

Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Roles and Responsibilities

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) serves as the primary state-level investigative and enforcement agency in Georgia's fight against crime and corruption. Upon request, the GBI provides investigative and enforcement support services to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies throughout Georgia. The GBI also provides forensic laboratory services, serves as Georgia's central repository for criminal history record information, and uses the latest technological advancements in crime fighting to combat drug trafficking and other crimes.

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Investigative Division is the largest division of the GBI. Operations are based out of regional offices, regional drug enforcement offices, and other work units that provide specialized services in criminal investigations.

Special agents from the Investigative Division respond to requests from criminal justice officials to investigate major crimes. GBI agents are the primary investigators of officer-involved shootings and other types of officer-involved use-of-force incidents around the state. Investigations of crimes occurring on state property, drug investigations, child sexual exploitation, anti-terrorism investigations and crimes against the elderly can be initiated without request.

The regional field offices conduct general investigations of all crimes, while regional drug enforcement offices investigate all levels of drug trafficking with an emphasis on major violators. Specialized areas of operations within the agency include:

- Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit
- Commercial Gambling Unit
- Elder Abuse
- Financial Investigations Unit
- Georgia Cyber Crime Center
- Human Trafficking
- Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces
- Polygraph Unit
- Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center
- Special Operations Unit/Bomb Disposal Unit
- Major Theft Unit

FORENSIC SERVICES

The Division of Forensic Sciences analyzes submitted evidence, interprets the results, reports scientific conclusions based on those results, and testifies in court about the results and conclusions. The laboratory system provides analysis or scientific support in the following scientific disciplines:

- Chemistry (Drug Identification, Fire Debris)
- Firearms
- Forensic Biology (Serology and DNA, DNA Database)
- Implied Consent (Breath Alcohol Testing Certification)

- Impressions (Latent Prints, Document Examination, Shoe/Tire Prints)
- Medical Examiners
- Toxicology (Blood Alcohol, DUI & Postmortem Toxicology)
- Trace Evidence (Hair, Fiber, Gunshot Residue, Paint, Plastics)

CHILD FATALITY REVIEW PANEL

The Child Fatality Review Panel serves Georgia's children by promoting more accurate identification and reporting of child fatalities, evaluating the prevalence and circumstances of both child abuse cases and child fatality investigations, and monitoring the implementation and impact of the statewide child injury prevention plan in order to prevent and reduce incidents of child abuse and fatalities in the state.

GEORGIA CRIME INFORMATION CENTER

The Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) operates a statewide Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Network that links criminal justice agencies to automated state and national information databases. GCIC audits all Georgia criminal justice agencies that are part of the CJIS network. GCIC also operates and maintains the central repository of criminal records for the state of Georgia, utilizing an Automated Fingerprint Identification System and linking with local law enforcement agencies and courts for real-time updates. GCIC collects and maintains statistical data describing the extent and nature of reported crime and participates in the national uniform crime reporting system operated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. GCIC's other services include the maintenance of the Georgia Sex Offender Registry established in 1997.

ATTACHED AGENCIES

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) serves as the state administrative agency for numerous federal grant programs and manages the state-funded Accountability Court and Juvenile Justice Incentive grants. It operates Georgia's Crime Victims Compensation Program, which provide financial assistance to victims of violent crime.

CJCC also provides administrative support for the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) and oversees the fiscal administration of the grants awarded in accordance with CACJ's funding decisions. CACJ is charged with determining the funding priorities for accountability courts in an effort to curtail imprisonment, reduce recidivism, and rehabilitate non-violent property and drug offenders, and is also responsible for the improvement of accountability courts, the quality and expertise of judges thereof, and the administration of justice.

AUTHORITY

Titles 15, 16, 19, 35, 40, and 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

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Program Budgets

Amended FY 2020 Budget Changes

Bureau Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.	\$1,487
2.	Reduce funds by decreasing travel costs.	(4,702)
3.	Reduce funds by freezing two vacant positions.	(144,256)
Total Change		(\$147,471)

Criminal Justice Information Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.	\$1,358
2.	Replace state funds with existing other funds.	(1,181,549)
3.	Reduce funds by freezing two vacant positions.	(130,546)
Total Change		(\$1,310,737)

Forensic Scientific Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.	\$11,253
2.	Reduce funds by eliminating three vacant scientists, two vacant lab technicians, and by capturing delays in hiring.	(705,116)
Total Change		(\$693,863)

Regional Investigative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.	\$14,359
2.	Reduce funds by eliminating 12 vacant sworn positions, four non-sworn positions, and capturing delays in hiring.	(1,655,860)
3.	Reduce funds for travel and supplies.	(68,939)
4.	Increase funds for one special agent in charge, three special agents, and two criminal intelligence analysts for the GBI Gang Task Force.	685,737
5.	Provide one-time funds for the development of a gang database.	420,000
Total Change		(\$604,703)

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Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds by eliminating one vacant position and transferring duties to other filled positions.	(\$17,096)
2.	Reduce funds for publication and training.	(14,500)
3.	Reduce funds through attrition and hiring delays.	(5,000)
4.	Reduce funds for Juvenile Justice Incentive Grants to local governments.	(410,350)
5.	Reduce funds for technical assistance to courts provided by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities as a result of implementing service guidelines.	(300,000)
6.	Reduce funds for supplemental state grant awards to local accountability courts.	(1,340,417)
7.	Reduce funds to meet anticipated expenditures.	(50,000)
Total Change		(\$2,137,363)

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds through hiring delays.	(\$13,130)
2.	Reduce funds for training and travel.	(9,914)
Total Change		(\$23,044)

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	\$0
Total Change		\$0

FY 2021 Budget Changes

Bureau Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reflect an adjustment to cyber security insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services.	\$7,196
2.	Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.	(11,592)
3.	Increase funds to provide a \$1,000 pay raise to full-time, regular employees with current salaries of \$40,000 or less.	18,921
4.	Reduce funds by decreasing travel costs.	(4,702)
5.	Reduce funds by freezing two vacant positions.	(176,924)
Total Change		(\$167,101)

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Criminal Justice Information Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Recommended Change:

1. Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 21.14% to 19.06%.	(\$1,521)
2. Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.	(10,588)
3. Increase funds to provide a \$1,000 pay raise to full-time, regular employees with current salaries of \$40,000 or less.	45,120
4. Replace state funds with existing other funds.	(1,424,660)
5. Reduce funds by freezing two vacant positions.	(152,993)
Total Change	(\$1,544,642)

Forensic Scientific Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

Recommended Change:

1. Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.	(\$87,726)
2. Increase funds to provide a \$1,000 pay raise to full-time, regular employees with current salaries of \$40,000 or less.	94,607
3. Reduce funds by eliminating nine vacant scientists, two vacant lab technicians, and freezing two additional scientist positions.	(849,894)
4. Reduce operating expenses.	(101,806)
Total Change	(\$944,819)

Regional Investigative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

Recommended Change:

1. Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 21.14% to 19.06%.	(\$1,011)
2. Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.	(111,920)
3. Increase funds to provide a \$1,000 pay raise to full-time, regular employees with current salaries of \$40,000 or less.	37,844
4. Eliminate one-time costs for watch desk operations.	(29,953)
5. Transfer funds for two analyst positions to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to continue support for the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board.	(160,146)
6. Reduce funds by eliminating 20 vacant sworn positions and two vacant non-sworn positions.	(2,565,906)
7. Reduce funds for travel and supplies.	(186,391)
8. Increase funds for one special agent in charge, three special agents, two criminal intelligence analysts, and one database administrator for the GBI Gang Task Force.	884,818
Total Change	(\$2,132,665)

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

Recommended Change:

1. Reduce funds for the Georgia Technology Authority administrative fee for GETS contract management.	(\$914)
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2.	Increase funds to provide a \$1,000 pay raise to full-time, regular employees with current salaries of \$40,000 or less.	364
3.	Reduce funds by eliminating one vacant position and transferring duties to other filled positions.	(20,689)
4.	Reduce funds for publication and training.	(14,500)
5.	Reduce funds for Juvenile Justice Incentive Grants to local governments.	(656,560)
6.	Reduce funds for technical assistance to courts provided by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities as a result of implementing service guidelines.	(300,000)
7.	Reduce funds for the Department of Community Supervision Day Reporting Center program.	(45,000)
8.	Reduce funds for state grants to local accountability courts.	(2,119,440)
9.	Reduce funds to meet anticipated expenditures.	(50,000)
Total Change		(\$3,206,739)

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Recommended Change:

1.	Reduce funds for training and travel.	(\$34,565)
Total Change		(\$34,565)

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

Recommended Change:

1.	No change.	\$0
Total Change		\$0

Georgia Bureau of Investigation Program Budget Financial Summary

	FY 2020 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2021 Budget
Department Budget Summary						
State General Funds	\$157,993,287	(\$4,917,181)	\$153,076,106	\$157,993,287	(\$8,030,531)	\$149,962,756
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$157,993,287	(\$4,917,181)	\$153,076,106	\$157,993,287	(\$8,030,531)	\$149,962,756
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	\$500,398	\$0	\$500,398	\$500,398	\$0	\$500,398
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	97,370,858	0	97,370,858	97,370,858	0	97,370,858
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$97,871,256	\$0	\$97,871,256	\$97,871,256	\$0	\$97,871,256
Other Funds	\$31,995,522	\$0	\$31,995,522	\$31,995,522	\$0	\$31,995,522
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	\$31,995,522	\$0	\$31,995,522	\$31,995,522	\$0	\$31,995,522
Total Funds	\$287,860,065	(\$4,917,181)	\$282,942,884	\$287,860,065	(\$8,030,531)	\$279,829,534

	FY 2020 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2021 Budget
Bureau Administration						
State General Funds	8,332,232	(147,471)	8,184,761	8,332,232	(167,101)	8,165,131
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	12,600	0	12,600	12,600	0	12,600
Other Funds	338,303	0	338,303	338,303	0	338,303
TOTAL FUNDS	\$8,683,135	(\$147,471)	\$8,535,664	\$8,683,135	(\$167,101)	\$8,516,034
Criminal Justice Information Services						
State General Funds	4,741,253	(1,310,737)	3,430,516	4,741,253	(1,544,642)	3,196,611
Other Funds	6,308,894	0	6,308,894	6,308,894	0	6,308,894
TOTAL FUNDS	\$11,050,147	(\$1,310,737)	\$9,739,410	\$11,050,147	(\$1,544,642)	\$9,505,505
Forensic Scientific Services						
State General Funds	39,833,338	(693,863)	39,139,475	39,833,338	(944,819)	38,888,519
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,782,506	0	1,782,506	1,782,506	0	1,782,506
Other Funds	157,865	0	157,865	157,865	0	157,865
TOTAL FUNDS	\$41,773,709	(\$693,863)	\$41,079,846	\$41,773,709	(\$944,819)	\$40,828,890
Regional Investigative Services						
State General Funds	51,078,806	(604,703)	50,474,103	51,078,806	(2,132,665)	48,946,141
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	1,812,153	0	1,812,153	1,812,153	0	1,812,153
Other Funds	1,724,650	0	1,724,650	1,724,650	0	1,724,650
TOTAL FUNDS	\$54,615,609	(\$604,703)	\$54,010,906	\$54,615,609	(\$2,132,665)	\$52,482,944
Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes:						
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council						
State General Funds	40,195,643	(2,137,363)	38,058,280	40,195,643	(3,206,739)	36,988,904
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant	500,398	0	500,398	500,398	0	500,398
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	93,763,599	0	93,763,599	93,763,599	0	93,763,599
Other Funds	23,465,810	0	23,465,810	23,465,810	0	23,465,810
TOTAL FUNDS	\$157,925,450	(\$2,137,363)	\$155,788,087	\$157,925,450	(\$3,206,739)	\$154,718,711
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges						
State General Funds	576,092	(23,044)	553,048	576,092	(34,565)	541,527
TOTAL FUNDS	\$576,092	(\$23,044)	\$553,048	\$576,092	(\$34,565)	\$541,527

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	FY 2020 Original Budget	Changes	Amended FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Original Budget	Changes	FY 2021 Budget
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence						
State General Funds	13,235,923	0	13,235,923	13,235,923	0	13,235,923
TOTAL FUNDS	\$13,235,923	\$0	\$13,235,923	\$13,235,923	\$0	\$13,235,923

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Department Financial Summary

Program/Fund Sources	FY 2018 Expenditures	FY 2019 Expenditures	FY 2020 Original Budget	Amended FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Budget
Bureau Administration	\$10,897,751	\$13,426,074	\$8,683,135	\$8,535,664	\$8,516,034
Criminal Justice Information Services	16,651,648	16,826,224	11,050,147	9,739,410	9,505,505
Forensic Scientific Services	40,795,580	41,183,234	41,773,709	41,079,846	40,828,890
Regional Investigative Services	51,133,886	57,006,330	54,615,609	54,010,906	52,482,944
SUBTOTAL	\$119,478,865	\$128,441,862	\$116,122,600	\$113,365,826	\$111,333,373
(Excludes Attached Agencies)					
Attached Agencies					
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	\$130,305,851	\$159,720,416	\$157,925,450	\$155,788,087	\$154,718,711
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability					
Court Judges	471,193	482,529	576,092	553,048	541,527
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence	12,677,759	12,844,461	13,235,923	13,235,923	13,235,923
SUBTOTAL (ATTACHED AGENCIES)	\$143,454,803	\$173,047,406	\$171,737,465	\$169,577,058	\$168,496,161
Total Funds	\$262,933,668	\$301,489,268	\$287,860,065	\$282,942,884	\$279,829,534
Less:					
Federal Funds	73,895,384	109,904,014	97,871,256	97,871,256	97,871,256
Other Funds	37,828,187	37,747,679	31,995,522	31,995,522	31,995,522
SUBTOTAL	\$111,723,571	\$147,651,693	\$129,866,778	\$129,866,778	\$129,866,778
State General Funds	151,210,096	153,837,575	157,993,287	153,076,106	149,962,756
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$151,210,096	\$153,837,575	\$157,993,287	\$153,076,106	\$149,962,756