	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Number of students awarded a scholarship to attend a driver's education course through a Georgia Driver's Education Commission authorized driver training school	4,786	3,867	4,790	3,763
Number of students submitting a scholarship application for financial assistance to attend a driver's education course through a Georgia Driver's Education Commission authorized driver training school	8,738	10,097	9,125	7,544

Summary of Activities: Administers the Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program by accepting applications, determining eligibility based on financial need and other factors, and awards scholarships for 30 hours of classroom training and 6 hours of behind the wheel training with an instructor. Upon completion of course, a scholarship up to \$500 is payable directly to the course service provider. Course providers must also meet specified requirements in order to be eligible to receive the scholarship funds.

Noteworthy: The base funding was moved in the FY2023 General Budget to assist with transparency of allocated funding for scholarship awards. In the Amended FY23 budget, the Office had \$128,815 reduced from their budget because Joshua's Law (HB466 2021 Session) sunset on June 30, 2022. In the FY24 budget, \$2.9 million was ultimately left in the budget to continue a grant scholarship program.

Continuation Budget

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,929,873	\$2,929,873
State General Funds	\$2,929,873	\$2,929,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,929,873	\$2,929,873

280.1 Increase funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY2024 Joshua's Law Collections.

State General Funds \$522,437 \$522,437

280.1000 Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,452,310	\$3,452,310
State General Funds	\$3,452,310	\$3,452,310
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,452,310	\$3,452,310

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

Airport Aid

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

Program Overview

Summary of Activities: Inspect and license public airports. Maintain the Statewide Aviation System Plan. Award maintenance and improvement grants and provide planning assistance to local airports. Publish the Georgia Airport Directory and the Georgia Aeronautical Chart.

Fund Sources: Program funds can be used to a) leverage federal funds and b) for maintenance projects and other local infrastructure needs which are not federally eligible.

Noteworthy: Airport Aid was reinstated as a budget program, out of Intermodal, for greater transparency in the FY2023 General Budget. A separate short history report helps outline the series of impacts particularly in the amended budgets as additional funds became available after initial revenue estimate, to assist with local airport needs. Most recent, the Amended FY2024 budget saw a total of \$98.1 million added for multiple projects (\$50,853,535) and to fund the construction of a replacement airport serving multiple counties (\$47,273,669). Apart from these actions, the base funding has remained \$26.3 million over a few cycles.

Continuation Budget

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$26,359,425	\$26,359,425
State General Funds	\$26,359,425	\$26,359,425
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$46,509,284	\$46,509,284
Airport Improvement Program CFDA20.106	\$46,509,284	\$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$6,233	\$6,233
Sales and Services	\$6,233	\$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$6,233	\$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$72,874,942	\$72,874,942

358.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.

State General Funds	\$812	\$812
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358.2 Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.

State General Funds	(\$179)	(\$179)
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**Georgia Driver's Education Commission
Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program
Eligibility Requirements (Adopted 9/26/16 and Amended on 11/16/16ⁱ, 3/21/17ⁱⁱ, 6/26/17ⁱⁱⁱ,
9/26/17^{iv}, 3/27/18^v, 3/26/19^{vi}, 6/28/19^{vii}, and 6/10/22^{viii})**

A. Student Eligibility

1. The student must be a resident of the State of Georgia and actively enrolled in school.
2. The student must be between the ages of fifteen and seventeen and possess a valid Georgia instructional driving permit or driver's license.
3. First priority will be given to grant scholarship applicants who are a child or dependent of a Georgia first responder disabled or killed in the line of duty or member of the United States military killed in action and to applicants who are in state custody under the care of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services. If the applicant is a child or dependent of a Georgia first responder disabled or killed in the line of duty, the applicant must identify said professional and provide a copy of the student applicant's birth certificate or other government issued documentation proving the student was a dependent of the identified Georgia first responder. For purposes of this grant scholarship program, the Georgia Driver's Education Commission will rely on the Georgia Public Safety Memorial Committee to identify a Georgia first responder killed in the line of duty. For purposes of this grant scholarship program, the Georgia Driver's Education Commission will rely on O.C.G.A § 35-8-7.4 (a) to identify and define a Georgia first responder. If the applicant is a child or dependent of a Georgia first responder disabled in the line of duty, the applicant must provide of letter of disability. If the applicant is a child or dependent of United States military personnel killed in action, the applicant must provide DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) as documentation. If the applicant is under the care of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services, the applicant must submit a letter documenting custody from the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services. Grant scholarship allocations in this priority level will be evenly distributed among Georgia's United States congressional districts.
4. Second priority will be given to scholarship applicants who can demonstrate a need based on family income. Financial need eligibility will be based on 175% of the Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility program for the State of Georgia as published by the Georgia Department of Education. The Commission authorizes agency staff to make necessary technical adjustments to the Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program application and award process to ensure that the eligibility level is appropriately adjusted as the financial need eligibility for the Free and Reduced Price Meal program is increased or decreased by the Georgia Department of Education. Grant scholarship allocations in this priority level will be evenly distributed among Georgia's United States congressional districts.
5. . Paragraph reserved.

6. Grant scholarships will be awarded monthly. Grant scholarship applications are due on the last day of every month. Grant Scholarship awards and denials will be issued on the 1st day of each following month and will be sent by electronic mail. The number of grant scholarships available to be awarded will be determined by staff and entered into the grant scholarship management system. Grant scholarships will be awarded based on the priority levels defined above. All of the applicants in the first priority will be awarded before the second priority applicants. If more grant scholarship applications are submitted than grant scholarships available in each priority level, grant scholarships will be awarded using a computer generated random selection method from the priority level applications. The grant scholarship will be awarded in the form of a voucher to the student. The student may then take said voucher to an eligible Authorized Provider. The Authorized Provider will then submit the voucher to the Commission for reimbursement as set forth herein.
7. Students are only eligible to apply for a grant scholarship one time. If a student's application is rejected, the application will be reconsidered for the following two months and given priority over new applicants.
8. Scholarships are only valid for students who agree to complete a standard 30/6 driver's education course in which the student receives a minimum of thirty (30) hours of classroom training and six (6) hours of behind the wheel training. Additionally, the student's parent or guardian must be a co-applicant and agree to complete forty hours of supervised driving with the student. Additionally, the scholarship must be awarded prior to the start date of the driver's education course.
9. Students will only be awarded one scholarship. In the event of a failure or withdrawal from the course, the student will not be eligible to apply for another scholarship.
10. Grant Scholarship awardees must identify the provider of choice from a list of authorized providers and redeem the grant scholarship with the provider within 30 days of the grant scholarship award notice. Further, the driver's education course must be completed within 180 days of the grant scholarship award date. If a scholarship is not redeemed after 30 days of notice of the award and the course is not completed within 180 days of notice of the award of the grant scholarship by the student, the grant scholarship is forfeited and the student loses the scholarship and eligibility to apply again in the future. Students and providers may petition the Chairman of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission, or his designee, for a one-time 60 day extension of these deadlines. Additional requests will be considered with a proven medical reason from a physician necessitating the addition time extension.

B. Provider Eligibility

1. Provider eligibility is open to the following types of providers:

- a. Public and private high schools that are licensed by the Georgia Department of Driver Services.
 - b. Private driving schools (commercial for profit, and not for profit) that are licensed by the Georgia Department of Drivers Services and that have been licensed for a minimum of two years.
 - c. Technical Colleges, Colleges, Universities and State Agencies that are authorized to provide driver's education by their governing bodies and that meet the minimum standards for drivers training and driver's education set forth by said governing body.
2. In order to participate in the scholarship program, providers must submit a completed Provider Application and meet the minimum qualifications set forth in these requirements. All providers must agree to abide by the State of Georgia vendor requirements including, but not limited to, compliance with the Statewide Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy in accordance with Executive Order 01.14.19.02, the submission of a Form W-9, Vendor Management Form, E-Verify documents and agree to receive payments by Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfer.
 3. Private driving schools must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Revenue.
 4. Government-owned driving schools must be in compliance with all Georgia Department of Audit and Accounts regulations.
 5. Public and private high schools and private driving schools must be in good standing with the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS). Additionally, public and private high schools must submit a copy of the most recent audit report conducted by DDS and a corrective action plan if one was issued. If a public or private high school or private driving school has received a moderate or severe risk assessment within the previous year from DDS, the driver training school must provide the subsequent audit report demonstrating that the concerns raised in the DDS audit report have been satisfactorily addressed before they will become an authorized provider in the program.
 6. Technical Colleges, Colleges and Universities, and State Agencies who participate in the scholarship program must be in good standing with their governing body and the Georgia Driver's Education Commission and agree to general oversight including the enforcement of driver's education standards adopted by the governing body and annual program reviews or audits.
 7. Providers must agree to auditing and general oversight as required by the Georgia Driver's Education Commission.
 8. Providers must agree that the scholarship grants may only be applied toward a standard 30/6 driver's education course in which the student receives a minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind the wheel instruction. For the purpose of this scholarship criteria, classroom instruction means in-person training conducted by an approved instructor. [Remote synchronous classroom instruction as defined in the Department of Driver Services Rules and Regulations 375-5-2-.10 \(11\)\(b\) qualifies for](#)

eligibility in this grant scholarship program. Online asynchronous (self-paced) classroom instruction does not qualify for eligibility in this grant scholarship program. Providers shall not offer or provide a free or complimentary third party road test for scholarship recipients. Providers licensed by the Department of Driver Services as a “Third Party Tester Program” as defined by the Department of Driver Services Rules 375-5-2.27(1) may offer third party road tests to scholarship recipients for the same fee charged to the general public, but shall not mandate that a scholarship recipient purchase a third party road test for use of the scholarship. Virtual classroom instruction does not qualify for eligibility in this grant scholarship program.

9. The provider must agree that the reimbursement to the provider by the Commission based upon a scholarship grant to a student applicant for the 30/6 course will not exceed ~~\$500~~650.00. Further, the provider must agree that it will not impose any additional fee or surcharge to the student for the 30/6 course excluding a “no-show” fee. The “no-show” fee charged to the student shall not exceed ten percent of the contracted rate of the 30/6 course for students who fail to show up for a scheduled behind the wheel driving lesson without canceling or rescheduling 24 hours in advance of the scheduled lesson. The Commission agrees that contracts will not be amended to accommodate fee increases.
10. The provider must agree that request for reimbursement of the scholarship grant submitted to the Georgia Driver’s Education Commission will be the same cost or less than that cost charged to the general public for driver’s education for a 30/6 driver’s education course.
11. The provider must agree to submit an OCRA Certificate to the Commission within 30 days after completion of the course by the student grantee as proof that the course was completed. The provider must further agree that reimbursement to the provider by the Commission for any scholarship grant will be made after proof has been provided to the Commission after completion of the course. In the event that the student fails the driver’s education course, the provider must submit a copy of the Student Log detailing the student’s attendance in the course and a statement detailing the reason for failure in order for payment to be made to the provider. In the event that the student grantee withdraws from the course or fails to timely complete the driver’s education course, the provider may charge the Georgia Driver’s Education Commission up to ~~\$4,005~~5,250 per hour of classroom education completed and up to ~~\$62,508~~82,000 per hour of behind the wheel training completed. Providers must submit student logs detailing classroom hours and behind the wheel training completed in order to be compensated for students who have withdrawn from the course or have failed to timely complete the driver’s education course. The total amount reimbursed for a student who withdraws or fails will not exceed ~~\$491,000~~649,500.
12. The provider may not set in place additional eligibility requirements for the students in addition to those set forth by the Georgia Driver’s Education Commission.

ⁱ Paragraph A-4 amended to increase the maximum income level for second priority of scholarship awards for financial need to 125% of the free and reduced priced meals for students in the State of Georgia. Paragraph A-4 and A-5 amended to provide that grant scholarship allocations in priority level one and priority level two will be evenly distributed among Georgia's United States congressional districts. Paragraph A-7 amended to delete the provision allowing students reapply for the scholarship up to six times and including that students are only eligible to apply for a grant scholarship one time. Paragraph B-7 amended to delete the provision permitting the provider to charge the grant scholarship student and co-grant awardee parent up to half of the price of the driver's education course for students who withdraws or fails to timely complete the course and includes the provision for providers to charge hourly rates to the Commission for students who withdraw from the course or fail to timely complete the course.

ⁱⁱ Paragraph A-1 was amended to include a driver's license in addition to a learner's permit for student eligibility criteria. Paragraph A-9 was amended to delete the provision that the provider may charge the student applicant and co applicant for up to half of the price of the driver's education course. Paragraph B-5 was amended to require public or private high school or private driving school's previously receiving a moderate or severe risk assessment within the previous year from DDS to provide subsequent audit reports demonstrating that the concerns raise in the DDS audit report have been satisfactorily addressed before they will become an authorized provider in the program. Paragraph B-8 was amended to clarify that that virtual classroom programs do not qualify for eligibility.

ⁱⁱⁱ Paragraph A-3 was amended to require DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) as documentation for dependents of United States military personnel killed in the line of duty instead of Form DD 214 and DEERS records. Paragraph A-8 was amended to require that the scholarship must be awarded prior to the state date of the driver's education course. Paragraph B-9 was amended to include that the providers agree not to impose any additional fee to the student.

^{iv} Paragraph A-10 was amended to include a provisions for students to request a one-time 60 day extension to the 180 day deadline for course completion. Paragraph B-9 was amended to clarify that the Commission will not consider contract amendments with providers for fee increases.

^v Paragraph A-4 was amended to update the income eligibility levels for Tier 2 applicants to reflect updated free and reduced cost meal eligibility set by the Department of Education.

^{vi} Paragraph A-4 was amended to delete the chart used to determine financial need eligibility and language added authorizing agency staff to make necessary adjustments to the needs-based income level to ensure that financial need eligibility is consistent with 125% of the Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility program for the State of Georgia as determined by the Georgia Department of Education as changes are published.

^{vii} Paragraph A-6 was amended to change the award date of scholarships from the 20th of each month to the first day of each month. Paragraph B-2 was amended to include the Statewide Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy contractor requirements to the minimum qualifications for driver training schools to participate in the program.

^{viii} "Public safety professional" was changed to "Georgia first responder" throughout the document. Additionally, the term "provider" was changed to "Authorized Provider" in Section A to eliminate confusion from applicants on which driver training providers can redeem the scholarship voucher. Paragraph A-3 was amended to include children or dependents of Georgia first responders who were disabled in the line of duty and to applicants who are in state custody under the care of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services. Paragraph A-3 was further amended to use O.C.G.A. § 35-8-7.4(a) to define Georgia first responder. Additionally, Paragraph A-3 was amended to update documentation requirements for applicants in Tier 1 to include a letter of disability for applicants who are the child or dependent of Georgia first responder's disabled in the line of duty and a letter of documenting state-custody for applicants in the custody of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services. Paragraph A-4 was amended to change the financial need eligibility from 125% to 175% of the Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility program. Paragraph A-5 creating a third priority level for all other applicants who do not mee the criteria set forth in the first and second priority level was deleted. Paragraph A-6 was amended by deleting the award process for third priority level applicants. Paragraph A-7 was amended to provide reconsideration of a rejected application for the following two months after the application was rejected.