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- CIIC funding has been eliminated

Legislative Service Commission

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ROLE

The Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC) was created by statute in 1953 to provide technical and research services to members of the Ohio General Assembly. Chief among the services LSC staff provides are: researching and drafting legislation and legislative amendments; legal and technical review of draft legislation; staff assistance to standing committees and subcommittees of the General Assembly; analyses of bills; fiscal analysis related to state and local government revenue and expenditure estimates associated with bills; state agency budget and capital appropriations analyses; codification of administrative rules adopted by state agencies; drafting congratulatory resolutions and letters of commendation; publishing numerous reports of interest to state and local government officials; and providing library services to members of the General Assembly.

Additional offices created as subcommittees of LSC are the Legislative Office of Education Oversight (LOEO) and the Legislative Information Systems Office (LIS). LOEO performs research for the General Assembly on educational issues. Reports are generally an in-depth look at whether an education program is accomplishing its intended purpose. LIS provides network computer development and services for the General Assembly. The Correctional Institutional Inspection Committee (CIIC) also is a subcommittee of LSC, although funding for the staff of the CIIC was eliminated for the 2001-2003 biennium.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
212	\$22.2 million	\$21.8 million	\$22.0 million	\$21.6 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

OVERVIEW

Appropriations for FY 2002 total \$22,157,997. This amount is \$508,857 more than the total originally appropriated for FY 2001, a 2.4 percent increase. However, FY 2002 appropriations are \$3,822,941 less than the revised appropriation level for FY 2001, a 14.7 percent reduction.¹ Appropriations for FY 2003 total \$21,758,463. This amount is \$399,534 less than FY 2002, a 1.8 percent reduction.

¹ Actual expenditures in FY 2001 totaled \$21,166,195.

The significant reduction in appropriation authority between FYs 2001 (as revised) and 2002 is explained by specific, one-time expenditures in FY 2001 for which appropriation authority was not requested in FY 2002. These expenditures include the expansion of LSC office space to the 15th floor of the Vern Riffe Center (and the necessary renovations and office relocations that resulted from that expansion), and the work of the Legislative Task Force on Redistricting. The purpose of the task force is to provide assistance to the General Assembly in establishing congressional districts and to the Apportionment Board in establishing General Assembly districts. This task force also conducts other population and demographic research in order to assist the General Assembly.

BUDGET ISSUES

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

Highlights of both the 1999-2001 and the 2001-2003 biennia include significant changes to the organizational structure of the Legislative Service Commission. First, in September of 2000, LSC and the Legislative Budget Office (LBO) were merged to form a reorganized LSC. As a result of the merger, appropriation authority for LBO's former operating account, 035-403, Legislative Budget Office, was transferred to LSC's main GRF appropriation item, 035-321, Operating Expenses.

Second, Am. Sub. H.B. 94 discontinued appropriation authority to GRF item 035-405, Correctional Institution Inspection Committee. That office is discussed below.

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

The Correctional Institution Inspection Committee is comprised of four senators and four representatives from the General Assembly. Under section 103.73(A)(1) of the Revised Code, CIIC has the responsibility of establishing and maintaining a continuing program of inspection of each correctional institution in the state. The committee must inspect each correctional institution each biennium. Am. Sub. H.B. 94 eliminated all of the \$525,000 in FY 2002 and the \$540,000 in FY 2003, originally recommended by the executive, intended for the administration of the committee. As a result, support staff has been eliminated and CIIC will no longer be able to respond to written inquiries from inmates.

The committee has stated that it intends to perform its statutory duties through its legislative members. These duties, as specified in section 103.73 of the Revised Code, include: prison inspections; evaluation and assistance in the development of programs to improve the condition or operation of correctional institutions; and preparation of a report to the General Assembly of its findings, including an evaluation of the inmate grievance procedure. 

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 1999:</i>	<i>FY 2000:</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted						
LSC Legislative Service Commission									
GRF	035-321	Operating Expense	\$ 7,030,728	\$ 8,097,758	\$10,023,248	\$ 13,125,125	30.95%	\$ 14,252,950	8.59%
GRF	035-402	Legislative Interns	\$ 632,090	\$ 831,363	\$831,954	\$ 939,198	12.89%	\$ 978,598	4.20%
GRF	035-403	Legislative Budget Office	\$ 2,448,280	\$ 2,654,976	\$2,310,474	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	035-404	Office of Education Oversight	\$ 619,112	\$ 836,830	\$1,018,929	\$ 1,174,264	15.24%	\$ 1,221,235	4.00%
GRF	035-405	Correctional Institution Inspection Com	\$ 376,735	\$ 441,806	\$421,109	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	035-406	ATMS Replacement Project	\$ 17,999	\$ 60,223	\$92,467	\$ 88,650	-4.13%	\$ 88,650	0.00%
GRF	035-407	Legislative Task Force on Redistricting	\$ 104,748	\$ 610,044	\$327,060	\$ 1,970,000	502.34%	\$ 0	-100.00%
GRF	035-409	National Associations	\$ 397,787	\$ 378,217	\$390,948	\$ 417,906	6.90%	\$ 427,381	2.27%
GRF	035-410	Legislative Information Systems	\$ 2,972,014	\$ 3,257,730	\$5,623,138	\$ 4,277,855	-23.92%	\$ 4,619,650	7.99%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 14,599,493	\$ 17,168,947	\$ 21,039,326	\$ 21,992,997	4.53%	\$ 21,588,463	-1.84%
410	035-601	Sale of Publications	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$11,103	\$ 25,000	125.17%	\$ 25,000	0.00%
4F6	035-603	Legislative Budget Services	\$ 105,188	\$ 127,532	\$115,767	\$ 140,000	20.93%	\$ 145,000	3.57%
4F7	035-605	Head Start Study	\$ 0	----		----	N/A	----	N/A
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 105,188	\$ 127,532	\$ 126,869	\$ 165,000	30.06%	\$ 170,000	3.03%
Legislative Service Commission Total			\$ 14,704,681	\$ 17,296,479	\$ 21,166,195	\$ 22,157,997	4.69%	\$ 21,758,463	-1.80%