

# **LSC Greenbook**

**Analysis of the Enacted Budget**

**Joint Legislative Ethics Committee**

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Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

# Joint Legislative Ethics Committee

- Maintains current services
- Includes 54% increase in Fund 4G70 in FY 2014 to cover OLAC maintenance

## OVERVIEW

### Agency Overview

The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (JLEC) is a 12-member legislative committee that was created to serve the General Assembly and 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 and 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, which consists of the Legislative Inspector General and five other full-time staff.

### Appropriation Overview

JLEC received appropriations totaling \$700,000 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 provided in FY 2013. The table below shows the appropriations for JLEC by fund group. As the table shows, 78.6% of the budget for JLEC comes from the GRF. The remaining 21.4% comes from the General Services Fund (GSF) Group. JLEC expects to use the 54.3% increase in GSF funds in FY 2014 for continued maintenance, expanded storage, and improved functionality of the Ohio Lobbying Activity Center (OLAC), an online filing system launched in December 2008.

Agency Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2014-FY 2015 (Am. Sub. H.B. 59)					
Fund Group	FY 2013*	FY 2014	% change, FY 2013-FY 2014	FY 2015	% change, FY 2014-FY 2015
General Revenue	\$514,087	\$550,000	7.0%	\$550,000	0.0%
General Services	\$97,225	\$150,000	54.3%	\$150,000	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$611,312</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

\*FY 2013 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 2014	FY 2015
<b>General Revenue Fund</b>				
GRF	028321	Legislative Ethics Committee	\$550,000	\$550,000
<b>General Revenue Fund Subtotal</b>			<b>\$550,000</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>
<b>General Services Fund Group</b>				
4G70	028601	Joint Legislative Ethics Committee	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>General Services Fund Group Subtotal</b>			<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>Total Funding: Joint Legislative Ethics Committee</b>			<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>

### 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 filing 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 authorizes the Legislative Inspector General to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 028321 at the end of FY 2013 and FY 2014 to be reappropriated to FY 2014 and FY 2015, respectively, and reappropriates the certified amount. The budget also permits a public official who is required to file financial disclosure statements with JLEC to file the statements electronically.

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# FY 2014 - FY 2015 Final Appropriation Amounts

# All Fund Groups

## Line Item Detail by Agency

			FY 2012	FY 2013	Appropriation FY 2014	FY 2013 to FY 2014 % Change	Appropriation FY 2015	FY 2014 to FY 2015 % Change
<b>Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>			<b>Version: Enacted</b>					
<b>JLE Joint Legislative Ethics Committee</b>								
GRF	028321	Legislative Ethics Committee	\$ 531,535	\$ 514,087	\$ 550,000	6.99%	\$ 550,000	0.00%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 531,535</b>	<b>\$ 514,087</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>6.99%</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
4G70	028601	Joint Legislative Ethics Committee	\$ 58,436	\$ 97,225	\$ 150,000	54.28%	\$ 150,000	0.00%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 58,436</b>	<b>\$ 97,225</b>	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>54.28%</b>	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Joint Legislative Ethics Committee Total</b>			<b>\$ 589,972</b>	<b>\$ 611,312</b>	<b>\$ 700,000</b>	<b>14.51%</b>	<b>\$ 700,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>