

**Adjutant General/National Guard
Budget No. 540
House Bill Nos. 1017, 1050, 1069**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2005-07 executive budget (bills as introduced)	139.00	\$16,424,837	\$31,384,915	\$47,809,752
2005-07 legislative appropriations	139.00	16,445,229	31,433,798	47,879,027
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$20,392	\$48,883	\$69,275
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2003-05 appropriations	0.00	\$7,274,246	\$6,715,082 ¹	\$13,989,328 ¹

¹This amount reflects the 2003-05 deficiency appropriation of \$4 million of federal funds to the Adjutant General for completing construction projects at federally supported facilities and roads authorized in Section 7 of House Bill No. 1017.

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 House Bill No. 1050.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for state employee salary increases		\$17,832	\$43,015	\$60,847
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$559.15 to \$553.95 per month per policy		(4,467)	(12,381)	(16,848)
Provided funding for paying military service retirement credit		7,027	18,249	25,276
Total	0.00	\$20,392	\$48,883	\$69,275

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation which included funding for 139 FTE positions, the same as the 2003-05 biennium.

Capital Asset Funding

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide \$870,000, of which \$620,000 is from the general fund, for capital assets. The following is a summary of the capital asset funding:

	General Fund	Special Funds	Total
Roof replacement at the Raymond J. Bohn Armory in Bismarck	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Payment in lieu of taxes at Camp Grafton	34,000		34,000
Bond payments	60,000		60,000
Special assessments - Hector Field in Fargo (\$170,000) and Wahpeton Armed Forces Reserve Center (\$56,000)	226,000		226,000
Grounds equipment at state supported facilities	50,000		50,000
Total	\$620,000	\$250,000	\$870,000

Veterans' Bonus Program

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide \$5 million from the general fund for payments of additional compensation to resident military members mobilized December 5, 1992, through June 30, 2007. Pursuant to Senate Bill No. 2145, the Adjutant General shall provide additional compensation to resident military members of:

- \$50 per month for domestic service up to a total of \$900.
- \$100 per month for overseas service up to a total of \$1,800.
- \$2,500 to recipients of a Purple Heart.
- \$2,500 to beneficiaries of those who died as a result of service.

Tuition and Enlistment Compensation

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide \$2,007,500 from the general fund for the tuition and enlistment compensation program, an increase of \$1 million from the 2003-05 biennium appropriation of \$1,007,500. The tuition and enlistment compensation program is a scholarship program providing approximately \$1,000 per semester for eligible students taking 12 or more credits. Students taking fewer than 12 credits receive lower payments. 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, waive 25 percent of the total tuition cost for each eligible student.

Veterans Cemetery

The Legislative Assembly provided \$292,733, of which \$218,273 is from the general fund, for the operation of the Veterans Cemetery. This represents an increase in funding of \$17,587 from the 2003-05 biennium appropriation of \$275,146, of which \$204,376 was from the general fund.

Other Sections in Bill

Line item transfer authority - Section 5 authorizes the Adjutant General to transfer up to \$700,000 from various line items into the operating expenses and capital assets line items for the maintenance and repair of state-owned armories during the 2005-07 biennium. Any amounts transferred must be reported to the Office of Management and Budget.

Transfer to the Veterans Cemetery trust fund - Section 6 provides that any unexpended general fund appropriation authority relating to the \$5 million appropriated for the payment of adjusted compensation to veterans is not subject to the provisions of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-11 and must be transferred to the Veterans Cemetery trust fund during the 2007-09 biennium.

2003-05 appropriation - Section 7 provides a special funds appropriation of \$4 million to the Adjutant General for completing construction projects at federally supported facilities and roads during the 2003-05 biennium.