

**Department 195 - Ethics Commission**  
**Senate Bill No. 2024**

**Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2023-25 Executive Budget	\$1,208,133	\$0	\$1,208,133
2023-25 Base Level	623,984	0	623,984
Increase (Decrease)	\$584,149	\$0	\$584,149

**Selected Budget Changes Recommended in the Executive Budget**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Adds funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$51,302 is for salary increases and \$5,144 is for health insurance increases	\$56,466	\$0	\$56,466
2. Adds 1 FTE education and training position	\$225,511	\$0	\$225,511
3. Converts a temporary position to an FTE executive assistant position	\$60,798	\$0	\$60,798
4. Increases funding for professional fees and services from \$20,000 to \$236,000	\$216,000	\$0	\$216,000
5. Increases funding for travel from \$15,292 to \$28,740	\$13,448	\$0	\$13,448

A summary of the executive budget changes to the agency's base level appropriations is attached as an appendix.

A copy of the draft appropriations bill containing the executive budget recommendations is attached as an appendix.

**Continuing Appropriations**

There are no continuing appropriations for this agency.

**Deficiency Appropriations**

The executive budget recommends a general fund deficiency appropriation of \$97,000 for the Ethics Commission for Attorney General costs (\$72,000) and an office relocation project (\$20,000).

**Significant Audit Findings**

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

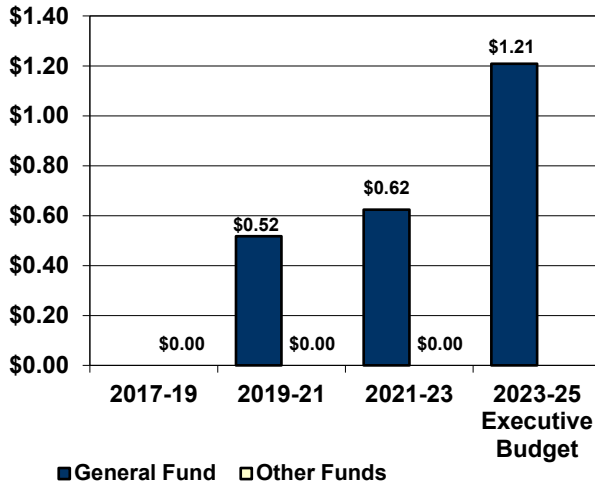
**Major Related Legislation**

At this time no major related legislation affecting this agency has been introduced.

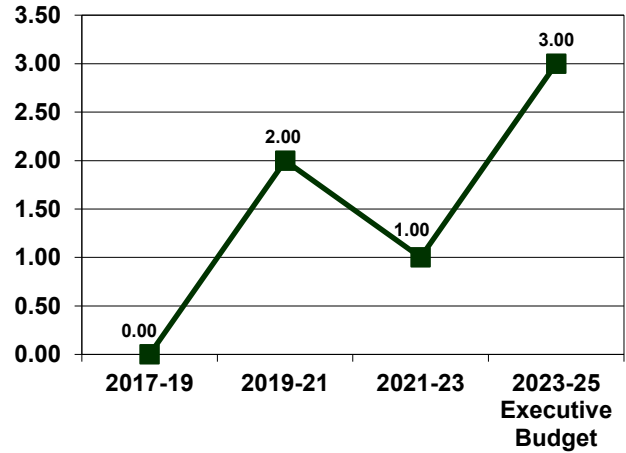
# Historical Appropriations Information

## Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



Note: The Ethics Commission was enacted in House Bill No. 1521 (2019) and there are no appropriations for this agency prior to the 2019-21 biennium.

### Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
Ongoing general fund appropriations	N/A	N/A	\$517,155	\$623,984	\$1,206,308
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$106,829	\$582,324
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.7%	93.3%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

#### 2019-21 Biennium

- Added funding and 2 FTE positions to create the Ethics Commission \$517,155

#### 2021-23 Biennium

- Reduced funding for operating expenses (\$25,858)
- Removed a vacant FTE position \$0

#### 2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- Adds 1 FTE education and training position \$223,686
- Converts a temporary position to an FTE executive assistant position \$60,798
- Increases funding for professional fees and services from \$20,000 to \$236,000 \$216,000

**Ethics Commission - Budget No. 195**  
**Senate Bill No. 2024**  
**Base Level Funding Changes**

	<b>Executive Budget Recommendation</b>			
	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2023-25 Biennium Base Level</b>	1.00	\$623,984	\$0	\$623,984
<b>2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes</b>				
Base payroll and budget changes		\$3,072		\$3,072
Salary increase		51,302		51,302
Health insurance increase		5,144		5,144
Information technology rate increase		8,874		8,874
Education and training FTE position	1.00	223,686		223,686
Convert temporary salaries to FTE position	1.00	60,798		60,798
Professional fees increase		216,000		216,000
Travel costs increase		13,448		13,448
<b>Total ongoing funding changes</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>\$582,324</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$582,324</b>
<b>One-time funding items</b>				
Education and training position one-time		\$1,825		\$1,825
<b>Total one-time funding changes</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$1,825</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,825</b>
<b>Total Changes to Base Level Funding</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>\$584,149</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$584,149</b>
<b>2023-25 Total Funding</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>\$1,208,133</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,208,133</b>
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$0	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	200.0%	93.3%		93.3%
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	200.0%	93.6%		93.6%

**Other Sections in Ethics Commission - Budget No. 195**

**Executive Budget Recommendation**

There are no other sections recommended to be added in the executive budget.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2024**  
**(Governor's Recommendation)**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the ethics commission.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the ethics commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Ethics Commission	\$ 623,984	\$ 584,149	\$1,208,133
Total General Fund	\$ 623,984	\$ 584,149	\$1,208,133
Full-time Equivalent Positions	1.00	2.00	3.00

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the 2023-25 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
Information Technology Costs	\$0	\$1,825
Total General Fund	\$0	\$1,825