

**Department 125 - Attorney General
House Bill No. 1003**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget	158.50	\$14,930,011	\$16,979,504	\$31,909,515
1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	<u>159.50</u>	<u>13,833,692</u>	<u>15,922,565</u>	<u>29,756,257¹</u>
Increase (Decrease)	<u>(1.00)</u>	<u>\$1,096,319</u>	<u>\$1,056,939</u>	<u>\$2,153,258</u>

2001-03 Hoeven Executive Budget	<u>158.50</u>	<u>\$14,930,011</u>	<u>\$16,979,504</u>	<u>\$31,909,515</u>
Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

¹ The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$126,929, \$100,282 of which is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$5.4 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for special market equity adjustments for classified employees and \$4,324, \$3,309 of which is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing the \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000. The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts do not reflect a \$95,300 federal funds reduction which relates to 1999-2001 appropriation authority spent during the 1997-99 biennium because of an emergency clause.

Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting Attorney General 2001-03 Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds funding for a market equity salary increase of \$177.67 per month for the Attorney General and \$416.83 per month for the Racing Commissioner effective January 1, 2002. The amount added in the executive budget is \$4,345 more than is necessary to provide for these increases. The House reduced this amount by \$4,345.	\$16,840		\$16,840
2. Removes 1 FTE public information specialist (\$81,708) and operating expenses (\$20,000).	(\$101,708)		(\$101,708)
3. Increases funding for Information Technology Department services as a result of rate increases.	\$126,250		\$126,250
4. Provides funding for rewriting the uniform crime reporting computer system.	\$100,000		\$100,000
5. Provides funding for rent increase and computer room expansion.	\$70,000		\$70,000
6. Adds funding for relocating legal staff positions from the Water Commission building to other office space.	\$86,800		\$86,800
7. Removes funding for salaries and wages in the legal division for anticipated savings resulting from employee vacancies and turnover.	(\$50,000)		(\$50,000)
8. Increases funding for Bureau of Criminal Investigation office rent.	\$55,000		\$55,000
9. Increases funding for the high-intensity drug trafficking area (HIDTA) program.		\$295,825	\$295,825
10. Increases funding for local gaming enforcement grants. Provides for grants totaling \$419,591 from the general fund. The House increased funding for local gaming enforcement grants by \$209,409, to a total of \$629,000 and changed the funding source from the general fund to the gaming and excise tax allocation fund. The House provided that three percent of the gaming tax collections (estimated to be \$629,000) be deposited into the gaming and excise tax allocation fund rather than the general fund. The House also provided the gaming grants be distributed by formula rather than by a competitive grant process.	\$197,714		\$197,714

**Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting Attorney General 2001-03 Budget
Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)**

The Hoeven executive budget recommendation does not change the Schafer executive budget for this agency.

Major Legislation Affecting the Attorney General

House Bill No. 1026 provides a \$47,000 general fund deficiency appropriation to the Attorney General for paying prosecution witness fees (\$40,000) and for costs associated with the arrest and return of fugitives (\$7,000) for the 1999-2001 biennium.

House Bill No. 1159 increases the detection of deception examiner license fee by \$10, from \$25 to \$35, for an examiner that is licensed in another state and is seeking to be licensed in North Dakota.

House Bill No. 1160, as amended by the Senate Judiciary Committee, increases the maximum amount of funding that is retained in the Attorney General's operating fund before additional collections from concealed weapons license fees are transferred to the general fund by \$25,000, from \$50,000 to \$75,000 per biennium.

Summary of Legislative Changes Resulting From First House Action

See Statement of Purpose of Amendment (attached).