



Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Department No. 530
2025 Senate Bill No. 2015

REVISED EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
2025-27 BIENNIUM

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Burgum budget recommendation	971.79	\$344,641,308	\$250,559,681	\$595,200,989
Revisions - Increase (decrease)	32.50	(825,917)	(88,664,361)	(89,490,278)
Armstrong budget recommendation	1,004.29	\$343,815,391	\$161,895,320	\$505,710,711
Base level	929.79	247,106,915	45,744,746	292,851,661
Increase (decrease)	74.50	\$96,708,476	\$116,150,574	\$212,859,050
Percentage increase (decrease)	8.0%	39.1%	253.9%	72.7%

NOTE:

More detailed information on the revised executive budget recommendation is attached as an appendix.

Selected Highlights

- **Salary increases of up to 3 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026**
- Health insurance increase of \$250.22 per month (15.2 percent), from \$1,643 to \$1,893, per employee
- Adds \$6.5 million of ongoing funding from the general fund for competitive market salary equity
- **Adds \$10.4 million of ongoing funding from the general fund for 74.5 new FTE positions**
- Adds \$35.6 million of one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) to complete the new facility for female inmates at the Heart River Correctional Center
- Adds \$17.5 million of one-time funding from the general fund for payments to county jails for overflow inmate housing
- **Adds \$23 million of one-time funding from SIIF for planning and design for a new minimum security facility for male inmates at the Missouri River Correctional Center**

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

Agency Fees

As reported to the Legislative Management, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-27, this agency has 13 fees. The agency recommended removing offender supervision fees due to the impact of the fee on offenders and the low collection rate of 22 percent in the 2021-23 biennium. The agency reported of the \$1.3 million estimated to be collected during the 2023-25 biennium, approximately \$900,000 will be expended administering the collection of the supervision fee.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1060 - Workforce safety - Provides a presumption of compensability for cardiac events and certain other conditions or impairments of health for correctional officers.

House Bill No. 1122 - Rough Rider Industries - Allows for the sale of Rough Rider Industries products to state employees for personal use.

House Bill No. 1193 - Appreciation grants - Appropriates \$8.5 million to the Attorney General for peace officer and correctional officer appreciation grants.

House Bill No. 1197 - Jail facilities improvement grants - Establishes a county and regional jail facilities improvement grants program with \$50 million from SIIF.

House Bill No. 1206 - Driving under the influence - Increases the penalty for driving under the influence of alcohol or any other drugs or substances if a minor is in the vehicle.

House Bill No. 1213 - Jail facilities improvement loans - Establishes a county and regional jail facilities revolving loan fund with \$200 million from SIIF.

House Bill No. 1225 - Reckless endangerment and habitual offenders - Increases the penalty for reckless endangerment and adjusts the definition of habitual offenders.

House Bill No. 1310 - Presentence investigation - Eliminates a presentence investigation fee collectable by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

House Bill No. 1344 - Overflow inmates - Provides for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to pay county and regional jails for inmates sentenced to the department and housed at the local jail.

House Bill No. 1361 - Human trafficking - Provides mandatory minimum sentences for human trafficking offenders.

House Bill No. 1367 - Repeat offenders - Increases the penalty for repeat drug offenders.

House Bill No. 1417 - Parole and probation - Eliminates supervision fees charged by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and provides for the incarceration of individuals who commit technical violations while on parole.

House Bill No. 1425 - Pretrial diversion - Provides for a prosecution-led diversion supervision pilot program.

House Bill No. 1549 - Correctional facility grants - Provides for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish a correctional facility grant committee to expand access to evidence-based programming in county, regional, and tribal correctional facilities.

Senate Bill No. 2013 - Permanent funds distributions - Provides distributions to institutions from permanent funds established for the benefit of the institutions, including \$3,136,000 for the Youth Correctional Center.

Senate Bill No. 2066 - Rough Rider Industries - Allows for the sale of Rough Rider Industries products to state employees for personal use.

Senate Bill No. 2128 - Transparent sentencing - Adjusts the authority of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to place certain inmates on parole or to house certain inmates in transitional facilities prior to serving 85 percent of their sentence.

Senate Bill No. 2191 - Inmate medical care - Directs the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide instruction to local correctional facilities regarding the correct assessment and billing of medical care costs for inmates.

NOTE:

Please see the Fiscal Impact Report for additional information regarding bills under consideration which contain either a state revenue impact, an appropriation, or a state fiscal impact.



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Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2015

	Armstrong Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	929.79	\$247,106,915	\$45,744,746	\$292,851,661
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Salary increase		\$6,867,108	\$273,756	\$7,140,864
Health insurance increase		5,380,569	229,614	5,610,183
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 new FTE pool		2,604,277		2,604,277
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		10,831,794	569,031	11,400,825
Adds funding for competitive market salary equity		6,528,187		6,528,187
Adds funding for educator salaries to comply with the teachers composite schedule		358,463		358,463
Adds funding for correctional officers participation in the public safety retirement plan		645,000		645,000
Adds funding for new positions and related operating costs for the Heart River Correctional Center (HRCC)	26.00	1,755,593		1,755,593
Adds funding for new positions and related operating costs for a Missouri River Correctional Center (MRCC) temporary housing unit	7.00	1,150,364		1,150,364
Adds funding for new positions and related operating costs for pretrial services	3.00	714,765		714,765
Converts community corrections temporary positions to FTE positions	2.00	69,598		69,598
Adds funding for a new Youth Correctional Center security officer position and related operating costs	1.00	182,358		182,358
Converts education services temporary positions to FTE positions	3.00	61,732		61,732
Converts HRCC maintenance supervisor temporary position to FTE position	1.00	61,019		61,019
Adds funding for the Grand Forks correctional center, including new FTE positions	31.50	9,173,447		9,173,447
Increases funding for resident wages		404,472		404,472
Adds funding for inflationary costs, including utilities, food, clothing, medications, and medical costs		8,206,230		8,206,230
Restores one-time inflationary funding for the Dakota Women's Correctional and Rehabilitation Center contract as ongoing		2,450,000		2,450,000
Adds funding for increased transitional facility costs		8,427,182		8,427,182
Adds funding for a women's treatment unit		2,087,800		2,087,800
Adds funding for payments to county jails for overflow housing		1,046,438		1,046,438
Adds funding for information technology data processing costs		2,834,884		2,834,884
Adds funding for medical IT modules		433,000		433,000
Adjusts funding to eliminate supervision fees		1,500,000	(1,500,000)	0
Adds funding for a 25 bed re-entry center in the northwest region		1,600,000		1,600,000
Adjusts base budget funding		3,625,753	(9,602,305)	(5,976,552)
Total ongoing funding changes	74.50	\$79,000,033	(\$10,029,904)	\$68,970,129
One-Time Funding Items				
Adds funding to complete the HRCC, including \$35.6 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF)		\$36,742	\$35,635,000	\$35,671,742

Adds funding for MRCC temporary housing unit, including \$8 million from SIIF		121,136	8,032,757	8,153,893
Adds funding for payments to county jails for overflow housing, including programming needs		17,500,000		17,500,000
Adds funding from SIIF for deferred maintenance and extraordinary repairs			16,056,609	16,056,609
Adds funding for new FTE one-time costs		50,565		50,565
Adds funding from SIIF for a James River Correctional Center (JRCC) facility study			750,000	750,000
Adds funding from SIIF for a new MRCC minimum security male facility planning and design			23,000,000	23,000,000
Adds funding from SIIF for software systems and technology upgrades			11,278,631	11,278,631
Adds funding for equipment, including a body scanner, medical equipment, dental equipment, body cameras, tasers, ballistic vests, kitchen equipment, and laundry equipment, including \$1.1 million from SIIF			2,079,700	2,079,700
Adds funding from SIIF to replace federal funds for victims of crime grants			7,000,000	7,000,000
Adds federal funds for mental health assessments and services			550,000	550,000
Adds funding for Rough Rider Industries equipment and supplies			13,722,181	13,722,181
Adds federal funds for workforce training and education			1,027,500	1,027,500
Adds funding from SIIF to demolish the JRCC maintenance building			570,000	570,000
Adds funding from SIIF for Grand Forks correctional center one-time costs			6,478,100	6,478,100
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$17,708,443	\$126,180,478	\$143,888,921
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	74.50	\$96,708,476	\$116,150,574	\$212,859,050
2025-27 Total Funding	1,004.29	\$343,815,391	\$161,895,320	\$505,710,711

Federal funds included in other funds

\$15,350,540

Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level

8.0%

32.0%

(21.9%)

23.6%

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8.0%

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