

**Ethics Commission
Budget No. 195
Senate Bill No. 2004**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriations	3.00	\$1,368,016	\$0	\$1,368,016
2025-27 base budget	3.00	1,041,374	0	1,041,374
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	0.00	\$326,642	\$0	\$326,642

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2025-27 legislative appropriations	\$1,315,668	\$52,348	\$1,368,016
2023-25 legislative appropriations	1,041,374	98,825	1,140,199
2025-27 legislative increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	\$274,294	(\$46,477)	\$227,817
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	26.3%	(47.0%)	20.0%

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS
Changes to Base Budget

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026		\$35,168	\$0	\$35,168
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,893 per month		18,016	0	18,016
Added funding to replace the 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE funding pool, including \$60,798 for new positions and \$11,109 for vacant positions		71,907	0	71,907
Transferred \$14,193 for estimated savings from vacant FTE positions from the Ethics Commission line item to the new and vacant FTE pool line item and reduced the amount to \$9,935 resulting in the savings as shown		(4,258)	0	(4,258)
Increased funding for internship salaries (\$28,484), overtime pay (\$4,778), and commissioner salaries (\$10,141)		43,403	0	43,403
Added salary workload increase funding		24,434	0	24,434

Added funding for information technology rate increases (\$8,713) and software and subscriptions (\$19,151)	27,864	0	27,864
Increased funding for professional fees to provide a total of \$120,000	50,000	0	50,000
Increased funding for travel costs	7,760	0	7,760
Added one-time funding for a case management system	50,000	0	50,000
Added one-time funding for office furniture	2,348	0	2,348
Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$326,642</u>

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 3 FTE positions for the Ethics Commission for the 2025-27 biennium, the same as the 2023-25 biennium.

One-Time Funding

The following is a summary of one-time funding items for the Ethics Commission for the 2025-27 biennium:

	General Fund
Case management system	\$50,000
Office furniture	2,348
Total	\$52,348

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2004

New and vacant FTE pool line item - Section 3 provides guidelines regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.

Ethics Commission procedures, affirmative defense, immunity, and definitions - Sections 4 through 16 create and amend various sections relating to immunity, affirmative defense, the informal resolution process, and other provisions relating to the Ethics Commission, including references to an accused individual. The Governor vetoed Section 5 of the bill which would have provided members of the Legislative Assembly immunity from criminal prosecution resulting from a vote if a member properly disclosed a conflict of interest.

Annual report - Section 17 provides for the Ethics Commission to produce an annual report.

Related Legislation

There is no major related legislation affecting this agency.