

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 appropriation	4.00 ¹	\$4,821,178 ²	\$0	\$4,821,178 ²
2023-25 legislative appropriation	0.00	0	0	0
2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation	4.00 ¹	\$4,821,178 ²	\$0	\$4,821,178 ²

¹This amount does not include 2 FTE positions transferred from the judicial branch to the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship (OGC) during the 2025-27 biennium.

²This amount includes \$1,200,000 appropriated to the newly created OGC in Senate Bill No. 2029, \$355,000 appropriated to OGC in Senate Bill No. 2002, and \$3,266,178 appropriated to OGC in House Bill No. 1012. This amount does not include \$375,478 transferred from the judicial branch and \$6,400,000 transferred from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to the OGC during the 2025-27 biennium. Including these amounts and \$1,700,000 OMB expended for guardianship grants prior to the transfer of remaining appropriation authority, OGC base budget for the 2027-29 biennium will be \$13,296,656 from the General Fund.

Item Description

Full-time equivalent changes - The Legislative Assembly, in Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2029, approved 4 FTE positions for the newly created OGC for the 2025-27 biennium. In addition, the Legislative Assembly, in Section 8 of the bill, provided for the transfer of 2 FTE positions from the Supreme Court to the OGC during the 2025-27 biennium.

Appropriation authority transfers - The Legislative Assembly, in Sections 9, 10, and 11 of Senate Bill No. 2029, provided for the transfer of unspent appropriation authority for guardianship-related services and grants from the judicial branch, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and OMB to OGC on April 1, 2026.

Status/Result

The OGC has filled the 6 FTE positions authorized for the 2025-27 biennium. The FTE positions at OGC include an executive director, legal director, two case managers, a fiscal officer, and an executive administrator. The FTE positions transferred from the Supreme Court became the legal director and one of the case manager positions, both of which were vacant at the time of transfer and filled by OGC in April 2026. The executive director position was filled in November 2025 and the fiscal officer, executive administrator, and remaining case manager positions were filled in March 2026.

The OGC reported \$375,478 of General Fund appropriation authority was transferred from the Supreme Court to the OGC on April 1, 2026. This amount was in addition to the \$355,000 appropriated directly to OGC in Senate Bill No. 2002, the sum of which was intended for the salaries and wages and related operating expenses of the 2 FTE positions transferred from the Supreme Court.

The OGC reported DHHS had fully obligated the \$3,266,177 appropriated to OGC in House Bill No. 1012 prior to April 1, 2026, for guardianship establishment funds and developmental disabilities services contract expenses. This funding was legislatively designated as one-time funding to DHHS for the 2025-27 biennium. Therefore, no funds were transferred to OGC and the funding will not be reflected in OGC's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium. The \$3,266,178 appropriated directly to OGC in the bill is anticipated to be fully expended during the 2nd year of the biennium and OGC will request the entire appropriation of \$6,532,355 be restored for the 2027-29 biennium. In addition, OGC reported the appropriation of \$6,532,355 does not include funding sufficient to pay for qualified applicants for guardianship establishment funding and may need to be increased.

The OGC reported \$6.4 million of the \$8.1 million appropriated to OMB was transferred to OGC for guardianship grants. The entirety of the \$8.1 million appropriation will be included in the OGC base budget for the 2027-29 biennium.