

**Greenbook**  
**LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget**  
**Ohio Senate**

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## Ohio Senate

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### Quick look...

- The 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's appropriated funding levels are sufficient for the Senate to maintain current operations during the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium.
- The Senate's budget is primarily funded by the GRF (97%).

Fund Group	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation
General Revenue Fund (GRF)	\$13,519,012	\$13,017,278	\$15,902,029	\$15,902,029
Internal Service Activity (ISA)	\$89,088	\$16,850	\$460,297	\$460,297
Total	\$13,608,100	\$13,034,128	\$16,362,326	\$16,362,326
% change	--	-4.2%	25.5%	0.0%
<i>GRF % change</i>	--	-3.7%	22.2%	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. Senate operations are supported by 100-plus full-time permanent staff and part-time intermittent pages that vary in number from 35 to 60.

## Analysis of FY 2022-FY 2023 budget

### Operating Expenses (ALI 020321)

FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation
<b>GRF ALI 020321, Operating Expenses</b>					
\$12,144,616	\$12,602,154	\$13,519,012	\$13,017,278	\$15,902,029	\$15,902,029
% change	3.8%	7.3%	-3.7%	22.2%	0.0%

This line item is used to pay operating expenses of the Senate, primarily wages, salaries, fringe benefits, and payroll check off charges 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 the line item at the end of FY 2021 to be reappropriated to FY 2022, and reappropriates that amount to the same line item for FY 2022. The Clerk is also permitted to use the same certification process to reappropriate the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the line item from FY 2022 to FY 2023.

### Senate Reimbursement (ALI 020602)

FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation
<b>ISA Fund 1020 ALI 020602, Senate Reimbursement</b>					
\$48,502	\$0	\$58,989	\$0	\$425,800	\$425,800
% change	-100%	--	-100%	--	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 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation
<b>ISA Fund 4090 ALI 020601, Miscellaneous Sales</b>					
\$25,318	\$25,793	\$30,099	\$16,850	\$34,497	\$34,497
% change	1.9%	16.7%	-44.0%	104.7%	0.0%

This line item is funded by money collected by the Office of the Clerk of the Senate for the sale of flags, insignia, seals, frames for resolutions, and similar items. The money is restricted to paying for the costs of procuring these items for resale.