

**Department of Veterans Affairs
Budget 321
House Bill Nos. 1007, 1014**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2007-09 legislative appropriation	7.00	\$878,278 ¹		\$878,278
2005-07 legislative appropriation	<u>6.00</u>	<u>653,668</u>		<u>653,668</u>
2007-09 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2005-07 appropriation	1.00	\$224,610	\$0	\$224,610

¹This amount includes \$59,606 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$818,672.

NOTE: The 2007-09 legislative appropriation amounts include \$11,506 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$10 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees.

Item Description

One-time funding - The Legislative Assembly identified the general fund appropriation for one-time funding of \$59,606 for a secure filing system (\$38,250) and an electronic storage and retrieval system for veterans' discharge papers (\$21,356). This amount is not to be considered part of the agency's base budget for preparing the 2009-11 executive budget, and the Department of Veterans Affairs is to report to the Appropriations Committees during the 2009 legislative session on the use of this funding.

Status/Result

The Department of Veterans Affairs is currently working with the Information Technology Department to implement an electronic storage and retrieval system for discharge papers and anticipates the project will be completed in the 2007-09 biennium. Funding for the project of \$21,356 will be used for computer programming services and temporary staff to scan documents into the new system.

The Department of Veterans Affairs anticipates its secure filing system needs may change because of the implementation of the electronic storage and retrieval system and the relocation of the department to new office space in the summer of 2008. As a result, the department plans to address its secure filing needs during the second year of the biennium.