Adjutant General/National Guard House Bill Nos. 1017, 1215; Senate Bill No. 2229

| 2001-03 executive budget (Governor Schafer) (bills as introduced) | FTE Positions 136.00 | General Fund \$8,990,964 | Other Funds \$31,242,854 | Total \$40,233,818 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2001-03 legislative appropriations | 136.00 | 9,440,964 | 31,242,854 | 40,683,818 |
| Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget | 0.00 | \$450,000 | \$0 | \$450,000 |
| Legislative increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriations | 3.00 | \$1,054,229 | \$12,860,956 | \$13,915,185 |
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| 2001-03 Governor Hoeven's recommendation | 136.00 | \$8,990,964 | \$31,242,854 | \$40,233,818 |
| Legislative increase (decrease) to Governor Hoeven's recommendation | 0.00 | \$450,000 | \$0 | \$450,000 |

GOVERNOR HOEVEN'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Hoeven recommendation did not change the Schafer recommendation.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET (SCHAFER) AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Adjutant General is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1015. In addition to the above appropriations, agencies may receive additional funding from the \$5 million appropriated in Section 1 of House Bill No. 1015 for special market equity adjustments for classified employees whose salaries are furthest from their respective salary range midpoints.

| | Major Items FTE Positions | General Fund | Other Funds | Total |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| The legislative action: | | | | |
| Added funding for grants to political subdivisions for maintenance and repair of armories in House Bill No. 1215 (see Related Legislation section) | | \$250,000 | | \$250,000 |
| Added funding for operation of the Veterans Cemetery in Senate Bill No. 2229 (see Veterans Cemetery section) | | 200,000 | | 200,000 |
| Total | 0.00 | \$450,000 | \$0 | \$450,000 |

FTE Changes

The 2001-03 biennium appropriation includes funding for 136 FTE positions, an increase of three FTE positions from the 1999-2001 biennium authorized level of 133 FTE positions. The legislative action did not change the executive recommendation to add one FTE physical plant director II, one FTE maintenance supervisor II, and one FTE custodial supervisor II.

Armed Forces Reserve Center

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide \$11.5 million in special funds for construction of a new armed forces reserve center in Wahpeton.

Tuition and Enlistment Compensation Program

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide \$1,007,500 from the general fund for the tuition and enlistment compensation program, as compared to \$967,500 for the 1999-2001 biennium, an increase of \$40,000. The tuition and enlistment compensation program is a scholarship program providing \$500 per semester for students taking 12 or more credits. Students taking fewer than 12 credits receive a lower payment. In addition, under North Dakota Century Code Section 37-07.1-03, the participating college or university, which includes all state institutions and three private institutions, waives 25 percent of the total tuition cost for each eligible student.

Veterans Cemetery

Senate Bill No. 2158 requires the interest in the Veterans Cemetery trust fund to be deposited in the Veterans Cemetery maintenance fund for funding salaries and maintenance of the Veterans Cemetery.

Senate Bill No. 2229 provides a general fund appropriation of \$200,000 to the Adjutant General for the operation of the Veterans Cemetery.

Related Legislation

Armory maintenance - House Bill No. 1215 provides a general fund appropriation of \$250,000 to the Adjutant General for the purpose of distributing to political subdivisions for the maintenance and repair of political subdivision-owned armories. The funds are to be distributed on an equal matching fund basis of up to \$25,000 to each political subdivision. Priority must be given to those projects for which the local political subdivision contributes the highest ratio of political subdivision funds for each dollar of state funds requested. Projects must be approved by the Adjutant General, but before approval of any project, the Adjutant General must conduct a major repair and maintenance needs survey of all political subdivision-owned armories and provide a written report of the survey results and project recommendations for the biennium to the Budget Section.