

**Retirement and Investment Office
Budget No. 190
House Bill Nos. 1023, 1050, 1069**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2005-07 executive budget (bills as introduced)	17.00	\$0	\$2,966,923	\$2,966,923
2005-07 legislative appropriations	17.00		2,975,028	2,975,028
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$0	\$8,105	\$8,105
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2003-05 appropriations	0.00	\$0	(\$1,868,301) ¹	(\$1,868,301) ¹

¹The 2003-05 legislative appropriation included \$2 million for the retirement administration mainframe computer system upgrade.

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

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Retirement and Investment Office is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1050.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for state employee salary increases			\$8,424	\$8,424
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$559.15 to \$553.95 per month per policy			(2,122)	(2,122)
Provided funding in House Bill No. 1069 for the cost of paying military service retirement credit for veterans			1,803	1,803
Total	0.00	\$0	\$8,105	\$8,105

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation which included funding for 17 FTE positions, the same as the 2003-05 biennium.

Other Sections in Bill

Unexpended appropriations exemption - Section 4 allows the Retirement and Investment Office to carry over any unexpended funds from the agency's 2003-05 biennium appropriation of \$2 million from the contracted services appropriation line to the 2005-07 biennium for continued development and implementation of the pension software replacement project.

Appropriation line item transfers - Section 5 provides that the Retirement and Investment Office may transfer funds from the contingencies line item in subdivision 1 of Section 3 of the bill to all other line items and provides that the agency notify the Office of Management and Budget of each transfer made.

Office of Management and Budget to cancel unexpended appropriations - When they may continue - Section 6 amends North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-44.1-11, relating to the cancellation of unexpended appropriations to allow agencies to carry forward the unexpended balance for authorized ongoing information technology projects.

Revisions to compensation plan - Section 7 amends NDCC Section 54-44.3-12.1, relating to revisions to compensation plans under the central personnel system to provide that revisions to the compensation plan for county employees covered by the plan become effective on January 1 of the first full calendar year following the revision or on July 1 following the close of a regular legislative session, based on official action by the board of county commissioners.