2017-19 legislative appropriations	FTE Positions 7.00	General Fund \$1,747,399	Other Funds \$0	Total \$1,747,399
2017-19 base budget	8.00	1,856,899	0	1,856,899
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	(1.00)	(\$109,500)	\$0	(\$109,500)

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2017-19 legislative appropriations	\$1,747,399	\$0	\$1,747,399
2015-17 adjusted legislative appropriations	1,856,899	241,166,699	243,023,598
2017-19 legislative increase (decrease) to 2015-17 adjusted appropriations	(\$109,500)	(\$241,166,699)	(\$241,276,199)
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2015-17 adjusted appropriations	(5.9%)	(100.0%)	(99.3%)

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The Legislative Assembly did not include funding for employee salary increases.

Changes to Base Budget				
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for base payroll changes for cost-to-continue 2015-17 biennium salaries and benefit increases and for other base payroll changes.		\$263		\$263
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium rate of \$1,240.83 per month.		21,239		21,239
Removed 1 FTE deputy state treasurer position (A portion of the funding for this position was removed as part of the August 2016 budget reductions).	(1.00)	(88,000)		(88,000)
Reduced funding for temporary staff and for an FTE position that had duties reassigned.		(44,696)		(44,696)
Added funding for information technology costs.		50,646		50,646

Reduced funding for coal severance shortfall payments related to changes in the coal severance tax revenue allocation formula.		(48,952)		(48,952)
Total	(1.00)	(\$109,500)	\$0	(\$109,500)

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 7 FTE positions for the State Treasurer for the 2017-19 biennium, a decrease of 1 FTE position from the 2015-17 biennium authorized level of 8 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly removed 1 FTE deputy state treasurer position.

Deficiency Appropriations

House Bill No. 1024 (2017) provides a deficiency appropriation of \$8.1 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for state-paid property tax relief credits during the 2015-17 biennium. After the August 2016 special legislative session, the appropriation for the state-paid property tax relief credit program decreased from \$250 million to \$233.4 million. The deficiency appropriation provides total funding of \$241.5 million for the state-paid property tax relief credit program for the 2015-17 biennium. The Legislative Assembly did not provide funding for the state-paid property tax relief credit program for the 2017-19 biennium.

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1005

Health insurance increase - Section 2 identifies the amount of funding included in the agency budget for state employee health insurance premium rate increases during the 2017-19 biennium.

Coal severance tax revenue allocations - Section 4 adjusts the allocation of coal severance tax revenue by reducing the coal production limitation from 3.4 million tons to 3 million tons, and by reducing the reimbursement percentage for the coal severance shortfall payments, from 50 to 30 percent. The coal severance tax revenue from the first 3 million tons is distributed to Oliver County and Morton County, after which the remaining revenue is distributed to Oliver County. Oliver County is reimbursed for 30 percent of the amount distributed to Morton County.

Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2013 - Transportation distributions to non-oil-producing townships - Section 4 provides one-time funding of \$16.1 million, of which \$8 million is from the strategic investment and improvements fund and \$8.1 million is from the state disaster relief fund, for special transportation funding distributions to non-oil-producing townships. The section provides for an allocation of \$10,000 to each organized and unorganized township within non-oil-producing counties to be allocated in August 2017. To be eligible to receive an allocation, a township must be located in one of the 44 counties that received no allocation or an allocation of less than \$5 million under North Dakota Century Code Section 57-51-15 (oil and gas gross production tax allocations) during fiscal year 2016. The Governor vetoed this section.

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