

Department 150 - Legislative Assembly
House Bill No. 1001

First Chamber Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 First Chamber Version	\$23,595,428	\$0	\$23,595,428
2023-25 Base Level	17,926,180	0	17,926,180
Increase (Decrease)	\$5,669,248	\$0	\$5,669,248

First Chamber Changes

A summary of the first chamber's changes to the agency's base level appropriations and the executive budget is attached as an appendix.

Selected Bill Sections Included in the First Chamber Version

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Continuation of appropriation authority - Section 5 provides the unspent funds appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council for the 2021-23 biennium be continued and unexpended appropriations enacted prior to the 2021-23 biennium may be canceled as directed by the Chairman of the Legislative Management or the Director of the Legislative Council.

Compensation - Section 6 increases legislators' daily pay during legislative sessions, monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders by 4 percent each year of the 2023-25 biennium. Section 7 increases legislators' interim meeting pay by 4 percent each year of the 2023-25 biennium. The compensation adjustments are as follows:

	Current Compensation Rate	Rate Effective July 1, 2023	Rate Effective July 1, 2024
Daily session pay	\$193	\$201	\$209
Monthly compensation	\$537	\$558	\$580
Leaders' additional monthly compensation	\$385	\$400	\$416
Interim meeting pay	\$193	\$201	\$209

Legislative Management study - Impact of term limits - Section 8 provides for a Legislative Management study of the impact of term limits, including an assessment of the desirability of providing increased educational opportunities for legislative members due to shortened tenures in the Legislative Assembly, increasing the number of Legislative Council policy staff available to assist new members, and holding legislative sessions on an annual basis.

Emergency - Section 9 declares Sections 1 through 5 of the Act are an emergency measure.

Continuing Appropriations

There are no continuing appropriations for the Legislative Assembly.

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for the Legislative Assembly.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for the Legislative Assembly.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1285 - Relates to limitations on the introduction of legislative bills prepared by executive branch agencies, legislative interim committees, and the judicial branch.

House Bill No. 1313 - Relates to determining the Legislative Management Chairman and Vice Chairman and eligible years of service.

House Bill No. 1485 - Requires each Legislative Assembly to adopt conflict of interest rules.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3003 - Designates House and Senate employment positions and fixes compensation.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3005 - Provides for a constitutional amendment to require the Governor to call the Legislative Assembly into a special session to consider a veto if the Governor vetoes a bill or item when the Legislative Assembly is not in session.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3019 - Amends the constitution to provide an individual may not serve more than 12 cumulative years in either the House of Representatives or the Senate until after 4 years have elapsed since reaching 12 years of service in that chamber. The measure also places 12 cumulative year term limits on statewide elected executive branch officers. The measure repeals a provision prohibiting the Legislative Assembly from proposing constitutional amendments relating to term limits.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3020 - Provides for a constitutional amendment to require the Legislative Assembly to meet in a regular session each year for at least 50 days and a maximum of 60 days and authorizes the Legislative Assembly to reconvene for additional days to override a veto.

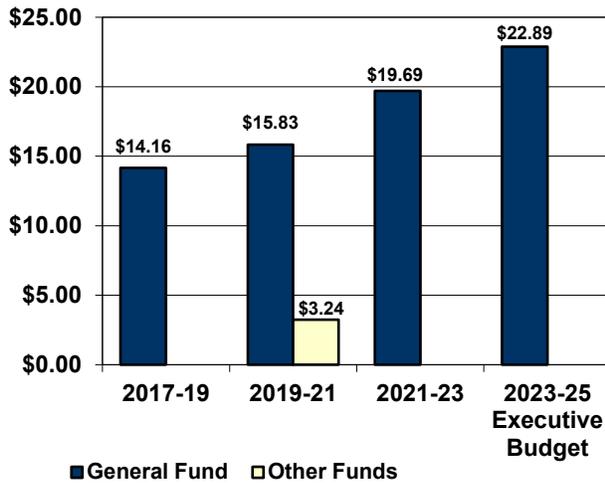
Senate Bill No. 2124 - Changes the daily in-state meal allowance from \$35 per day to 90 percent of the federal General Services Administration (GSA) per diem rate for state employees and legislators.

Senate Bill No. 2192 - Provides for a Legislative Management study relating to the impact of term limits on the Legislative Assembly.

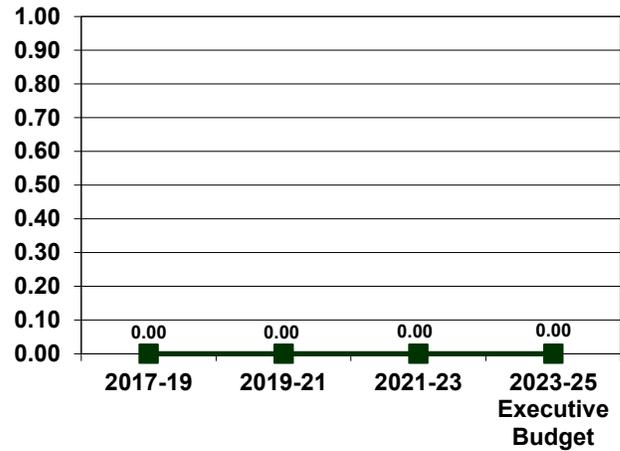
Historical Appropriations Information

Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
Ongoing general fund appropriations	\$13,730,065	\$14,159,170	\$15,307,755	\$17,926,180	\$17,185,876
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	\$429,105	\$1,148,585	\$2,618,425	(\$740,304)
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	3.1%	8.1%	17.1%	(4.1%)
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	3.1%	11.5%	30.6%	25.2%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

1. Reduced funding for the 2019 legislative session to provide funding for an estimated 75 legislative days rather than 77 legislative days, including reductions to per diem (\$112,000) and travel expenses (\$48,000) (\$160,000)
2. Added funding to increase the maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement to \$1,720 anticipated for the 2019 legislative session. The maximum monthly lodging reimbursement was \$1,682 for the 2017 legislative session \$20,320
3. Reduced funding for National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) dues to provide 90 percent of the estimated 2017-19 biennium billing, a total of \$225,155 (\$16,108)
4. Restored a portion of the funding for information technology (IT) and other operating expenses, reduced as part of the August 2016 budget reductions \$254,642

2019-21 Biennium

1. Restored legislative compensation and travel for 2 legislative days removed in 2017, to provide for a total of 77 legislative days \$160,000
2. Added funding for proposed increase in daily lodging and maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement allowed during legislative sessions from \$1,720 to \$1,796 anticipated for the 2021 legislative session \$40,670
3. Increased funding for NCSL dues, including funding to restore the 10 percent reduction made in the 2017-19 biennium \$38,278

2021-23 Biennium

1. Added funding to increase the maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement to \$1,833 anticipated for the 2023 legislative session. The maximum monthly lodging reimbursement was \$1,814 for the 2021 session. \$19,830

- 2. Increased funding for operating expenses, including increases related to video streaming, archiving, indexing, and closed captioning for committee rooms and for adjustments related to the annual cost for voting system upgrades and the addition of virtual voting \$935,912
- 3. Increased funding for IT expansion \$1,400,000

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- 1. Increases funding for operating expenses to increase the maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement to \$1,852 anticipated for the 2025 legislative session. The maximum monthly lodging reimbursement is \$1,814 for the 2023 legislative session. \$10,650
- 2. Adjusts funding for operating expense related to IT (\$1,778,017)

One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
One-time general fund appropriations	\$1,704,810	\$0	\$517,760	\$1,766,284	\$5,704,550

Major One-Time General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

None \$0

2019-21 Biennium

Added one-time funding for computer and iPad replacement \$517,760

2021-23 Biennium

- 1. Added one-time funding for redistricting special legislative session \$316,284
- 2. Added one-time funding for IT expansion \$1,450,000

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- 1. Adds one-time funding for capital assets for Propylon Core upgrade \$4,816,600
- 2. Adds one-time funding for capital assets for increased storage capacity for audio and video \$110,000
- 3. Adds one-time funding for operating expenses related to laptop and iPad replacement \$557,950
- 4. Adds one-time funding for operating expenses related to chamber upgrades \$220,000

Legislative Assembly - Budget No. 150
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Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				House Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	0.00	\$17,926,180	\$0	\$17,926,180	0.00	\$17,926,180	\$0	\$17,926,180
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Base budget increase for cost to continue 2021-23 biennium compensation increases		\$20,553		\$20,553		\$20,553		\$20,553
Provides funding for proposed legislators' monthly compensation adjustments of 4 percent each year of the biennium. The request includes adjustments of 2 percent in the 1st year and 3 percent in the 2nd year of the biennium.		69,215		69,215		116,572		116,572
Provides funding for proposed adjustments to additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders of 4 percent each year of the biennium. The request includes adjustments of 2 percent in the 1st year and 3 percent in the 2nd year of the biennium.		2,614		2,614		3,776		3,776
Provides funding for proposed adjustments to legislative session compensation of 4 percent each year of the biennium. The request includes adjustments of 2 percent in the 1st year and 3 percent in the 2nd year of the biennium.		237,698		237,698		345,163		345,163
Adds funding for the health insurance premium increase for legislators		683,088		683,088		699,048		699,048
Increases funding for temporary session employee salaries, including estimated increases in daily rates of 4 percent each year of the biennium		63,575		63,575		214,393		214,393
Increases funding for operating expenses to increase the maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement to \$1,852 anticipated for the 2025 legislative session. The maximum monthly lodging reimbursement is \$1,814 for the 2023 legislative session.		10,650		10,650		10,650		10,650
Increases funding for operating expenses related to anticipated mileage rate increases		8,901		8,901		8,901		8,901

Adjusts funding for operating expense related to IT	(1,778,017)		(1,778,017)	(1,778,017)		(1,778,017)
Adds funding to increase legislators' technology stipend from \$90 to \$200 per month			0	372,240		372,240
Decreases funding for operating expenses	(70,318)		(70,318)	(70,318)		(70,318)
Increases funding for the International Legislators' Forum			0	10,000		10,000
Increases funding for NCSL dues	11,737		11,737	11,737		11,737
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	(\$740,304)	\$0	(\$740,304)	0.00	(\$35,302)
One-Time Funding Items						
Adds one-time funding for capital assets for Propylon Core upgrade	\$4,816,600		\$4,816,600	\$4,816,600		\$4,816,600
Adds one-time funding for capital assets for increased storage capacity for audio and video	110,000		110,000	110,000		110,000
Adds one-time funding for operating expenses related to laptop and iPad replacement	557,950		557,950	557,950		557,950
Adds one-time funding for operating expenses related to chamber upgrades	220,000		220,000	220,000		220,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$5,704,550	\$0	\$5,704,550	0.00	\$5,704,550
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$4,964,246	\$0	\$4,964,246	0.00	\$5,669,248
2023-25 Total Funding	0.00	\$22,890,426	\$0	\$22,890,426	0.00	\$23,595,428
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$0			\$0
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>		(4.1%)		(4.1%)		(0.2%)
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>		27.7%		27.7%		31.6%

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