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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio Senate

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Quick look...

- The 33-member Ohio Senate, in conjunction with the Ohio House of Representatives, enacts the laws of the state, subject to the approval of the Governor.
- The budget appropriates \$23.5 million in each year of the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium, 98% of which is drawn from the GRF.

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
General Revenue Fund (GRF)	\$15,612,362	\$16,261,427	\$23,000,000	\$23,000,000
Internal Service Activity (ISA)	\$246,583	\$452,928	\$460,297	\$460,297
Total	\$15,858,945	\$16,714,355	\$23,460,297	\$23,460,297
% change	--	5.4%	40.4%	0.0%
GRF % change	--	4.2%	41.4%	0.0%

Agency overview

The legislative branch of the state of Ohio includes the General Assembly, which is composed of two chambers: the House of Representatives and the Senate. Based on Article II of the Ohio Constitution, the General Assembly has 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 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. The 33 members of the Senate are supported by approximately 110 full-time equivalent staff. The Senate also employs approximately 40 part-time pages, however, that number is variable and fluctuates throughout the year based on need.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

Operating Expenses (ALI 020321)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
GRF ALI 020321, Operating Expenses					
\$14,509,901	\$14,521,735	\$15,612,362	\$16,261,427	\$23,000,000	\$23,000,000
% change	0.1%	7.5%	4.2%	41.4%	0.0%

This line item is used to pay the Senate's operating expenses, primarily compensation for the members of the Senate and their staff.

The budget contains a temporary law provision permitting the Clerk of the Senate to certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of this line item at the end of each fiscal year to be reappropriated for the following fiscal year.

Senate Reimbursement (ALI 020602)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 1020 ALI 020602, Senate Reimbursement					
\$0	\$118,124	\$223,594	\$420,670	\$425,800	\$425,800
% change	--	89.3%	88.1%	1.2%	0.0%

This line item is used to pay operating expenses of the Senate. It is funded by miscellaneous reimbursements: (1) refunds from the Department of Administrative Services for overpayment of medical insurance premiums for state senators, (2) amounts received for the salvage and recycling of equipment, materials, and supplies, and (3) payments from members and staff for incidental use of equipment or facilities.

Miscellaneous Sales (ALI 020601)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 4090 ALI 020601, Miscellaneous Sales					
\$16,557	\$17,440	\$22,989	\$32,258	\$34,497	\$34,497
% change	5.3%	31.8%	40.3%	6.9%	0.0%

This line item is used to procure items for sale, such as flags, insignia, seals, and frames for resolutions. Proceeds from the sale of those items are credited back to Fund 4090 and used to fund this line item.