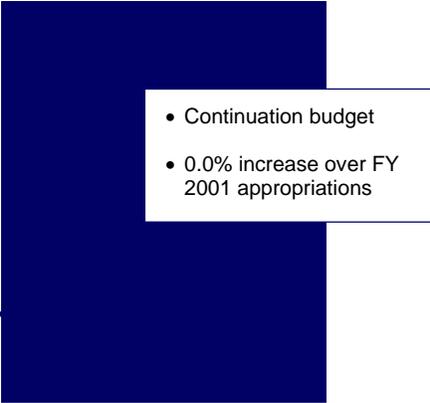


# Senate

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- Continuation budget
  - 0.0% increase over FY 2001 appropriations

## OVERVIEW

The role of the Senate, in conjunction with the Ohio House of Representatives, is to enact the laws of the state, the authority of 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's budget contains three accounts, all of which support its operating expenses. The GRF constitutes 96 percent of the Senate's total budget. Senate spending is typically dominated by the need to cover personal services expenses for legislators and their staff.

In both fiscal years 2002 and 2003, the Senate will receive no increase over FY 2001 appropriations amounts.

## ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Senate Staffing Levels						
The Ohio Senate	1998	1999	2000	2001	<i>Estimated</i>	
					2002	2003
Full-time Staff	125	125	125	125	125	125
Part-time – Constituent Aides	25	25	25	25	25	25
Part-time - Pages	50	50	50	50	50	50
Members	33	33	33	33	33	33

## ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

### THE OHIO SENATE

*Program Series 1*

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**Purpose** To enact the laws of the State of Ohio.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this program series, as well as the Governor’s recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	020-321	Operating Expenses	\$11,289,045	\$11,289,045
102	020-602	Senate Reimbursement	\$402,744	\$402,744
409	020-601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$30,980	\$30,980
<b>Total funding: The Ohio Senate</b>			<b>\$ 11,722,769</b>	<b>\$11,722,769</b>

#### ■ Ohio Senate

##### Ohio Senate

**Program Description:** The Ohio Senate was established in 1802 and derives its authority from both Article II of the Ohio Constitution and Chapter 101 of the Ohio Revised Code. Serving the citizens of the state, the role of the Ohio Senate is to enact Ohio laws. The Senate considers bills, which may alter existing law or create new law, and 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.

Each member of the Senate is elected for a four-year term from one of the state’s 33 Senate districts. Each member of the Senate is assigned to at least one of the 14 standing committees and may also be assigned to a non-standing temporary committee, a select committee, a joint-select committee, or a conference committee. In addition, members may also be appointed to serve on the Joint Commission on Agency Rule Review (JCARR), which has the power to review and invalidate agency rules.

**Funding Source:** GRF, sale of flags and other items to the general public, moneys from salvage and recycling of equipment materials and supplies, and miscellaneous reimbursements, such as those received for overpayment of medical insurance.

**Line Items:** GRF 020-321, Operating Expenses; Fund 102 020-602, Senate Reimbursement; Fund 409 020-601, Miscellaneous Sales.

**Implication of the Executive Recommendation:** The Senate will be able to perform adequately at the level of funding provided.

## 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.

There are no permanent or temporary law provisions with fiscal effects on the Senate.

## REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

As required by Section 107.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Governor has made no alterations to the funding requests of agencies of the legislative branch of government. Recommended amounts are as requested by the agency.

## 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>
<b><i>SEN Senate</i></b>								
GRF	020-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 9,805,687	\$11,289,045	\$ 11,289,045	0.0%	\$ 11,289,045	0.0%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 9,805,687</b>	<b>\$ 11,289,045</b>	<b>\$ 11,289,045</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$ 11,289,045</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
102	020-602	Senate Reimbursement	\$ 0	\$402,744	\$ 402,744	0.0%	\$ 402,744	0.0%
409	020-601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$ 6,150	\$30,980	\$ 30,980	0.0%	\$ 30,980	0.0%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 6,150</b>	<b>\$ 433,724</b>	<b>\$ 433,724</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$ 433,724</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total All Budget Fund Groups</b>			<b>\$ 9,811,837</b>	<b>\$ 11,722,769</b>	<b>\$ 11,722,769</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$ 11,722,769</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

## General Revenue Fund

### GRF 020-321 Operating Expenses

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$9,508,769	\$8,473,226	\$9,805,687	\$11,289,045	\$11,289,045	\$11,289,045
	-10.9%	15.7%	15.1%	0.0%	0.0%

*Source:* GRF

*Legal Basis:* Ohio Constitution

*Purpose:* This line item funds the operations of the Senate.

## General Services Fund Group

### 102 020-602 Senate Reimbursement

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$0	\$104,415	\$0	\$402,744	\$402,744	\$402,744
	N/A	-100.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%

*Source:* GSF: refunds from the Senate clerk's office for overpayment of medical insurance premiums by the Department of Administrative Services; amounts received by the Senate clerk's office for salvage and recycling of equipment, materials, and supplies; and payments from members and employees for incidental use of Senate equipment or facilities

*Legal Basis:* ORC 101.272

*Purpose:* The fund is used to pay the operating expenses of the Senate. Since the cost of in-term compensation increases are prohibited under the state's Constitution, benefits paid by the state cannot be increased during terms of office.

### 409 020-601 Miscellaneous Sales

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$6,296	\$6,239	\$6,150	\$30,980	\$30,980	\$30,980
	-0.9%	-1.4%	403.7%	0.0%	0.0%

*Source:* GSF: money generated by the sale of flags and other items to the general public

*Legal Basis:* ORC 101.69

*Purpose:* Money in this line item is spent to purchase the items that subsequently are sold.