

Greenbook
LSC Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio Senate

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Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

Ohio Senate

- Primarily GRF-driven budget
- Budget supports maintenance of FY 2017 staffing and service levels
- Largest expense: member and staff compensation

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The legislative branch of the state of Ohio includes the General Assembly, which is composed of two chambers: the Senate and the House of Representatives. Based on Article II of the Ohio Constitution, the General Assembly can be viewed as having three fundamental legislative powers: (1) the power to enact laws providing for the establishment, organization, and operation of government in Ohio, (2) the power to enact all manner of laws that promote the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, and (3) the power to levy and collect taxes for certain purposes.

Members of the Senate are elected to four-year terms, and represent 33 separate districts, the boundaries of which are determined according to equal distributions of population. The elections in the Senate are staggered such that approximately half of the members are elected in each two-year election cycle. All members are subject to term limits prescribing no more than two consecutive four-year terms.

Appropriations Overview

As the table below indicates, 97%, or \$15 million, of the Senate's budget in each of FYs 2018 and 2019 will be financed by money appropriated from the General Revenue Fund (GRF). This funding amount will be sufficient for the Senate to maintain FY 2017 staffing and service levels, largely personal service-related payroll expenses associated with 33 members, 114 or more full-time staff, and up to around 60 part-time pages.

Senate 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	\$11,482,185	\$15,023,367	30.8%	\$15,023,367	0.0%
Internal Service Activity	\$165,021	\$460,297	178.9%	\$460,297	0.0%
TOTAL	\$11,647,206	\$15,483,664	32.9%	\$15,483,664	0.0%

*FY 2017 figures represent actual expenditures.

Budget Provisions

Review of Cabinet Departments (Vetoed)

The Governor vetoed a permanent law provision in the budget that: (1) establishes a procedure for standing committees of the General Assembly to periodically review cabinet departments, with certain departments reviewed either each even-numbered and odd-numbered General Assembly, (2) expressly authorizes the General Assembly to abolish, terminate, or transfer a department by no other means except by the enactment of a law, and (3) authorizes the General Assembly to review, consider, evaluate, and report on the usefulness, performance, and effectiveness of other departments.

Joint Legislative Task Force on Creating a Legislative Budget Office

The budget: (1) creates the Joint Legislative Task Force on Creating a Legislative Budget Office, consisting of three members of the House and three members of the Senate, to study the feasibility and effectiveness of creating a Legislative Budget Office, and (2) requires the Task Force to issue a report of its recommendations not later than July 1, 2018, at which time the Task Force ceases to exist.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

The table below shows the line items that are used to fund the Senate's services and activities, as well as the enacted funding levels. It is then followed by a narrative describing how each appropriated amount will be used.

Senate Services and Activities Appropriations				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2018	FY 2019
General Revenue Fund (GRF)				
GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	\$15,023,367	\$15,023,367
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$15,023,367	\$15,023,367
Internal Service Activity (ISA) Fund Group				
1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	\$425,800	\$425,800
4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$34,497	\$34,497
Internal Service Activity Fund Group Subtotal			\$460,297	\$460,297
Total Funding: Senate			\$15,483,664	\$15,483,664

Operating Expenses (GRF line item 020321)

This GRF line item is the primary source of financing for the Senate's operating expenses. In each of FYs 2018 and 2019, the budget appropriates \$15,023,367, amounts that are \$3,541,182, or 30.8%, more than actual FY 2017 expenditures totaling \$11,482,185. Over 90% of the line item's appropriation in each fiscal year will be allocated for the personal services (salaries and wages, supplements, fringe benefits, and payroll checkoff charges). The remainder will be allocated, in rough order of magnitude, for maintenance and supplies, equipment purchases, and purchased personal services.

Section 397.10 of the budget contains a temporary law provision permitting the Clerk of the Senate to certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended unencumbered balance of GRF line item 020321 at the end of FY 2017 to be reappropriated to FY 2018, and reappropriates that amount to the same line item for FY 2018. The Clerk is also permitted to use the same certification process to reappropriate an amount in the line item from FY 2018 to FY 2019.

Senate Reimbursement (ISA line item 020602)

This line item is funded through miscellaneous reimbursements, such as refunds from the Department of Administrative Services for overpayment of medical insurance premiums for members, amounts received for the salvage and recycling of equipment, materials, and supplies, and payments from members and staff for incidental use of equipment or facilities. This money is restricted to paying for operating expenses of the Senate. For this purpose, the budget appropriates \$425,800 in each of FYs 2018 and 2019,

most of which will be allocated to cover supplies and maintenance, and equipment expenses.

Miscellaneous Sales (ISA line item 020601)

This line item is funded by money collected by the Office of the Clerk of the Senate for the sale of flags, insignia, seals, frames for resolutions, and similar items. The money is restricted to paying for the costs of procuring these items for resale. The budget appropriates \$34,497 in each of FYs 2018 and 2019. Any cost of procuring these items in excess of the money available through this ISA revenue stream is required to be paid out of GRF line item 020321, Operating Expenses.

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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
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: As Enacted					
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GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	\$ 11,413,360	\$ 11,482,185	\$ 15,023,367	30.84%	\$ 15,023,367	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 11,413,360	\$ 11,482,185	\$ 15,023,367	30.84%	\$ 15,023,367	0.00%
1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	\$ 235,591	\$ 143,250	\$ 425,800	197.24%	\$ 425,800	0.00%
4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$ 12,583	\$ 21,772	\$ 34,497	58.45%	\$ 34,497	0.00%
Internal Service Activity Fund Group Total			\$ 248,174	\$ 165,021	\$ 460,297	178.93%	\$ 460,297	0.00%
Senate Total			\$ 11,661,534	\$ 11,647,206	\$ 15,483,664	32.94%	\$ 15,483,664	0.00%