

**Legislative Assembly
Budget No. 150
Senate Bill No. 2001**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2009-11 executive budget (bills as introduced)	0.00	\$16,338,537	\$0	\$16,338,537
2009-11 legislative appropriations	0.00	16,014,554	0	16,014,554
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	(\$323,983)	\$0	(\$323,983)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2007-09 appropriations	0.00	\$1,837,425	\$0	\$1,837,425

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2007-09 legislative appropriations	\$9,916,302	\$4,260,827	\$14,177,129
2009-11 legislative appropriations	11,011,227	5,003,327	16,014,554
2009-11 legislative increase (decrease) to 2007-09 appropriations	\$1,094,925	\$742,500	\$1,837,425
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2007-09 appropriations	11.0%	17.4%	13.0%
2009-11 legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	\$385,564	(\$709,547)	(\$323,983)
Percentage increase (decrease) to executive budget	3.6%	(12.4%)	(2.0%)

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

	Major Items			Total
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	
The legislative action:				
Added funding for increasing legislators' monthly pay in accordance with provisions of Senate Bill No. 2064. The bill as introduced included funding to increase legislators' monthly pay to \$393 effective July 1, 2009. (see Legislative Pay Increases section below)		\$45,536		\$45,536
Added funding for increasing legislators' session pay in accordance with provisions of Senate Bill No. 2064. The bill as introduced included funding to increase legislators' session pay to \$140 per calendar day effective July 1, 2009. (see Legislative Pay Increases section below)		140,858		140,858

Added funding for increasing legislative leaders' additional monthly compensation (see Legislative Pay Increases section below)	2,170	2,170
Decreased funding for operating expenses to remove funding for the cost of purchasing hand-held communications devices for legislators and other estimated cost reductions relating to operating fees associated with these devices. Funding of \$194,000 remains for paying the initial connection fee, monthly fees for legislators to access the state's BlackBerry server, and to pay for a monthly data plan.	(82,547)	(82,547)
Reduced funding for legislative wing equipment and improvements from \$1,430,000 to \$1,000,000 (see Other Sections in Bill section below)	(430,000)	(430,000)
Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(\$323,983)</u>
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$323,983)</u>

One-Time Funding

In Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2001, the Legislative Assembly identified a total of \$5,003,327 from the general fund, of which \$3,910,827 relates to the legislative applications replacement system computer project, \$92,500 to computer equipment replacement, and \$1,000,000 to legislative wing equipment and improvements. This amount is not to be considered part of the agency's 2011-13 biennium base budget and the Legislative Assembly is to report to the Appropriations Committees during the 2011 legislative session on the use of this funding.

Legislative Pay Increases

The Legislative Assembly approved Senate Bill Nos. 2001 and 2064 providing for legislative pay increases. Sections 9 and 10 of Senate Bill No. 2001 increase legislative leaders' additional monthly compensation by approximately 5 percent for each year of the 2009-11 biennium. Senate Bill No. 2064 increases legislators' monthly compensation, daily pay during legislative sessions, and interim meeting pay by 5 percent for each year of the 2009-11 biennium. The compensation adjustments relating to the Legislative Assembly budget are:

	Current Compensation Rate	Rate Effective		Rate Effective July 1, 2010
		July 1, 2009	August 1, 2009	
Monthly compensation	\$378		\$396	\$415
Leaders' additional monthly compensation	\$270	\$284		\$298
Daily session pay	\$135		\$141	\$148
Interim meeting pay	\$135		\$141	\$148

Other Sections in Bill

Legislative wing equipment and improvement funding - Section 5 provides that a majority of the Senate members of the Legislative Management Committee, or its successor, determine the expenditures of \$400,000 of the \$1,000,000 provided for legislative wing equipment and improvements, a majority of the House members of the committee determine the expenditures of \$400,000 of these funds, and a majority of all of the committee members determine the expenditures of the remaining \$200,000 of these funds.

Carryover authority - Section 6 allows the Legislative Assembly to continue beyond June 30, 2009, any unspent funds appropriated for the Legislative Assembly for the 2007-09 biennium.

Additional lodging reimbursement - Section 8 provides that notwithstanding the per calendar month lodging maximum provided in North Dakota Century Code Section 54-03-20 for members of the Legislative Assembly during a legislative session, members of the 2009 Legislative Assembly are entitled to lodging reimbursement as provided in Section 44-08-04 for each calendar day the 2009 Legislative Assembly is in session during the month of April 2009 if the member submits a voucher indicating the actual amount expended for lodging during the month of April.

Related Legislation

Legislative compensation and expense reimbursement - Senate Bill No. 2064 provides for the following legislative compensation changes:

- Increase legislators' monthly compensation by 5 percent per year, from \$378 to \$396 effective August 1, 2009, and to \$415 effective July 1, 2010.
- Increase the compensation for regular, special, or organizational sessions by 5 percent per year from \$135 to \$141 per calendar day effective August 1, 2009, and to \$148 per calendar day effective July 1, 2010.
- Increase the interim compensation rate by 5 percent per year from \$135 to \$141 per day effective August 1, 2009, and to \$148 per day effective July 1, 2010.
- Increase the maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement allowed during legislative sessions from \$900 per month to 30 times 55 percent of the state daily lodging expense reimbursement rate. This increase is effective August 1, 2009. (Based on the current estimated state daily lodging reimbursement rate of \$63 per night, the maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement is estimated to be \$1,040 per month.)
- Increase the state daily lodging expense reimbursement rate from \$55 plus tax per night to 90 percent of the rate established by the United States General Services Administration for lodging reimbursement in the state plus tax effective August 1, 2009. (The current federal lodging reimbursement rate is \$70 per night plus tax; therefore, 90 percent of the federal lodging reimbursement rate would be \$63 per night plus tax.)
- Provide that the state mileage expense reimbursement rate be equal to the federal mileage expense reimbursement rate effective August 1, 2009. (The current state mileage expense reimbursement rate is 45 cents per mile. The current federal mileage expense reimbursement rate is 55 cents per mile.)
- Increase the reimbursement for travel by private airplane from 70 cents per mile to the sum of 1.5 times the mileage reimbursement by motor vehicle effective August 1, 2009.

Personal computers - House Bill No. 1178 allows the purchase of used personal computers at market value by members of the Legislative Assembly if the members have paid a computer usage fee.