

**Adjutant General/National Guard
Senate Bill No. 2017**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 executive budget (bills as introduced)	139.00	\$9,222,228	\$20,824,132	\$30,046,360
2003-05 legislative appropriations	139.00	9,170,983	20,718,716	29,889,699
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	(\$51,245)	(\$105,416)	(\$156,661)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriations	3.00	(\$291,291)	(\$10,578,935)	(\$10,870,226)

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET 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 Senate Bill No. 2423, which allows agencies to provide salary increases of up to 1 percent on January 1, 2004, and up to 2 percent on January 1, 2005, to be funded in part from pooled savings accumulated from agency FTE position reductions.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Removed funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee salary increases		(\$42,773)	(\$95,383)	(\$138,156)
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$493 to \$488.70 per month per policy		(4,312)	(10,033)	(14,345)
Reduced funding for information technology. The amount reduced represents a reduction in information technology funding of approximately 5 percent.		(4,160)		(4,160)
Total	0.00	(\$51,245)	(\$105,416)	(\$156,661)

FTE Changes

The 2003-05 biennium appropriation includes funding for 139 FTE positions, an increase of 3 FTE positions from the 2001-03 biennium authorized level of 136 FTE positions. The legislative action did not change the executive recommendation to add 1 FTE geographic information systems specialist II position, 1 FTE security officer II position, and 1 FTE other nonclassified position.

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, the same level provided in the 2001-03 biennium. The tuition and enlistment compensation program is a scholarship program providing \$500 per semester for eligible 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

The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$275,146, of which \$204,376 is from the general fund and \$70,770 is from the Veterans Cemetery maintenance fund, for the operation of the Veterans Cemetery. This represents an increase in funding of \$75,146 from the 2001-03 general fund appropriation of \$200,000.

Other Sections in Bill

Line item transfer authority - Section 3 provides that the Adjutant General may transfer up to \$800,000 from various line items into the operating expenses and capital assets line items for the maintenance and repair of state-owned armories during the 2003-05 biennium.

Unexpended general fund appropriation - Section 4 provides that the Adjutant General may transfer any unspent general fund appropriations from the 2001-03 biennium into the Adjutant General's emergency fund at the end of the 2001-03 biennium.