

**Legislative Assembly
Budget No. 150
House Bill No. 1001**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 legislative appropriations	0.00	\$15,825,515	\$140,000	\$15,965,515
2019-21 base budget	0.00	14,159,170	0	14,159,170
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	0.00	\$1,666,345	\$140,000	\$1,806,345

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2019-21 legislative appropriations	\$15,307,755	\$517,760	\$15,825,515
2017-19 legislative appropriations	14,159,170	0	14,159,170
2019-21 legislative increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriations	\$1,148,585	\$517,760	\$1,666,345
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriations	8.1%	N/A	11.8%

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS
Changes to Base Budget**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for 2019-21 biennium legislative compensation adjustments of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020, for regular and organizational sessions, legislators' monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders.		\$220,059		\$220,059
Increased funding for temporary salaries during the 2021 legislative session.		31,106		31,106
Added funding for legislator health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,426.74 per month.		594,255		594,255
Restored funding for legislative compensation and other expenses for 2 legislative days removed in 2017 to provide funding for 77 legislative days for the 2021 regular session.		160,000		160,000

Added funding to increase the maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement to \$1,796 anticipated for the 2021 legislative session. The maximum monthly lodging reimbursement was \$1,758 for the 2019 session.	40,670	40,670
Increased funding for operating expenses, including increases in funding for service contracts and repairs, telecommunications, and information technology software. Increases were offset by decreases in information technology data processing, information technology equipment over \$5,000, and other operating expenses.	64,217	64,217
Increased funding for National Conference of State Legislatures dues, to provide for 100 percent of the estimated assessment, or \$263,433, for the 2019-21 biennium.	38,278	38,278
Added one-time funding for computer and iPad replacement.	517,760	517,760
Added one-time funding from the Capitol building fund for digital signage replacement.		\$40,000 40,000
Added one-time funding from the Capitol building fund for voting system upgrades.		100,000 100,000
Total	<u>0.00</u> <u>\$1,666,345</u>	<u>\$140,000</u> <u>\$1,806,345</u>

One-Time Funding

In Section 2 of House Bill No. 1001, the Legislative Assembly identified a total of \$657,760, of which \$517,760 is from the general fund and \$140,000 is from the Capitol building fund, for one-time funding items. Of this funding, \$40,000 is for digital signage replacement, \$100,000 is for voting system upgrades, and \$517,760 is for computer and iPad replacement. These amounts are not to be considered part of the Legislative Assembly's 2021-23 biennium base budget, and the Legislative Assembly is to report to the Appropriations Committees during the 2021 legislative session on the use of this funding.

Legislative Pay Increases

The Legislative Assembly approved House Bill No. 1001 providing for legislative pay increases. Sections 7 and 8 increase legislators' daily pay during legislative sessions, monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders by 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. Sections 9 and 10 of the bill increase legislators' interim meeting pay by 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The compensation adjustments are as follows:

	Current Compensation Rate	Rate Effective July 1, 2019	Rate Effective July 1, 2020
Monthly compensation	\$495	\$505	\$518
Leaders' additional monthly compensation	\$355	\$362	\$371
Daily session pay	\$177	\$181	\$186
Interim meeting pay	\$177	\$181	\$186

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1001

Capitol building fund - Section 4 identifies \$140,000 from the Capitol building fund for digital signage replacement and voting system upgrades.

Transfers - Section 5 allows transfers of funds between line items of appropriations for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council as requested by the Chairman of the Legislative Management.

Continuation of appropriation authority - Section 6 allows transfers of funds between line items of the 2017-19 biennium appropriations for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council as requested by the Chairman of the Legislative Management or the Director of the Legislative Council. In addition, the section also provides unspent funds appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council for the 2017-19 biennium be continued and that unexpended appropriations enacted prior to the 2017-19 biennium may be canceled as directed by the Chairman of the Legislative Management or the Director of the Legislative Council.

Compensation of members of the Legislative Assembly - Sections 7 and 8 increase legislators' daily pay during legislative sessions, monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders by 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. Sections 9 and 10 increase legislators' interim meeting pay by 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. Section 11 provides for the effective dates of the legislative compensation increases.

Emergency - Section 12 declares the Act an emergency measure.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1521 - Relates to reporting campaign contributions and expenditures, restrictions on public officials and lobbyists, investigations of ethics violations, implementing requirements of Article XIV of the Constitution of North Dakota, and the North Dakota Ethics Commission. The bill appropriates \$517,155 from the general fund and authorizes 2 FTE positions to the Ethics Commission to provide for the operations of the commission.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3022 - Designates House and Senate employment positions for the 2019 session and sets compensation rates for the positions.

Senate Bill No. 2110 - Requires the Information Technology Department to advise and consult with the legislative and judicial branches regarding cybersecurity strategy.

Senate Bill No. 2221 - Relates to exempting records of communications between legislators and public employees from open records laws.

Senate Bill No. 2313 - Establishes a Children's Cabinet and Commission on Juvenile Justice, which include members of the Legislative Assembly, and provides for per diem payments to legislators serving on the committees.