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# Legislative Service Commission

- Nearly 100% of funding from the GRF
- GRF budget of \$27.7 million in FY 2018 and \$27.3 million in FY 2019
- Establishes a Joint Legislative Task Force to study the feasibility of creating a Legislative Budget Office

## OVERVIEW

### Agency Overview

The Legislative Service Commission (LSC) is a nonpartisan agency providing drafting, fiscal, research, training, and other technical services to the General Assembly. LSC's governing authority consists of 14 members of the General Assembly, including the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The day-to-day operation of LSC is the responsibility of a director who is appointed by the governing authority. LSC staff includes attorneys, budget analysts, economists, research associates, and support personnel. The LSC budget contains two appropriation items that provide funding for two additional legislative agencies: (1) Legislative Information Systems (LIS) and (2) the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee (CIIC). LIS provides network computer development and services for the General Assembly. CIIC is required to inspect and evaluate Ohio's prisons, and is also authorized to inspect, evaluate, and assist in the development of improvements in juvenile correctional institutions.

### Appropriation Overview

As shown in the table below, LSC received appropriations of \$27.7 million in FY 2018 and \$27.3 million in FY 2019. The General Revenue Fund (GRF) is the primary funding source of the LSC budget, accounting for nearly 100% of the total appropriation.

Agency Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2018-FY 2019 (Am. Sub. H.B. 49)					
Fund Group	FY 2017*	FY 2018	% change, FY 2017-FY 2018	FY 2019	% change, FY 2018-FY 2019
General Revenue	\$26,524,164	\$27,718,640	4.5%	\$27,318,640	-1.4%
Dedicated Purpose	\$8,829	\$10,000	13.3%	\$10,000	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,532,993</b>	<b>\$27,728,640</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>\$27,328,640</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>

\*FY 2017 figures represent actual expenditures.

## ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

This section provides an analysis of the funding for each appropriation item in LSC's budget. The following table shows the appropriation in each fiscal year of the biennium.

Funding for the Legislative Service Commission				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>General Revenue Fund</b>				
GRF	035321	Operating Expenses	\$16,830,000	\$16,830,000
GRF	035402	Legislative Fellows	\$1,022,120	\$1,022,120
GRF	035405	Correctional Institution Inspection Committee	\$447,020	\$447,020
GRF	035407	Legislative Task Force on Redistricting	\$400,000	\$0
GRF	035409	National Associations	\$450,000	\$450,000
GRF	035410	Legislative Information Systems	\$8,569,500	\$8,569,500
<b>General Revenue Fund Subtotal</b>			<b>\$27,718,640</b>	<b>\$27,318,640</b>
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group</b>				
4100	035601	Sale of Publications	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal</b>			<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Total Funding: Legislative Service Commission</b>			<b>\$27,728,640</b>	<b>\$27,328,640</b>

LSC's core services are funded primarily through items 035321 and 035601. As mentioned in the "**Overview**," two additional legislative agencies, the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee (CIIC) and Legislative Information Systems (LIS), receive funding through LSC's budget. This funding is provided through items 035405 and 035410. The budget authorizes the Director of LSC to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amounts of the unexpended, unencumbered balances of 035321 and 035410 at the end of FY 2017 and FY 2018 to be reappropriated to FY 2018 and FY 2019, respectively, and reappropriates the certified amounts.

The Legislative Fellows Program is funded through item 035402. This funding pays fellows who work for the General Assembly, Ohio Government Telecommunications, or LSC. The Legislative Taskforce on Redistricting, Reapportionment, and Demographic Research assists the General Assembly in establishing congressional districts and the Apportionment Board in establishing General Assembly districts. Funding for the Taskforce is provided in item 035407. The budget reappropriates an amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portion of 035407 at the end of FY 2017 and FY 2018 for the same purpose in FY 2018 and FY 2019, respectively. Funding for Ohio's membership fees for a number of national associations, such as the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of State Governments, is provided through item 035409. Although no new appropriations are

provided for GRF appropriation item 035501, Litigation, the budget reappropriates an amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portion of 035501 at the end of FY 2017 and FY 2018 for the same purpose in FY 2018 and FY 2019, respectively. This line item can be used for any lawsuit in which the General Assembly is a party because a legal or constitutional challenge is made against the Ohio Constitution or an act of the General Assembly.

The budget abolishes, effective July 1, 2017, the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission (OCMC), which was supported by GRF line item 035411, Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission. Under prior law, OCMC was slated to be abolished on January 1, 2018. The budget also authorizes all agencies of the legislative branch of state government, including LSC, to make purchases, leases, and repairs for the agencies' office spaces absent Department of Administrative Services (DAS) oversight, though DAS must review proposed improvements to the agencies' office space to ensure they do not adversely impact the structural integrity of the building. Nevertheless, the budget permits legislative agencies to contract with DAS for services related to legislative office space. Finally, the budget establishes the Joint Legislative Task Force to study the feasibility and effectiveness of creating a Legislative Budget Office. The Task Force is required to submit a report of its recommendations by July 1, 2018, to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the President and Minority Leader of the Senate.

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# FY 2018 - FY 2019 Final Appropriation Amounts

# All Fund Groups

## Line Item Detail by Agency

			FY 2016	FY 2017	Appropriation FY 2018	FY 2017 to FY 2018 % Change	Appropriation FY 2019	FY 2018 to FY 2019 % Change
<b>Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>			<b>Version: As Enacted</b>					
<b>LSC Legislative Service Commission</b>								
GRF	035321	Operating Expenses	\$ 14,331,087	\$ 15,444,917	\$ 16,830,000	8.97%	\$ 16,830,000	0.00%
GRF	035402	Legislative Fellows	\$ 1,001,851	\$ 1,020,365	\$ 1,022,120	0.17%	\$ 1,022,120	0.00%
GRF	035405	Correctional Institution Inspection Committee	\$ 437,428	\$ 369,850	\$ 447,020	20.87%	\$ 447,020	0.00%
GRF	035407	Legislative Task Force on Redistricting	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 400,000	N/A	\$ 0	-100.00%
GRF	035409	National Associations	\$ 355,094	\$ 326,716	\$ 450,000	37.73%	\$ 450,000	0.00%
GRF	035410	Legislative Information Systems	\$ 7,407,255	\$ 8,792,939	\$ 8,569,500	-2.54%	\$ 8,569,500	0.00%
GRF	035411	Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission	\$ 524,742	\$ 452,456	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	035419	Criminal Justice Recodification Committee	\$ 99,803	\$ 116,921	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 24,157,260</b>	<b>\$ 26,524,164</b>	<b>\$ 27,718,640</b>	<b>4.50%</b>	<b>\$ 27,318,640</b>	<b>-1.44%</b>
4100	035601	Sale of Publications	\$ 0	\$ 8,829	\$ 10,000	13.26%	\$ 10,000	0.00%
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 8,829</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>13.26%</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
4F60	035603	Legislative Budget Services	\$ 93,662	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
<b>Internal Service Activity Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 93,662</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Legislative Service Commission Total</b>			<b>\$ 24,250,922</b>	<b>\$ 26,532,993</b>	<b>\$ 27,728,640</b>	<b>4.51%</b>	<b>\$ 27,328,640</b>	<b>-1.44%</b>