

LSC Greenbook

Analysis of the Enacted Budget

Joint Legislative Ethics Committee

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OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

The 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 \$700,000 for each fiscal year of the biennium. The table below shows the appropriations for JLEC by fund group. As the table shows, 78.6% of the budget for JLEC comes from the GRF. The remaining 21.4% comes from the Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group.

Agency Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2016-FY 2017 (Am. Sub. H.B. 64)					
Fund Group	FY 2015*	FY 2016	% change, FY 2015-FY 2016	FY 2017	% change, FY 2016-FY 2017
General Revenue	\$525,923	\$550,000	4.6%	\$550,000	0%
Dedicated Purpose	\$143,746	\$150,000	4.4%	\$150,000	0%
TOTAL	\$669,669	\$700,000	4.5%	\$700,000	0%

*FY 2015 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 2016	FY 2017
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
<i>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal</i>			\$150,000	\$150,000
Total Funding: Joint Legislative Ethics Committee			\$700,000	\$700,000

Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (028321 and 028601)

JLEC's budget consists of two line items that together support the operating expenses of the agency. Revenues deposited into Dedicated Purpose 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.

The budget authorizes the Legislative Inspector General to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 028321 at the end of FY 2015 and FY 2016 to be reappropriated to FY 2016 and FY 2017, respectively, and reappropriates the certified amount. It also extends the annual deadline, from April 15 to May 15, for public officials and employees to file financial disclosure statements with JLEC.

FY 2016 - FY 2017 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

			FY 2014	FY 2015	Appropriation FY 2016	FY 2015 to FY 2016 % Change	Appropriation FY 2017	FY 2016 to FY 2017 % Change
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: As Enacted					
JLE Joint Legislative Ethics Committee								
GRF	028321	Legislative Ethics Committee	\$ 527,133	\$ 525,923	\$ 550,000	4.58%	\$ 550,000	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 527,133	\$ 525,923	\$ 550,000	4.58%	\$ 550,000	0.00%
4G70	028601	Joint Legislative Ethics Committee	\$ 117,596	\$ 143,746	\$ 150,000	4.35%	\$ 150,000	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total			\$ 117,596	\$ 143,746	\$ 150,000	4.35%	\$ 150,000	0.00%
Joint Legislative Ethics Committee Total			\$ 644,729	\$ 669,669	\$ 700,000	4.53%	\$ 700,000	0.00%