

# **LSC Greenbook**

## **Analysis of the Enacted Budget**

### **Senate**

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**ATTACHMENT:**

Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

# Senate

- Primarily GRF-driven budget
- Funding supports FY 2009 service and activity levels
- Transfer of GRF operating appropriation permitted
- 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 Ohio 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.

### Appropriation Overview

Table 1 below summarizes the Senate's budget by fund group.

<b>Fund Group</b>	<b>FY 2009*</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>% change, FY 2009-FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>% change, FY 2010-FY 2011</b>
General Revenue	\$10,555,644	\$10,911,095	3.4%	\$10,911,095	0.0%
General Services	\$365,586	\$886,498	142.5%	\$886,498	0.0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,921,230</b>	<b>\$11,797,593</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>\$11,797,593</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

\*Actual expenditures in FY 2009.

Approximately 93%, or \$10.9 million, of the Senate's total annual operating budget will be financed by moneys appropriated from the GRF. The "all funds" appropriation total of \$11.8 million for each of FYs 2010 and 2011 will be sufficient for the Senate to maintain its FY 2009 level of services and activities, including personal service-related payroll expenses, in particular payments of salaries and wages, supplements, and fringe benefits of 33 members and 120-plus full-time staff.

## ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

Table 2 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.

<b>Table 2. Appropriations for the Senate</b>				
<b>Fund</b>	<b>ALI and Name</b>		<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>
<b>General Revenue Fund (GRF)</b>				
GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	\$10,911,095	\$10,911,095
<b>General Revenue Fund Subtotal</b>			<b>\$10,911,095</b>	<b>\$10,911,095</b>
<b>General Services Fund (GSF) Group</b>				
1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	\$852,001	\$852,001
4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$34,497	\$34,497
<b>General Services Fund Group Subtotal</b>			<b>\$886,498</b>	<b>\$886,498</b>
<b>Total Funding: Senate</b>			<b>\$11,797,593</b>	<b>\$11,797,593</b>

### 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 2010 and 2011, the budget appropriates \$10.9 million to the line item, an increase of \$355,451, 3.4% over prior FY 2009 GRF expenditures totaling \$10.6 million. The enacted level of FY 2010 and FY 2011 GRF funding appears sufficient for the Senate to maintain the level of services and activities delivered in FY 2009, including covering the payroll costs and obligations associated with 33 Senate members, 125 full-time staff, and 40 part-time pages.

#### Transfer of GRF Operating Appropriation

Section 389.10 of the budget contains a temporary law provision requiring the Director of Budget and Management, at the direction of the Clerk of the Senate, to transfer all, or a portion, of the Senate's unexpended, unencumbered GRF appropriation from FY 2009 to FY 2010, and similarly, from FY 2010 to FY 2011. The main appropriations act of the 127th General Assembly, Am. Sub. H.B. 119, contained a similar temporary law provision relative to the transfer of the Senate's unexpended, unencumbered GRF appropriation from FY 2007 to FY 2008, and similarly, from FY 2008 to FY 2009.

### Senate Reimbursement (GSF line item 020602)

This GSF line item is funded through miscellaneous reimbursements, such as refunds from the Department of Administrative Services for overpayment of medical insurance premiums for state senators; 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. These moneys are statutorily restricted to pay for operating expenses of the Senate. The line item's appropriation of \$852,001 in each of FYs 2010 and 2011 should be sufficient to maintain the level of services and activities it financed in FY 2009.

**Miscellaneous Sales (GSF line item 020601)**

This GSF line item is funded by moneys collected by the Office of the Clerk of the Senate for the sale of flags, insignia, seals, frames for resolutions, and similar items. The moneys are statutorily restricted to pay for the costs of procuring these items for resale. Thus, the budget establishes an appropriation of \$34,497 in each of FYs 2010 and 2011 that will be allocated more or less for the purchase of goods and services for resale. All costs associated with the procurement of these items in excess of the money available through this GSF revenue stream are statutorily required to be paid out of the regular appropriation to the Senate.

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**FY 2010 - 2011 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Groups**

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 2008</i>	<i>FY 2009</i>	<i>FY 2010 Appropriations</i>	<i>% Change FY09 - FY10</i>	<i>FY 2011 Appropriations</i>	<i>% Change FY10 - FY11</i>
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>			<b>Version: Enacted</b>					
<b>SEN Senate</b>								
GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	\$ 10,526,126	\$ 10,555,644	\$ 10,911,095	3.37%	\$ 10,911,095	0.00%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 10,526,126</b>	<b>\$ 10,555,644</b>	<b>\$ 10,911,095</b>	<b>3.37%</b>	<b>\$ 10,911,095</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	\$ 448,465	\$ 363,191	\$ 852,001	134.59%	\$ 852,001	0.00%
4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$ 1,293	\$ 2,395	\$ 34,497	1,340.42%	\$ 34,497	0.00%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 449,758</b>	<b>\$ 365,586</b>	<b>\$ 886,498</b>	<b>142.49%</b>	<b>\$ 886,498</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Senate Total</b>			<b>\$ 10,975,883</b>	<b>\$ 10,921,230</b>	<b>\$ 11,797,593</b>	<b>8.02%</b>	<b>\$ 11,797,593</b>	<b>0.00%</b>