

**Legislative Council
Budget No. 160
House Bill No. 1001, Senate Bill No. 2004**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2011-13 executive budget (bills as introduced)	34.00	\$11,461,158	\$70,000	\$11,531,158
2011-13 legislative appropriations	34.00	11,561,158	70,000	11,631,158
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriations	0.00	\$1,121,655	\$0	\$1,121,655

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2009-11 legislative appropriations	\$10,269,503	\$170,000	\$10,439,503
2011-13 legislative appropriations	10,826,351	734,807	11,561,158
2011-13 legislative increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriations	\$556,848	\$564,807	\$1,121,655
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriations	5.4%	3,322.4%	10.7%
2011-13 legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
Percentage increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.0%	15.8%	0.9%

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

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Legislative Council is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2015.

	Major Items			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added one-time funding for a performance review of the State Auditor's office (Senate Bill No. 2004).		\$100,000		\$100,000
Total	0.00	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000

FTE Changes

The 2011-13 biennium appropriation included funding for 34 FTE positions, the same as the 2009-11 biennium.

One-Time Funding

In Section 3 of House Bill No. 1001, the Legislative Assembly identified \$634,807 from the general fund for one-time funding items. The Legislative Assembly also provided in Senate Bill No. 2004 a \$100,000 general fund appropriation to the Legislative Council for a performance review of the State Auditor's office which is considered to be one-time funding. This funding, summarized as follows, is not to be considered part of the agency's base budget for preparing the 2013-15 executive budget, and the Legislative Council is to report to the Appropriations Committees during the 2013 legislative session on the use of this funding.

Computer equipment replacement	\$76,000
Information technology projects	483,807
Office equipment replacement	25,000
Office improvements	50,000
Performance review of the State Auditor's office	100,000
Total	\$734,807

Other Sections in Bill

Carryover authority - Section 4 allows the Legislative Council to continue beyond June 30, 2011, any unspent funds appropriated for the Legislative Council for the 2009-11 biennium.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1252 requires the chairman of the Legislative Management to appoint a committee during the 2011-12 interim to monitor the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

House Bill No. 1261 repeals the Legislative Compensation Commission.

House Bill No. 1267 provides for the establishment of a Legislative Management redistricting committee, the implementation of a legislative redistricting plan, and a special legislative session.

House Bill No. 1397 amends North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-01 to provide that the Legislative Management consists of the majority and minority leaders; the Speaker of the House; and four members appointed by the Senate majority leader, two members appointed by the Senate minority leader, four members appointed by the House majority leader, and two members appointed by the House minority leader, all of the appointees being elected by their respective parties.

House Bill No. 1426 amends Section 44-08-04 to increase meal reimbursement rates from \$25 to \$30 per day.

Senate Bill No. 2004 provides that the Legislative Management may contract with a national private accounting firm for a performance review of the State Auditor's office, including quality controls, procedures, technical applications, professionalism, customer feedback, efficiency, staffing review, and reporting. The bill includes a \$100,000 general fund appropriation to the Legislative Council for the cost of the review.

Senate Bill No. 2053 extends the Committee on Tribal and State Relations.

Senate Bill No. 2150 establishes an Education Funding and Taxation Committee to examine short-term and longer-term state and local involvement in funding elementary and secondary education.

Senate Bill No. 2169 provides that the Legislative Council is to record the audio of floor sessions based on rules adopted by the House and the Senate. The Legislative Council is to also archive all recordings and make the recordings available to the public.

Senate Bill No. 2302 establishes the Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board consisting of two members of the Senate appointed by the Senate majority leader, two members of the House appointed by the House majority leader, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, the president of the Bank of North Dakota, and the Tax Commissioner. The Legislative Council is to provide staff services to the board, and staff and consultants of the Retirement and Investment Office are to advise the board in developing asset allocation and investment policies.