

Adjutant General, including the National Guard and the Department of Emergency Services
Budget No. 540
House Bill No. 1016, Senate Bill No. 2353

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2013-15 executive budget (bills as introduced)	246.00	\$31,795,634	\$250,073,683	\$281,869,317
2013-15 legislative appropriations	246.00	31,150,829	249,844,597	280,995,426
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	(\$644,805)	(\$229,086)	(\$873,891)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2011-13 appropriations	4.00	(\$47,402,726)	(\$47,259,781)	(\$94,662,507)

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2011-13 legislative appropriations	\$24,035,127	\$54,518,428	\$78,553,555
2013-15 legislative appropriations	26,824,589	4,326,240	31,150,829
2013-15 legislative increase (decrease) to 2011-13 appropriations	\$2,789,462	(\$50,192,188)	(\$47,402,726)
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2011-13 appropriations	11.6%	(92.1%)	(60.3%)
2013-15 legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	\$330,195	(\$975,000)	(\$644,805)
Percentage increase (decrease) to executive budget	1.2%	(18.4%)	(2.0%)

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

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Adjutant General is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1015. Consistent with the guidelines, a portion of salaries and wages funding from the general fund (\$360,289) and from other funds (\$735,704) for permanent employees' compensation and benefits is reallocated to accrued leave payments line items for paying accrued annual leave and sick leave for eligible employees.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for state employee salaries and benefits consistent with the legislative compensation package guidelines included in House Bill No. 1015.		(\$119,805)	(\$229,086)	(\$348,891)
Reduced funding for the statewide seamless base map project.		(650,000)		(650,000)

Reduced funding for the construction of new State Radio towers.	(325,000)	(325,000)
Added funding for the Adjutant General to coordinate the writing, publishing, and distribution of a book of all veterans having a relationship with the state.	50,000	50,000
Added contingent funding for National Guard tuition assistance.	375,000	375,000
Added funding for the operations of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (Senate Bill No. 2353).	25,000	25,000
Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(\$644,805)</u>
		<u>(\$229,086)</u>
		<u>(\$873,891)</u>

Contingent Appropriation for National Guard Tuition Assistance

Section 3 of House Bill No. 1015 provides a contingent general fund appropriation of \$375,000 to the Adjutant General to provide tuition assistance to eligible members of the North Dakota National Guard. The appropriation is contingent upon the Adjutant General certifying to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that the National Guard has received a new assignment in association with the Grand Forks Air Force Base.

FTE Changes

The 2013-15 biennium appropriation includes funding for 246 FTE positions, an increase of 4 FTE positions from the 2011-13 biennium. The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to add 4 FTE communications specialist positions in the State Radio Dispatch Center.

One-Time Funding

The following is a summary of one-time funding included in the 2013-15 legislative appropriations for the Adjutant General:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
State Radio towers	\$1,175,000		\$1,175,000
Statewide seamless base map	650,000	\$500,000	1,150,000
State Radio Communications Center project	1,201,240		1,201,240
Computer-aided dispatch upgrade	340,000		340,000
Voice incident recorder	150,000		150,000
State Radio fire suppression project	210,000		210,000
Disaster coordination contract		1,500,000	1,500,000
Veterans' bonus program	600,000		600,000
Total	\$4,326,240	\$2,000,000	\$6,326,240

Tuition and Enlistment Compensation

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide \$2,517,500 from the general fund for the tuition and enlistment compensation program, \$110,000 more than the 2011-13 biennium. The increased funding will be used to replace decreasing federal funds for the program. The tuition and enlistment compensation program is a scholarship program providing approximately \$1,000 per semester for eligible students taking 12 or more credits. Students taking fewer than 12 credits receive lower payments. In addition, under North Dakota Century Code Section 37-07.1-03, the accredited postsecondary institution waives 25 percent of the total tuition cost for each eligible student.

Veterans' Cemetery

The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$662,824, of which \$286,433 is from the general fund and \$376,391 is special funds from the Veterans' Cemetery maintenance fund, for the operation of the Veterans' Cemetery. This represents an increase of \$85,908 from the 2011-13 biennium appropriation of \$576,916, of which \$328,216 was from the general fund and \$248,700 was special funds from the Veterans' Cemetery maintenance fund. Consistent with the legislative compensation package that \$15,819 of funding provided for the Veterans' Cemetery was reallocated to an accrued leave payments line item. Section 5 of House Bill No. 1016 provides any additional funds received by the Adjutant General and deposited in the Veterans' Cemetery maintenance fund pursuant to Sections 37-03-14 and 39-04-10.10 for the operation of the Veterans' Cemetery are appropriated to the Adjutant General.

Capital Projects and Assets

The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$35,028,872 to the Adjutant General for 2013-15 biennium capital projects and assets as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Federal construction projects		\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
Federal extraordinary repairs		8,000,000	8,000,000
National Guard facility equipment replacement	\$22,000		22,000
Grand Forks Armory bond payments	28,586		28,586
Payments in lieu of taxes	40,000		40,000
Special assessment payments	110,046		110,046
State Radio expansion project and equipment	1,201,240		1,201,240
State Radio fire suppression project	210,000		210,000
State Radio towers	1,175,000		1,175,000
Statewide seamless base map project	650,000	500,000	1,150,000
Emergency equipment		682,000	682,000
Voice incident recorder	150,000		150,000
Computer-aided dispatch equipment	260,000		260,000
Total	\$3,846,872	\$31,182,000	\$35,028,872

Compared to the executive budget recommendation, the Legislative Assembly reduced funding for capital assets by \$975,000. The Legislative Assembly reduced the recommended general fund appropriation for the State Radio towers project by \$325,000 and the recommended general fund appropriation for the statewide seamless base map project by \$650,000.

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1016

Flood impacted housing assistance - Section 4 appropriates \$1.5 million from the state disaster relief fund to the Housing Finance Agency to provide grants for flood-impacted housing assistance. The section also provides eligibility requirements to receive grant funds.

Maintenance and repairs transfers - Section 6 provides the Adjutant General may transfer up to \$500,000 from various line items to the operating expenses and capital assets line items for the maintenance and repair of state-owned armories during the 2013-15 biennium. Any amounts transferred must be reported to OMB.

Employee compensation increase transfers - Section 7 authorizes the Adjutant General to transfer funds between line items and subdivisions in Section 1 as it relates to state employee compensation increases authorized by the 63rd Legislative Assembly.

Exemption - Computer-aided dispatch project - Section 8 provides any unexpended general fund appropriations for the computer-aided dispatch project contained in 2009 House Bill No. 1016 are not subject to the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued and expended during the 2013-15 biennium.

Exemption - Veterans' bonus program - Section 9 provides any unexpended general fund appropriation authority relating to the \$5 million appropriated for the payment of adjusted compensation to veterans during the 2005-07, 2007-09, 2009-11, and 2011-13 bienniums is not subject to the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11 and must be transferred to the Veterans' Cemetery trust fund during the 2015-17 biennium.

Exemption - State Radio towers and statewide seamless base map - Section 10 provides any unexpended general fund or special funds appropriation authority in the capital assets line item relating to State Radio towers and the statewide seamless base map for the 2011-13 biennium is not subject to the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued and expended during the 2013-15 biennium.

Exemption - Flood relief and disaster mitigation - Section 11 provides any unexpended general fund or special funds appropriation authority in 2011 Senate Bill No. 2369 relating to flood relief, disaster mitigation, and grants to political subdivisions for matching federal funds on road grade raising projects and federal emergency relief funding for the 2011-13 biennium is not subject to the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued and expended during the 2013-15 biennium.

Exemption - Flood-impacted housing rehabilitation - Section 12 provides any unexpended general fund or special funds appropriation authority in 2011 Senate Bill No. 2371 relating to grants to cities and counties for flood-impacted housing rehabilitation for the 2011-13 biennium is not subject to the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued and expended during the 2013-15 biennium.

Exemption - Tuition assistance - Section 13 provides any unexpended general fund appropriation authority in the tuition, recruiting, and retention line item relating to tuition assistance for the 2011-13 biennium is not subject to the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued and expended during the 2013-15 biennium.

Related Legislation

National Guard pay enhancement - House Bill No. 1056 provides each National Guard commissioned officer or enlisted member with a pay enhancement of \$100 for every 14 consecutive days spent on state active duty.

Adjutant General coins and retirement flags - House Bill No. 1057 authorizes the Adjutant General to present an Adjutant General coin or disaster response coin to individuals providing exceptional service during times of disaster or emergency in the state. The bill also provides that a North Dakota state flag may be presented to retiring members of the North Dakota National Guard who have provided 20 or more years of service.

State disaster relief fund uses - Senate Bill No. 2292 allows funds from the state disaster relief fund to be used for wide area search and rescue activities.

Statewide seamless base map fees continuing appropriation - Senate Bill No. 2334 provides a continuing appropriation to the Division of State Radio for any access fees received related to the statewide seamless base map.

Statewide Interoperability Board - Senate Bill No. 2353 creates a Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee to develop an integrated radio system in the state and provides a \$25,000 general fund appropriation to the Adjutant General for expenses of the board.