

- GRF accounts for 96% of the total Senate budget
- FY 2004 appropriations represent an 11.8% increase from actual FY 2003 expenditures

Senate

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ROLE

The role of the Senate, in conjunction with the Ohio House of Representatives, is to enact the laws of the state, the authority for which is provided in the Ohio Constitution. The Senate considers bills that may alter or create state law, as well as resolutions, which are formal expressions of the wishes and opinions of the Senate. The Senate must also confirm members of state boards and commissions appointed by the Governor, the Attorney General, the Director of Workers' Compensation, and other agency heads whom the Governor is authorized to appoint.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
219	\$11.3 million	\$11.9 million	\$10.9 million	\$11.4 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

OVERVIEW

The Senate's budget consists of both General Revenue and General Services funds, with the GRF comprising approximately 96% of total funding. The majority of Senate expenditures cover the salaries and fringe benefits of the 33 members of the Senate, 119 full-time employees, 4 part-time constituent aides, and 40 part-time pages.

Total appropriation authority of \$23.3 million in the Senate budget is divided between \$11.3 million in FY 2004 and \$11.9 million in FY 2005. The appropriation authority of \$11.3 million in FY 2004 represents an 11.8% increase over FY 2003 actual expenditures, which totaled \$10.1 million; the appropriation authority of \$11.9 million in FY 2005 is a 5.0% increase over FY 2004 appropriation levels. The appropriations contained in Am. Sub. H.B. 95 will cover the increase in legislative salaries authorized by Sub. H.B. 712 of the 123rd General Assembly. 

FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Group

Line Item Detail by Agency

FY 2001: *FY 2002:* *FY 2003:* **FY 2004** *% Change* **FY 2005** *% Change*
Appropriations: *Appropriations:* *Appropriations:* *2003 to 2004:* *Appropriations:* *2004 to 2005:*

Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Version: Enacted

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GRF	020-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 9,560,699	\$ 11,348,652	\$10,129,927	\$ 10,887,655	7.48%	\$ 11,432,037	5.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 9,560,699	\$ 11,348,652	\$ 10,129,927	\$ 10,887,655	7.48%	\$ 11,432,037	5.00%
409	020-601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$ 6,648	\$ 4,100	\$5,880	\$ 32,529	453.21%	\$ 34,155	5.00%
102	020-602	Senate Reimbursement	---	\$ 2,743	\$5,589	\$ 422,881	7,466.31%	\$ 444,025	5.00%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 6,648	\$ 6,843	\$ 11,469	\$ 455,410	3,870.79%	\$ 478,180	5.00%
Senate Total			\$ 9,567,347	\$ 11,355,495	\$ 10,141,396	\$ 11,343,065	11.85%	\$ 11,910,217	5.00%