§ 2616. Appropriations by the state. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, the director of the budget shall transfer to the authority from funds appropriated to the department of environmental conservation for the fiscal year beginning April first, nineteen hundred eighty-one, the amount necessary including an amount for general state charges to provide for the operation of participating olympic facilities pursuant to agreements made with state agencies in accordance with section twenty-six hundred fourteen of this title.

2. On or before August fifteenth, nineteen hundred eighty-one, and on each August fifteenth thereafter the chair of the authority shall make and deliver to the director of the budget for his or her approval and for submission to the legislature a budget for the operation of the authority for the forthcoming fiscal year of the state. The chair of the authority shall deliver a copy of such budget to the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee at the same time that the budget is delivered to the director of the budget. The budget shall delineate the total amount needed for authority purposes, including the funds required by the authority for operation of the olympic facilities, the Gore Mountain ski center and the Belleayre Mountain ski center pursuant to agreements made in accordance with sections twenty-six hundred twelve and twenty-six hundred fourteen of this title, the source of all funds that the authority expects to receive and such other information as the director of the budget shall require. The director of the budget shall approve the budget for the operation of the authority and the governor shall recommend in his or her annual budget appropriations to the authority if the director of the budget determines that the budget demonstrates that the authority, without operating at a deficit, can continue in the forthcoming fiscal year of the state, in the exercise of its corporate purposes, powers, duties and functions with the appropriations from the state and park district in the amounts determined in accordance with sections twenty-six hundred twelve and twenty-six hundred fourteen of this title and income received by the authority from other sources. The director of the budget shall notify the park district, the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee not later than October first of each year whether or not he has approved

the budget.

3. The state may appropriate and provide to the authority an amount of money determined in accordance with paragraph (g) of subdivision two and with subdivision three of section twenty-six hundred fourteen of this title.

4. To further assist the authority in carrying out its corporate purposes, the governor shall recommend to the legislature in his annual budget appropriation of such funds as may be available for such purposes from the earnings and accumulated income upon the principal of the winter sports education trust fund, pursuant to subdivision four of section four hundred ninety-five-a of the education law.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, no part of such appropriations shall be available for the purposes designated until a certificate of approval of availability shall have been issued by the director of the budget and a copy of such certificate is filed with the state comptroller, the chairman of the senate finance committee and the chairman of the assembly ways and means committee. Such certificate may be amended from time to time, subject to the approval of the director of the budget, and a copy of each such amendment shall be filed with the state comptroller, the chairman of the senate finance committee and the chairman of the assembly ways and means committee.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of section four hundred ninety-five-a of the education law, the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($750,000), is hereby appropriated to the authority from the accumulated earnings upon the principal of the winter sports education trust fund.