

**Information Technology Department
Budget No. 112
House Bill Nos. 1021, 1014, Senate Bill No. 2013**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2007-09 executive budget (bills as introduced)	312.20	\$11,268,434	\$113,595,729	\$124,864,163
2007-09 legislative appropriations	306.20	11,659,411¹	113,006,770	124,666,181
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	(6.00)	\$390,977	(\$588,959)	(\$197,982)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2005-07 appropriations	41.00	\$1,686,574	\$14,072,380	\$15,758,954

¹This amount includes \$1,611,490 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$10,047,921.

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

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Information Technology Department is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2189.

	Major Items			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget relating to retiree health credit contributions		(\$2,743)	(\$40,947)	(\$43,690)
Reversed funding source change included in agency budget request for 2 FTE positions in the records management area. (The executive budget recommendation intended for the positions to remain funded from special funds.)		(254,396)	254,396	0
Removed 3 FTE positions and related funding for providing desktop support services to agencies as requested	(3.00)		(483,838)	(483,838)
Changed the funding source for 1 of the new FTE positions included in the executive budget for the Business Intelligence Initiative from special funds to the general fund (\$178,116) and provided additional funding of \$50,000 from the general fund for consulting services for a Statewide Longitudinal Data System Initiative		228,116	(178,116)	50,000
Provided funding to the Division of Independent Study for developing online North Dakota studies resources and curriculum. (The funding is to be used in conjunction with \$80,000 from the general fund included in the executive budget for the Division of Independent Study.)		90,000		90,000

Removed 1 FTE position and related funding relating to support of the Northern Tier Network	(1.00)		(148,014)	(148,014)
Removed 2 FTE positions for the Criminal Justice Information Sharing Initiative. (The department is to use the funding provided for the 2 FTE positions to contract with the Attorney General's office.)	(2.00)			0
Provided funding to the Educational Technology Council for providing kindergarten through grade 12 video grants		190,000		190,000
Provided funding to the Educational Technology Council for increasing kindergarten through grade 12 classroom transformation grants from \$349,000 to \$389,000		40,000		40,000
Provided funding for geographic information system data acquisition		100,000		100,000
Provided funding for the additional employer retirement contribution for Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) members of the Division of Independent Study required by Senate Bill No. 2046 (see Related Legislation section below)			7,560	7,560
Total	(6.00)	\$390,977	(\$588,959)	(\$197,982)

FTE Changes

The 2007-09 biennium appropriation includes funding for 306.20 FTE positions, an increase of 41 FTE positions from the 2005-07 biennium authorized level of 265.20 FTE positions. The following table summarizes FTE position changes included in the 2007-09 biennium executive budget and the legislative appropriation:

Position	Executive Budget FTE Changes	Legislative Appropriation FTE Changes	Legislative Appropriation Increase (Decrease) From Executive Budget
Medicaid management information system (MMIS) replacement project			
Senior programmer analyst	6.00	6.00	
Programmer analyst II	6.00	6.00	
Data base design analyst III	1.00	1.00	
Technical support specialist II	2.00	2.00	
Subtotal - MMIS replacement project	15.00	15.00*	0.00
Bank of North Dakota software services			
Programmer	1.00	1.00	
Programmer analyst II	1.00	1.00	
Senior programmer analyst	2.00	2.00	
Subtotal - Bank of North Dakota software services	4.00	4.00*	0.00

Position	Executive Budget FTE Changes	Legislative Appropriation FTE Changes	Legislative Appropriation Increase (Decrease) From Executive Budget
Elementary and secondary education data warehouse hosting			
Technical support specialist II	.50	.50	0.00
Technical support - ConnectND system and PowerSchool application			
Technical support specialist III	1.00	1.00	0.00
Increased server administration			
Technical support specialist II	1.00	1.00	0.00
Increased security workload			
Information systems security analyst	1.00	1.00	0.00
Electronic data management system services			
Technical support specialist II	1.00	1.00	
Programmer analyst II	1.00	1.00	
Subtotal - Electronic data management system services	2.00	2.00	0.00
Voice over Internet Protocol technology applications			
Technical support specialist III	1.00	1.00	0.00
Quality assurance program			
Programmer analyst II	2.00	2.00	
Senior programmer analyst	1.00	1.00	
Subtotal - Quality assurance program	3.00	3.00	0.00
Higher education patch management			
Senior programmer analyst	1.00	1.00*	0.00
Business Intelligence Initiative			
Technical support specialist II	.50	.50	
Senior programmer analyst	2.00	1.00	(1.00)
Subtotal - Business Intelligence Initiative	2.50	1.50	(1.00)
Elementary and secondary education video services			
Telecommunications analyst II	1.00	1.00*	
Telecommunications technician II	1.00	1.00*	
Customer technical support specialist III	1.00	1.00	
Subtotal - Elementary and secondary education video services	3.00	3.00	0.00
Northern Tier Network support			
Telecommunications analyst III	1.00	0.00	(1.00)
Administrative support			
Administrative assistant II	1.00	1.00	0.00
Desktop support services			
Computer and network specialist II	1.00	0.00	(1.00)
Computer and network specialist III	2.00	0.00	(2.00)
Subtotal - Desktop support services	3.00	0.00	(3.00)

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Criminal Justice Information Sharing Initiative			
Programmer analyst I	1.00	0.00	(1.00)
Senior programmer analyst	1.00	0.00	(1.00)
Subtotal - Criminal Justice Information Sharing Initiative	2.00	0.00	(2.00)
Unemployment insurance modernization project			
Senior programmer analyst	3.00	3.00	
Programmer analyst II	3.00	3.00	
Subtotal - Unemployment insurance modernization project	6.00	6.00*	0.00
Statewide Longitudinal Data System Initiative			
Senior programmer analyst	0.00	1.00	1.00
Other			
Position not requested by agency	(1.00)	(1.00)	0.00
Grand total	47.00	41.00	(6.00)

*These positions were identified by the Legislative Assembly as project-specific. Section 6 of House Bill No. 1021 provides legislative intent that 28 new FTE positions identified as project-specific may be filled while the projects are being developed and funding is available.

One-Time Funding

In Section 5 of House Bill No. 1021, the Legislative Assembly identified \$1,611,490 from the general fund for one-time funding items. These items, which are summarized as follows, are not to be considered part of the agency's base budget for preparing the 2009-11 executive budget and the Information Technology Department is to report to the Appropriations Committees during the 2009 legislative session on the use of this funding.

Criminal Justice Information Sharing Initiative	\$1,151,490
Geographic information system data acquisition	100,000
Kindergarten through grade 12 video grants	190,000
Online North Dakota studies resources and curriculum	170,000
Total	\$1,611,490

Statewide Information Technology Network Funding

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide an appropriation of \$4,066,926, of which \$3,414,228 is from the general fund and \$652,698 is from special funds, for continued funding for the kindergarten through grade 12 portion of the statewide information technology network. The funding of \$4,066,926 is a decrease of \$3,476,024 from the 2005-07 biennium of \$7,542,950, of which \$3,395,550 was from the general fund and \$4,147,400 was from special funds. The 1999 Legislative Assembly in Senate Bill No. 2043 required the Information Technology Department to provide to each state agency, institution, county, city, and school district access to wide area network services to transmit voice, data, or video. As a result, the Information Technology Department implemented a statewide information technology network infrastructure that connects approximately 194 cities and 500 physical locations across the state.

Geographic Information System Initiative

The Legislative Assembly provided a \$798,313 general fund appropriation for continued support of the centralized geographic information system. The \$798,313 is an increase of \$100,000 from the executive recommendation of \$698,313 and an increase of \$111,333 from the 2005-07 biennium general fund appropriation of \$686,980.

Criminal Justice Information Sharing Initiative

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide an appropriation of \$2,352,448, of which \$1,872,448 is from the general fund and \$480,000 is from special funds, for the Criminal Justice Information Sharing Initiative. The funding of \$2,352,448 is a decrease of \$172,642 from the 2005-07 biennium appropriation of \$2,525,090, of which \$525,090 was from the general fund and \$2,000,000 was from special funds. Although the Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation for funding for the Criminal Justice Information Sharing Initiative, the Legislative Assembly did remove 2 FTE positions added in the executive recommendation for the initiative and provided that the Information Technology Department is to use the funding provided for the 2 FTE positions to contract with the Attorney General's office. In addition, Section 18 of Senate Bill No. 2003 amends North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-59-21 to provide that the Criminal Justice Information Sharing Board may employ a director who serves at the pleasure of and under the direct supervision of the board and the board may acquire support staff and employee personnel who are under the direct supervision of the board.

Statewide Longitudinal Data System Initiative

The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$228,116 from the general fund for a Statewide Longitudinal Data System Initiative. Of the \$228,116, \$156,432 is for salaries and wages and \$71,684 is for operating expenses.

Division of Independent Study

The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$6,473,565, of which \$931,546 is from the general fund and \$5,542,019 is from special funds, for the Division of Independent Study, including 39.70 FTE positions. The funding of \$6,473,565 is an increase of \$97,560 from the executive recommendation of \$6,376,005, of which \$841,546 was from the general fund and \$5,534,459 was from special funds, and an increase of \$456,786 from the 2005-07 biennium appropriation of \$6,016,779, of which \$1,007,295 was from the general fund and \$5,009,484 was from special funds.

Educational Technology Council Funding

The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$1,136,574 from the general fund for the Educational Technology Council. The funding of \$1,136,574 is an increase of \$230,000 from the executive recommendation of \$906,574 and an increase of \$249,977 from the 2005-07 biennium general fund appropriation of \$886,597. The funding of \$1,136,574 consists of \$289,695 for salaries and wages, \$46,879 for operating expenses, and \$800,000 for grants to schools.

EduTech Funding

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide funding of \$2,722,348 from the general fund for EduTech. The funding of \$2,722,348 is an increase of \$70,000 from the 2005-07 biennium general fund appropriation of \$2,652,348.

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1021

Transfers - Section 4 authorizes the Office of Management and Budget to make transfers of funds between the salaries and wages, operating expenses, and capital assets line items of the Information Technology Department as may be requested by the Chief Information Officer as necessary for the development and implementation of information technology projects.

FTE positions - Section 6 provides legislative intent that 28 new FTE positions identified as project-specific may be filled while the projects are being developed and funding is available.

Video support services - Section 7 provides that the 2007-09 legislative appropriation for the Information Technology Department includes the sum of \$300,110 to be received from the North Dakota University System for the cost of 2 FTE positions and related operating expenses for providing support for video services in school districts.

Statewide Longitudinal Data System Committee - Section 8 creates a new section to NDCC Chapter 15.1-02 establishing a Statewide Longitudinal Data System Committee.

North Dakota Health Information Technology Steering Committee - Section 9 creates a new section to NDCC Chapter 23-01 establishing a North Dakota Health Information Technology Steering Committee.

Information Technology Committee powers and duties - Section 10 creates a new subsection to NDCC Section 54-35-15.2 relating to the powers and duties of the Information Technology Committee to provide that the committee is to receive and review information from legislative and judicial branch agencies regarding information technology projects with a total cost of \$250,000 or more.

Borrowing authority - Section 11 provides that the Information Technology Department may borrow from the Bank of North Dakota an amount necessary to pay telecommunications costs for connecting approved schools and libraries in the event e-rate funding is not received from the Universal Service Administrative Company. If at the end of the biennium, a loan balance exists and funds are not anticipated to be available from the Universal Service Administrative Company, the department is to request a deficiency appropriation to repay the loan and any related interest.

Related Legislation

Division of Independent Study appropriation - Senate Bill No. 2013 provides a \$7,560 special funds appropriation to the Division of Independent Study for the purpose of funding the additional employer retirement contribution for TFFR members required by Senate Bill No. 2046.

Information Technology Committee and Information Technology Department powers and duties, information technology plans, and information technology issues - Senate Bill No. 2037 provides that the Chief Information Officer may require information technology contractors to submit to a criminal history record check; authorizes the Information Technology Committee to receive and review project startup and project closeout reports for any major information technology project; provides that information technology plans are subject to acceptance by the Information Technology Department; revises the content of the statewide information technology plan and the Information Technology Department annual report; and provides that only criminal justice agencies may access the criminal justice system.

Information technology policies, standards, and guidelines and major proposed information technology project prioritization - Senate Bill No. 2038 requires the Information Technology Department and the Office of Management and Budget to develop policies, standards, and guidelines based on information from state agencies and institutions. Executive budget state agencies, excluding entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, are to comply with the policies and standards unless the Chief Information Officer exempts an agency to address situations unique to that agency. The bill also provides that the State Information Technology Advisory Committee is to review policies, standards, and guidelines developed by the Information Technology Department and prioritize proposed major information technology projects of executive branch state agencies, excluding institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education and agencies of the judicial and legislative branches.

Information Technology Department annual report - Senate Bill No. 2118 modifies the requirements of the department's annual report required by NDCC Section 54-59-19 to include information regarding the management of state records.

Division of Independent Study - Senate Bill No. 2127 changes the name of the Division of Independent Study to the Center for Distance Education.

Higher education information technology - House Bill No. 1461 provides that the State Board of Higher Education is to manage and regulate information technology planning, services, and major projects.