

LSC Greenbook

Analysis of the Enacted Budget

Joint Legislative Ethics Committee

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OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (JLEC) is a 12-member legislative committee that was created to serve the General Assembly. It is charged with two primary responsibilities: (1) to administer the laws regarding ethics that relate to members and employees of the General Assembly and (2) to administer Ohio's lobbying laws governing the registration and reporting requirements of legislative agents, executive agency lobbyists, and their employers. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate each appoint six members from their respective chambers to serve on the legislative committee, with not more than three being from the same political party. JLEC is assisted in its duties by the Office of the Legislative Inspector General (OLIG). OLIG consists of the Legislative Inspector General and five other full-time staff.

Appropriation Overview

JLEC received appropriations totaling \$650,000 for each fiscal year of the biennium, with the expectation that at that level of funding it will be able to continue to deliver the level of services that it provided in FY 2011. The table below shows the appropriations for JLEC by fund group. As the table shows, 84.6% of the budget for JLEC comes from the GRF. The remaining 15.4% comes from the General Services Fund Group.

Agency Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2012-FY 2013 (Am. Sub. H.B. 153)					
Fund Group	FY 2011*	FY 2012	% change, FY 2011-FY 2012	FY 2013	% change, FY 2012-FY 2013
General Revenue	\$516,707	\$550,000	6.4%	\$550,000	0.0%
General Services	\$53,150	\$100,000	88.2%	\$100,000	0.0%
TOTAL	\$569,857	\$650,000	14.1%	\$650,000	0.0%

*FY 2011 figures represent actual expenditures.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

The following table shows the appropriation levels for each appropriation item in JLEC's budget in each fiscal year of the biennium.

Funding for the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2012	FY 2013
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	028321	Legislative Ethics Committee	\$550,000	\$550,000
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$550,000	\$550,000
General Services Fund Group				
4G70	028601	Joint Legislative Ethics Committee	\$100,000	\$100,000
General Services Fund Group Subtotal			\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Funding: Joint Legislative Ethics Committee			\$650,000	\$650,000

Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (028321 and 028601)

JLEC's budget consists of two line items that together support the operating expenses of the agency. Revenues deposited into General Services Fund 4G70 include registration fees (\$25) and late filings fees (\$12.50 per day, maximum of \$100) charged to legislative agents, executive agency lobbyists, retirement system lobbyists, and their employers and also any interest and earnings from the fund.

The budget provides that purchases or leases for, and the custody and repair of, office space used for the purposes of JLEC are not subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). The budget also authorizes JLEC to enter into a contract with DAS, upon JLEC's request, under which DAS agrees to perform any services requested by JLEC that DAS has authority to perform related to buildings of state agencies under DAS jurisdiction.

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FY 2012 - FY 2013 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency			FY 2010	FY 2011	Appropriations FY 2012	FY 2011 to FY 2012 % Change	Appropriations FY 2013	FY 2012 to FY 2013 % Change
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted					
JLE Joint Legislative Ethics Committee								
GRF	028321	Legislative Ethics Committee	\$ 475,410	\$ 516,707	\$ 550,000	6.44%	\$ 550,000	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 475,410	\$ 516,707	\$ 550,000	6.44%	\$ 550,000	0.00%
4G70	028601	Joint Legislative Ethics Committee	\$ 181,368	\$ 53,150	\$ 100,000	88.15%	\$ 100,000	0.00%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 181,368	\$ 53,150	\$ 100,000	88.15%	\$ 100,000	0.00%
Joint Legislative Ethics Committee Total			\$ 656,778	\$ 569,857	\$ 650,000	14.06%	\$ 650,000	0.00%