

Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship
Budget No. 315
Senate Bill Nos. 2002 and 2029; House Bill No. 1012

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriations	4.00	\$4,821,178	\$0	\$4,821,178
2025-27 base budget	0.00	0	0	0
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	4.00	\$4,821,178	\$0	\$4,821,178

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2025-27 legislative appropriations	\$4,821,178	\$0	\$4,821,178
2023-25 legislative appropriations	0	0	0
2025-27 legislative increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	\$4,821,178	\$0	\$4,821,178
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 new FTE positions and related funding for a newly created Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship (Senate Bill No. 2029)	4.00	\$1,200,000		\$1,200,000
Added funding for salaries, wages, and operations for an attorney position to be transferred from the Supreme Court to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship on July 1, 2025 (Senate Bill No. 2002)		355,000		355,000
Added funding for guardianship services (House Bill No. 1012)		3,266,178		3,266,178
Total	4.00	\$4,821,178	\$0	4,821,178

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly, in Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2029, approved 4.00 FTE positions for the newly created Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship for the 2025-27 biennium. The Legislative Assembly, in Section 8 of Senate Bill No. 2029, provided for the transfer of 2.00 additional FTE positions from the Supreme Court to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship during the 2025-27 biennium.

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2029

Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship - Sections 1 through 6 establish the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship.

Appropriation - Section 7 authorizes 4 new FTE positions and appropriates \$1.2 million from the general fund to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship.

Transfer - Supreme Court attorney - Section 8 provides for the transfer of an attorney position from the Supreme Court to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship, effective July 1, 2025. This section also provides for the transfer of the remaining Supreme Court guardianship monitoring FTE position to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship by April 1, 2026.

Transfer - Judicial branch - Section 9 provides for the transfer of any unspent appropriation authority authorized for the office of guardianship and conservatorship line item in Senate Bill No. 2002 from the judicial branch to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship, effective April 1, 2026.

Transfer - Department of Health and Human Services - Section 10 provides for the transfer of any unspent appropriation authority for guardianship-related services and grants in House Bill No. 1012 from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship, effective April 1, 2026.

Transfer - Office of Management and Budget - Section 11 allows for the transfer of any unspent appropriation authority from the guardianship grants line item in House Bill No. 1015 from the Office of Management and Budget to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship, effective April 1, 2026.

Attorney General - Emergency Commission - Section 12 allows the Attorney General to submit a request to the Emergency Commission to request authorization and related funding, if necessary, for 1 FTE position for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation related to guardianship and conservatorship case investigations.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1012 - Guardianship services and grants - This bill appropriates \$3,266,178 from the general fund to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship for guardianship services and grants. An additional \$3,266,177 is appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services for guardianship services and grants. Any unspent funding for guardianship services and grants appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services is to be transferred to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship on April 1, 2026.

Senate Bill No. 2002 - Attorney position - This bill appropriates \$355,000 from the general fund to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship for salaries, wages, and operations for an attorney position to be transferred from the Supreme Court to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship on July 1, 2025, pursuant to Section 8 of Senate Bill No. 2029.

Senate Bill No. 2291 - Persons with disabilities - This bill amends law relating to guardians for children and persons with disabilities.