

# a **CLOSER** **LOOK** at the *2015-17 State Budget*



## **General Fund Taxes**

- Federalizes the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) beginning in tax year 2017
- Reduces the marriage penalty by increasing the maximum deduction for married taxpayers filing joint and separate returns
- Delays full implementation of the Manufacturing & Agriculture Tax Credit by applying a 5.025% rate instead of 5.526% for 2015 with full implementation (7.5%) starting in 2016
- Federalizes deduction for school supplies purchased by teachers
- Retains current law for the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit
- Creates a statewide program that mirrors the federal Achieving a Better Life (ABLE) accounts to allow individuals to make tax-free contributions to an account for disability expenses for a designated beneficiary
- Merges the Jobs Tax Credit and Economic Development Tax Credit to create a new refundable Business Development Tax Credit program
- Increases the number of enterprise zones WEDC may designate from 20 to 30
- Eliminates double taxation of deer sold to game farms or hunting reserves
- Relaxes income tax check-off limits by eliminating check-offs that do not generate at least \$50,000 in a three year average rather than the current minimum of \$75,000 in one year

## **DOR**

- Provides 102 additional auditor positions, but requires that through fiscal year 2019-20, DOR submit a report to JFC detailing the specific activities of the new auditors provided under the bill
- Provides an additional 11 positions for the statewide debt collection program
- Allows county circuit court clerks to enter into debt collection agreements with DOR