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Budget ACTION ALERT - Senate



Senate Agreed with House Appropriations!

by Dawn A. Randolph, MPA
March 19, 2015

**The Senate agreed to the House recommendation
\$900,000 state funds = Increase funds to assist training and
employment support for Georgians with disabilities.**

This will pull down \$3,600,000 federal funds for a total \$4,500,000
You can reference the [Senate Tracking Document](#) on page 127 line
197.7.

THANK YOU TO THE SENATORS

The Senate Appropriations Committee passed out the budget with their recommendations for FY 2016. The Senate agreed to the House appropriations for the VR funds. The next step is a floor vote that should occur this Friday morning. This is a huge step toward finalizing the budget and moving toward fully funding GVRA. After the Senate votes the final action will be the conference committee of the House and the Senate to work through differences. Let's take this chance, before their floor vote, to thank the Senators today and tomorrow morning.

Our Thank YOU Message

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Special
Announcements



**State Use
Council**
March 26, 2015
Location: Sloppy
Floyd Twin
Towers, Capitol
Square
10:00 AM

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"We are very pleased the Senate supported the additional funds toward assisting people with disabilities with training and employment supports in the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Program. The \$900,000 in state funds will match federal dollars 1:4 and serve over 1,400 more Georgians, several hundred in our community. With the federal funding we will have a total of \$4.5 million to invest across Georgia in creating jobs and putting people to work. Thank you Senator [NAME] for making this happen. We appreciate your support and investment and hope you will come out to see our program this year".

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It Gov Casey Carle

Luncheon
March 26, 2015
Location: Empire
Room Sloppy
Floyd Twin
Towers
Noon

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