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Amend the amendment by inserting before section 1 the following:

PART A

Sec. 1.

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 38 the following:

PART B

Sec. B-1. PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. H, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. H-1. Transfer of funds from Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$500,000 by June 30, 2008 and ~~\$1,117,799~~\$1,317,826 by June 30, 2009 from the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. The State Controller shall also transfer the equitable share of health insurance savings to each participating fund by June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009. The fund transfers are to recognize health insurance savings achieved through changes to be adopted by the State Employee Health Commission.

Sec. B-2. PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. H, §4 is amended to read:

Sec. H-4. Transfer of funds from Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer ~~\$185,196~~\$244,944 by June 30, 2009 from the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. The State Controller shall also transfer the equitable share of retiree health insurance savings to each participating fund by June 30, 2009. The fund transfers are to recognize retiree health insurance savings achieved through changes to be adopted by the State Employee Health Commission.

Sec. B-3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Revenue Services - Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides funding for 2 additional Revenue Agent positions assigned to the income and estate tax division to audit pass-through entity and corporate income tax returns. These new positions will increase budgeted gross tax revenue by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2008-09 and \$2,000,000 each year thereafter.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$139,098
All Other	\$0	\$30,762
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$169,860

PART C

Sec. C-1. PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. QQ is repealed.

Sec. C-2. Review of statewide vacancies. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall review vacant positions throughout State Government, regardless of funding source, and shall identify positions to be eliminated. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services is authorized to identify savings to the General Fund from this review. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer shall eliminate positions and available balances by financial order upon approval of the Governor in order that a minimum of \$1,000,000 in General Fund savings is realized in fiscal year 2008-09.

Sec. C-3. Calculation and transfer; General Fund savings through eliminating vacant positions. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer shall calculate the amounts of savings from position eliminations that result from this Part that apply against each General Fund account and shall transfer the amounts by financial order upon approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations and position counts in fiscal year 2008-09. The State Budget Officer shall provide the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and over state and local government matters a report of the transferred amounts not later than January 15, 2009.

Sec. C-3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies - Statewide 0017

Initiative: Deappropriates funds from position vacancies identified in this Part.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(25.000)

Personal Services	\$0	(\$1,799,987)
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,799,987)

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment:

1. Increases from \$1,117,799 to \$1,317,826 the amount transferred from the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund;
2. Increases from \$185,196 to \$244,944 the amount transferred from the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; and
3. Repeals that Part of Public Law 2007, chapter 539 that requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to review vacant positions throughout State Government and identify positions to be eliminated to achieve a minimum savings of \$1,000,000 in the General Fund and replaces it with similar language that increases from 20 to 25 the positions to be identified.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)