

Georgia Foster Care Funding Record

One-page source map for the Sept. 17, 2026 cost study committee hearing

CLOB Room 307 | 9:00 a.m. ET | Recheck before attendance

WHAT THE RECORD ESTABLISHES

Georgia enacted a substantial FY2026 response after an \$85.7 million projected mismatch. The live accountability question is whether FY2027 authority, service rules and provider capacity are durable.

FOUR-NUMBER BRIEF

UP TO \$85.7M

FY2026 PROJECTED MISMATCH

State-funds OHC projection. Historical estimate, not an unpaid bill or a current balance.

SOURCE 1

APPROX. +\$80.723M

AFY2026 NET STATE RESPONSE

+\$81.094M gross utilization-and-cost line, less a separate \$0.372M transfer.

SOURCE 2

\$426.575M / \$556.581M

FY2027 STATE / TOTAL AUTHORITY

Signed gross OHC authority. Budget authority is not the same as actual spending.

SOURCE 3

-\$22.545M STATE

FY2027 VS. AMENDED FY2026

Unlike-year comparison. It is a warning signal, not automatic proof of a cut or shortfall.

SOURCES 2-3

QUESTIONS FOR THE SEPT. 17 HEARING

- 1 What portion of cost growth reflects utilization, rates, payer eligibility, authorization or capacity?
- 2 What was final FY2026 OHC spending relative to amended authority, and what is the current FY2027 run-rate?
- 3 What AFY2027/FY2028 request did DHS submit, and what safeguards prevent service restrictions while funding changes?

DIRECT SOURCE MAP

Clickable links | Primary records are labeled

1 Projected mismatch testimony	Atlanta News First GPB / AP
2 Final amended FY2026 authority	Georgia OPB HB 973 (primary PDF)
3 Signed FY2027 authority	Georgia OPB HB 974 (primary PDF)
4 Sept. 17 meeting notice	Georgia House Press Office (official)
5 Reproducible public record	Evidence ledger Methodology CSV JSON

READING RULES

- Projection is not final spending or an unpaid invoice.
- Authority is not actual spending; state funds and total funds are different measures.
- Final amended FY2026 and original FY2027 are unlike-year measures.
- No child, family, diagnosis, court, placement or case-level information is included.

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