

Greenbook
LSC Analysis of Enacted Budget

**Joint Legislative Ethics
Committee**

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Joint Legislative Ethics Committee

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OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

The 12-member Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (JLEC) 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, 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 \$710,000 for each fiscal year of the next biennium. The table below shows the appropriations for JLEC by fund group. As the table shows, 77.5% of the budget for JLEC comes from the GRF. The remaining 22.5% comes from the Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group.

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	\$598,672	\$550,000	-8.1%	\$550,000	0%
Dedicated Purpose	\$127,972	\$160,000	25.0%	\$160,000	0%
TOTAL	\$726,643	\$710,000	-2.3%	\$710,000	0%

*FY 2017 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 2018	FY 2019
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	028321	Legislative Ethics Committee	\$550,000	\$550,000
<i>General Revenue Fund Subtotal</i>			\$550,000	\$550,000
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
4G70	028601	Joint Legislative Ethics Committee	\$150,000	\$150,000
5HN0	028602	Investigations and Financial Disclosure	\$10,000	\$10,000
<i>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal</i>			\$160,000	\$160,000
Total Funding: Joint Legislative Ethics Committee			\$710,000	\$710,000

Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (028321, 028601, and 028602)

JLEC's budget consists of three line items that together support the operating expenses of the agency. Revenues deposited into the Joint Legislative Ethics Fund (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.

Revenues deposited into Fund 5HN0 consist of financial disclosure statement filing fees. The budget broadens the permissible uses of this fund to include JLEC's financial disclosure functions, instead of only costs associated with investigations as under former law. Accordingly, the budget modifies the name of Fund 5HN0 to the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee Investigative and Financial Disclosure Fund to reflect the change in the fund's purpose. The budget also creates DPF Fund 5HN0 line item 028602, Investigations and Financial Disclosure, with appropriations of \$10,000 in each fiscal year, to support those specific JLEC functions.

Finally, the budget authorizes the Legislative Inspector General to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpected, unencumbered balance of line item 028321 at the end of FY 2017 and FY 2018 to be reappropriated to FY 2018 and FY 2019, respectively, and reappropriates the certified amount.

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					
JLE Joint Legislative Ethics Committee								
GRF	028321	Legislative Ethics Committee	\$ 518,787	\$ 598,672	\$ 550,000	-8.13%	\$ 550,000	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 518,787	\$ 598,672	\$ 550,000	-8.13%	\$ 550,000	0.00%
4G70	028601	Joint Legislative Ethics Committee	\$ 108,211	\$ 127,972	\$ 150,000	17.21%	\$ 150,000	0.00%
5HNO	028602	Investigations and Financial Disclosure	\$0	\$0	\$ 10,000	N/A	\$ 10,000	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total			\$ 108,211	\$ 127,972	\$ 160,000	25.03%	\$ 160,000	0.00%
Joint Legislative Ethics Committee Total			\$ 626,998	\$ 726,643	\$ 710,000	-2.29%	\$ 710,000	0.00%