

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1003 - Attorney General - Conference Committee Action**

	<b>Executive Budget</b>	<b>House Version</b>	<b>Conference Committee Changes</b>	<b>Conference Committee Version</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>Comparison to Senate</b>
Salaries and wages	\$27,668,657	\$24,824,285	\$944,652	\$25,768,937	\$27,535,021	(\$1,766,084)
Operating expenses	14,204,579	13,426,505	683,300	14,109,805	14,398,945	(289,140)
Capital assets	2,391,187	2,391,187		2,391,187	2,391,187	
Grants	3,559,225	3,559,225	(107,000)	3,452,225	3,381,225	71,000
Litigation fees	50,000	50,000		50,000	50,000	
Medical examinations	250,000	250,000		250,000	250,000	
North Dakota Lottery	3,584,388	3,584,388		3,584,388	3,584,388	
Arrest and return of fugitives	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000	
Gaming Commission	6,141	6,141		6,141	6,141	
Federal fiscal stimulus funds			2,259,188	2,259,188	3,123,884	(864,696)
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$51,724,177</b>	<b>\$48,101,731</b>	<b>\$3,780,140</b>	<b>\$51,881,871</b>	<b>\$54,730,791</b>	<b>(\$2,848,920)</b>
Less estimated income	21,908,977	21,910,610	2,417,731	24,328,341	24,916,826	(588,485)
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$29,815,200</b>	<b>\$26,191,121</b>	<b>\$1,362,409</b>	<b>\$27,553,530</b>	<b>\$29,813,965</b>	<b>(\$2,260,435)</b>
FTE	198.50	191.00	9.50	200.50	207.50	(7.00)

**Department No. 125 - Attorney General - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	<b>Restores Funding for Salaries<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Adds Evidence Technician<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for Sobriety Program<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Reduces Funding for Grants<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Increases Funding for Operating Expenses<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Adds FTE Concealed Weapons Permit Administrator<sup>6</sup></b>
Salaries and wages	\$799,095	\$81,053				\$64,504
Operating expenses		63,706	229,826		472,307	117,461
Capital assets						
Grants				(107,000)		
Litigation fees						
Medical examinations						
North Dakota Lottery						
Arrest and return of fugitives						
Gaming Commission						
Federal fiscal stimulus funds						
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$799,095</b>	<b>\$144,759</b>	<b>\$229,826</b>	<b>(\$107,000)</b>	<b>\$472,307</b>	<b>\$181,965</b>
Less estimated income	186,271	0	0	(107,000)	97,307	181,965
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$612,824</b>	<b>\$144,759</b>	<b>\$229,826</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50

	<b>Reduces Funding for Travel<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Appropriates Federal Fiscal Stimulus Funds<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>Total Conference Committee Changes</b>
Salaries and wages			\$944,652
Operating expenses	(200,000)		683,300
Capital assets			
Grants			(107,000)
Litigation fees			
Medical examinations			
North Dakota Lottery			
Arrest and return of fugitives			
Gaming Commission			
Federal fiscal stimulus funds		2,259,188	2,259,188
<b>Total all funds</b>	(\$200,000)	\$2,259,188	\$3,780,140
Less estimated income	(200,000)	2,259,188	2,417,731
<b>General fund</b>	\$0	\$0	\$1,362,409
<b>FTE</b>	0.00	8.00	9.50

<sup>1</sup> This amendment restores salaries and wages funding relating to anticipated savings from vacant positions and employee turnover removed by the House, the same as the Senate version.

<sup>2</sup> One FTE evidence technician position is added to assist with DNA evidence collections, the same as the Senate version.

<sup>3</sup> Funding for the 24/7 sobriety program is added, the same as the Senate version.

<sup>4</sup> This amendment reduces funding for grants due to a reduction in pull tab excise taxes in accordance with provisions of 2009 House Bill No. 1317.

<sup>5</sup> This amendment restores special fund support for operating expenses removed in the executive recommendation (\$168,287), restores special fund support removed by the House (\$204,298), and adds special fund support for Crime Laboratory service contracts (\$99,722). The amendment also restores the general fund support for operating expenses included in the executive recommendation (\$375,000). The House increased funding support from federal funds and decreased funding support from the general fund by \$375,000.

<sup>6</sup> This amendment adds a .5 FTE position for a concealed weapons permit administrator, the same as the Senate version.

<sup>7</sup> This amendment reduces funding for travel. A legislative intent section is added that the Attorney General continue the practice of state agencies paying directly for requested legal services staff travel. This is the same as the Senate version.

<sup>8</sup> This amendment appropriates federal fiscal stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funding (\$1,652,426 and 4 FTE positions), Internet Crimes Against Children Grant funding (\$216,174 and 1 FTE position), and Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Act funding (\$390,588 and 3 FTE positions).

This amendment adds a section also added by the Senate relating to the Attorney General refund fund.

A section of the bill is removed relating to DNA testing, the same as the Senate version.

Section 9 of this bill is changed to correct the date relating to the second-year salary increase for the Attorney General. The Senate also provided that beginning in July 2011 the salary of the Attorney General be the same as a North Dakota Supreme Court justice, which the conference committee did not include.