approximately $44 million per year. In an effort to recruit and retain teachers by making teacher pay more competitive with the community, the governor proposes the following:

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- The Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula is what drives funding for public K-12 Public Schools -- QBE formula, School Security, Charter Schools, and workforce development, children’s mental health, and supporting schools and teachers. The governor plans to continue funding these programs at the proposed levels, therefore, the QBE fund balances for the School Security program and Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) funds will go toward upgrading the SHINES information technology system in order to help the state meet the law’s new monitoring and reporting requirements on children and families receiving care. However, the governor is poised to make additional investments as Georgia moves farther into this momentum, and may expand the contracts offered to the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) to a total of $22.2 million, and may expand the contracts offered to family and kinship care and family preservation. The majority of the proposed $1 million for child abuse prevention and reporting requirements on children and families receiving care is thus directed toward the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) that currently operates in over 300 schools around the state by strengthening the already existing evidence-based programs offered through the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA).

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- Adding $9.8 million to the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) over the next two years to support a total of $51 million to address the care provider workforce shortage: over the next two years, the state will fund an additional 1,000 positions.

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