

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review

OVERVIEW

The Joint Committee Agency Rule Review (JCARR) monitors proposed new, amended, and rescinded rules from all state agencies for the following: if the change is within the scope of the rule-making agency's statutory authority; if the change conflicts with an existing rule or an existing rule from a different agency; and if the change conflicts with legislative intent. JCARR also makes sure that the agency completes a fiscal analysis and rule summary for each rule change. JCARR also recommends that the General Assembly invalidate a rule if the preceding criteria are not met.

JCARR received its own budget in Am. Sub. H.B. 215 of the 122nd General Assembly. Previously the agency had been funded by moneys from the General Assembly. For the upcoming biennium, JCARR has \$381,126 per year to cover its operating expenses. The amount budgeted for FY2002 is the same level as FY2001. The agency's funding for FY2003 also remains at the same level as FY2002. Of the \$381,126 budgeted in each year, \$331,000 will be used to cover the agency's payroll. Payroll moneys are used to cover the salaries of the agency's administrative staff and to reimburse JCARR members for meeting and travel expenses. The remaining \$50,000 per year will be used to fund the agency's maintenance costs. In accordance with Section 107.03 (B) of the Revised Code, the Governor made no alterations to JCARR's budget request.

Language in the budget bill specifies that the Chief Administrative Officer for the House and the Clerk of the Senate will determine by mutual agreement which of them will act as JCARR's fiscal agent.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review Staffing Levels						
Program Series/Division	1998	1999	2000	2001	<i>Estimated</i>	
					2002	2003
Members	10	10	10	10	10	10
Administrative Staff	6	6	6	6	6	6
Totals	16	16	16	16	16	16

Five members are representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House and five are senators appointed by the President of the Senate.

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

This section describes permanent and temporary law provisions contained in the executive budget that will affect the department's activities and spending decisions during the next biennium.

Permanent Law Provisions

There are no permanent law provisions with fiscal effects on this agency.

Temporary Law Provisions

Determine Fiscal Agent (Section 17 of the bill)

The Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives and the Senate Clerk shall determine, by mutual agreement, which of them shall act as the fiscal agent for JCARR.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

In accordance with Section 107.03 (B) of the Revised Code, the Governor made no alterations to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review's budget request. Therefore, all of JCARR's were fully funded.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2002 - FY 2003

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>Estimated 2001</i>	<i>Executive 2002</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002</i>	<i>Executive 2003</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003</i>
JCR Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review								
GRF	029-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 303,668	\$381,126	\$ 381,126	0.0%	\$ 381,126	0.0%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 303,668	\$ 381,126	\$ 381,126	0.0%	\$ 381,126	0.0%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 303,668	\$ 381,126	\$ 381,126	0.0%	\$ 381,126	0.0%

General Revenue Fund

GRF 029-321 Operating Expenses

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$263,055	\$282,568	\$303,668	\$381,126	\$381,126	\$381,126
	7.4%	7.5%	25.5%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of the 123rd General Assembly

Purpose: This line item funds operating expenses for JCARR. Operating expenses include staff salaries, meeting and travel reimbursements for members appointed after January 1, 1999, maintenance, and equipment.