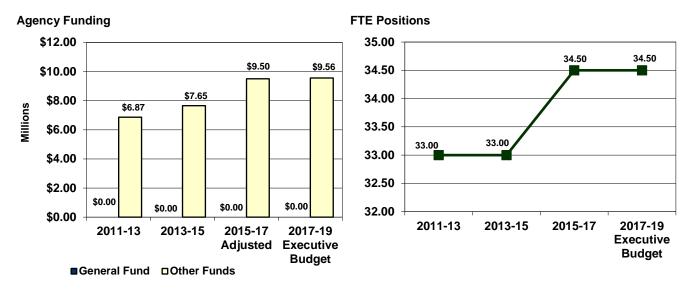
# Department 192 - Public Employees Retirement System House Bill No. 1023

**Dalrymple Executive Budget Comparison to Prior Biennium Appropriations** 

-	FTE Positions General Fund		Other Funds	Total	
2017-19 Dalrymple Executive Budget	34.50	\$0	\$9,556,106	\$9,556,106	
2015-17 Adjusted Legislative Appropriations	34.50	0	9,496,373	9,496,373	
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$0	\$59,733	\$59,733	



**Dalrymple Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level** 

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2017-19 Dalrymple Executive Budget	\$0	\$9,556,106	\$9,556,106
2017-19 Base Level	0	9,319,003	9,319,003
Increase (Decrease)	\$0	\$237,103	\$237,103

#### **First House Action**

Attached is a comparison worksheet detailing first house changes to base level funding and the executive budget.

# Dalrymple and Burgum Executive Budget Highlights (With First House Changes in Bold)

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Provides funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$25,900 is for salary increases and \$102,885 is for health insurance increases. (The Burgum budget removed funding for salary increases and provided for employees to pay for a portion of health insurance.) The House removed funding for the salary increases.	\$0	\$128,785	\$128,785
<ol><li>Adjusts funding for operating expenses. The House reduced funding for operating expenses by \$185,844 of other funds.</li></ol>		\$23,000	\$23,000
3. Adds funding for office remodel		\$30,000	\$30,000
4. The Burgum budget removed 1 FTE position		(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)

### Other Sections in House Bill No. 1023

**Health insurance increase** - Section 2 identifies the amount included in the agency appropriations relating to increases in employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,249 per month.

**Contingencies line item** - Section 4 provides, upon approval of the board, the Public Employees Retirement System may transfer from the contingencies line item in section 1 of the bill to all other line items.

**Health insurance reserve fund - Limitations** - Section 5 prohibits the Public Employees Retirement System office from spending funds in the health insurance reserve fund for the purpose of reducing uniform group insurance premium amounts.

**Public Employees Retirement System Board** - Sections 6 through 121 amend North Dakota Century Code relating to removing the public employees' retirement board, changes to the Public Employees' Retirement System, and the membership of the Employee Benefits Programs Committee.

**Use of electronic transfers of funds** - Section 33 amends Section 54-52-04 to require the Public Employees Retirement System office to establish policies to implement procedures to make and collect payments in the most cost-effective manner, including use of electronic transfers of funds.

**Discontinuation of paper copies** - Section 122 adds legislative intent that the department discontinue printing and mailing paper copies of the newsletter and annual benefit statements, and that it make newsletters and benefit statements available electronically on the department's website.

## **Continuing Appropriations**

**Public Employees Retirement System** - Various sections - For benefit payments, investments, and actuarial and technical consulting for each program area.

## **Significant Audit Findings**

The audit for the Public Employees Retirement System conducted by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, Certified Public Accountants, for the period ending June 30, 2015, identified one significant audit finding relating to census data reconciliation requirements.

The schedule of employer allocations and pension amounts by employer prepared for the Public Employees Retirement System and audited by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, Certified Public Accountants, for the period ending June 30, 2015, identified one significant audit finding related to review of current process to determine completeness and accuracy of census data.

## **Major Related Legislation**

House Bill No. 1148 - Provides changes to the public employee retirement plan for firefighters.

House Bill No. 1156 - Provides changes to the definition of medical marijuana and prohibiting the payment of workers' compensation benefits for medical marijuana.

House Bill No. 1175 - Provides changes to the membership of the State Investment Board.

House Bill No. 1403 - Provides changes to the public employee health benefits transparency.

House Bill No. 1406 - Provides changes to the public employee uniform group health insurance benefits.

**House Bill No. 1407** - Provides changes to the term of the public employee uniform group insurance contract for health benefits coverage.

House Bill No. 1434 - Mandates health insurance coverage for autism services.

Senate Bill No. 2052 - Provides changes to the Public Employees' Retirement System uniform group insurance coverage of telehealth services.

Senate Bill No. 2053 - Provides changes relating to the definitions of retirement and retirement board, decreased employee contributions under the Public Employees Retirement System for peace officers employed by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, eligibility for disability retirement and early retirement benefits under the Public Employees Retirement System, employee enrollment, billing for the retiree health insurance credit, failure to maintain a health savings account when the high-deductible health plan is elected, payment of administrative expenses of the defined contribution plan, and penalties for employers failing to pay contributions under the defined contribution plan.

**Senate Bill No. 2107** - Provides retroactive health insurance coverage since August 19, 2016, for National Guard service members performing state active duty in response to state emergencies.

# Public Employees Retirement System - Budget No. 192

House Bill No. 1023

**Base Level Funding Changes** 

# Burgum Executive Budget Recommendation (Changes to Dalrymple Budget in Bold)

5 5	(Changes to Dalrymple Budget in Bold)			House Version				
	FTE Position	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Position	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2017-19 Biennium Base Level	34.50	\$0	\$9,319,003	\$9,319,003	34.50	\$0	\$9,319,003	\$9,319,003
2017-19 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Base payroll changes			\$55,378	\$55,378			\$55,378	\$55,378
Salary increase - Performance				0				0
Health insurance increase			102,885	102,885			102,885	102,885
Employee portion of health insurance			(52,398)	(52,398)				0
Adjusts funding for operating expense			23,000	23,000			23,000	23,000
Adjusts funding for temporary salaries			(60)	(60)				0
Adds funding for office remodel			30,000	30,000			30,000	30,000
Remove 1 FTE position	(1.00)		(150,000)	(150,000)	(1.00)		(150,000)	(150,000)
Reduce postage, printing, and supplies and requiring ACH payments				0			(16,900)	(16,900)
Reduce printing and postage costs for newsletters				0			(59,504)	(59,504)
Reduce printing and postage costs for annual benefit statements				0			(66,440)	(66,440)
Reduce hosting costs for the mobile app				0			(43,000)	(43,000)
Total ongoing funding changes	(1.00)	\$0	\$8,805	\$8,805	(1.00)	\$0	(\$124,581)	(\$124,581)
One-time funding items								
No one-time funding items				\$0				\$0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(1.00)	\$0	\$8,805	\$8,805	(1.00)	\$0	(\$124,581)	(\$124,581)
2017-19 Total Funding	33.50	\$0	\$9,327,808	\$9,327,808	33.50	\$0	\$9,194,422	\$9,194,422

#### Other Sections in Public Employees Retirement System - Budget No. 192

# Burgum Executive Budget Recommendation (Changes to Dalrymple Budget in Bold)

#### House Version

Health insurance increase

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Contingencies line item transfers

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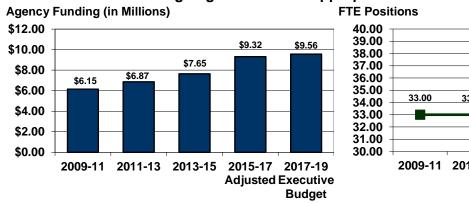
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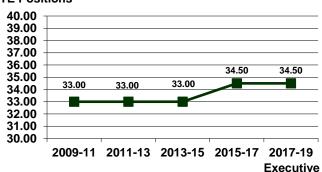
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**Budget** 

# **Historical Appropriations Information**

# **Ongoing Other Funds Appropriations Since 2009-11**





Ongoing Other Funds Appropriations							
	2009-11	2011-13	2013-15	2015-17 Adjusted	2017-19 Dalrymple Executive Budget		
Total fund appropriations Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	\$6,146,488 N/A	\$6,867,890 \$721,402	\$7,650,450 \$782,560	\$9,319,003 \$1,668,553	\$9,556,106 \$237,103		
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	11.7%	11.4%	21.8%	2.5%		
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2009-11 biennium	N/A	11.7%	24.5%	51.6%	55.5%		

# Major Increases (Decreases) in Total Fund Appropriations

### **2011-13 Biennium**

1. Added funding for changes in the agency information technology plan to support PERSLink	\$447,348
2013-15 Biennium	
1. Added funding for information technology activities included in the agency's IT Strategic Plan	\$281,130
2015-17 Biennium	
1. Added funding for 1 FTE chief financial officer position	\$216,069
2. Added funding for 0.50 FTE benefit support position	\$51,346
3. Added funding for additional workload due to the portability of retiree health credit	\$43,052
Added funding for general operating expenses increases	\$134,470
5. Added funding for PERSLink system refinements	\$147,000
6. Added funding for website redesign	\$90,080
7. Added funding for a secure reception area	\$27,500
8. Added funding for additional temporary support salaries	\$122,352
9. Added funding for desktop support services	\$75,580
2017-19 Biennium (Dalrymple and Burgum Executive Budget Recommendations)	
Adjusts funding for operating expenses, including:	\$23,000

- Inflationary increases \$35,489;
- Desktop support services \$77,370;
- Licensing fees of new PERSLink mobile app \$77,531;
- Postage and printing for board elections \$29,492;
- Lower telephone call volume (\$735);
- Reduced information technology contractual services for PERSLink and system refinements (\$142,140); and

- Discontinued fees, including Blue Cross Blue Shield file fees, IRS determination letters, temporary phone support for retiree health insurance credit portability and health carrier transition, and service fees (\$54,007).
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- 2. Adds funding for office remodel

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