

Highlights of the Information Technology (IT) Budget

The Conference Budget for IT in FY 2022-23 includes net appropriations of \$74.4 million, which is \$15 million below the FY 2021-22 amount, a 17.2% decrease. The FY 2021-22 amount included a \$20 million one-time repayment to the IT Reserve Fund. The highlights of the IT adjustments are as follows:

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- (Item 5) Provides funds for the **NC HealthConnex** system (\$3.8 million NR in FY 2022-23).
- (Item 6) Transfers positions from the Internal Service Fund to General Fund support for the **Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (CGIA)** (\$686,557 R in FY 2022-23).
- (Item 7) Provides funds for **Cyber Security** and Risk Management (\$2.0 million NR in FY 2022-23).
- (Item 15) Provides matching funds to extend and expand the **Public Safety Broadband Network** (\$2.0 million NR in FY 2022-23).
- (Item 16) Provides additional funds for Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) **wireless broadband grants**. (\$5.0 million NR in FY 2022-23).
- (Item 17) Provides funds for the State match for federal **cybersecurity grants**. (\$529,937 million NR in FY 2022-23).

Special Provisions

- (Sec. 38.1) Adjusts guidelines for **GREAT grant application awards** related to scoring and protected project areas.
- (Sec. 38.2) Establishes guidelines for **GREAT grants for wireless broadband**.
- (Sec. 38.3) Increases the cap on the amount of **broadband grant funds provided from federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund** monies that can go to a single project or county.
- (Sec. 38.4) Expresses intended uses for **broadband funds from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**. Federal guidelines for the use of these funds are not yet available.