

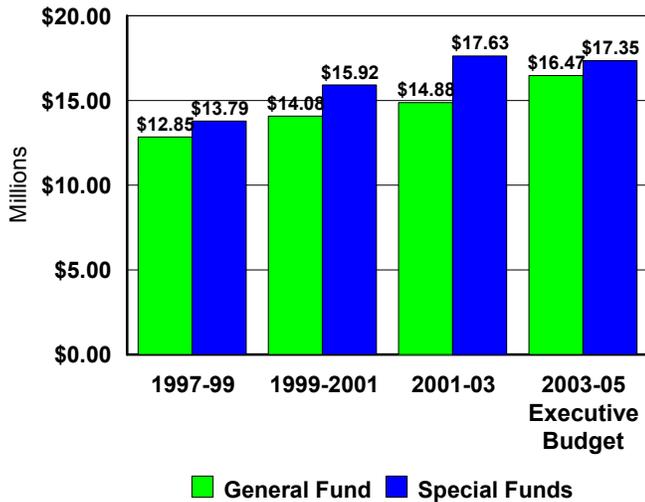
**Department 125 - Attorney General
 Senate Bill No. 2003**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 Executive Budget	171.00	\$16,467,405	\$17,349,237	\$33,816,642
2001-03 Legislative Appropriations	160.50	14,879,731 ¹	17,635,022	32,514,753 ²
Increase (Decrease)	10.50	\$1,587,674	(\$285,785)	\$1,301,889

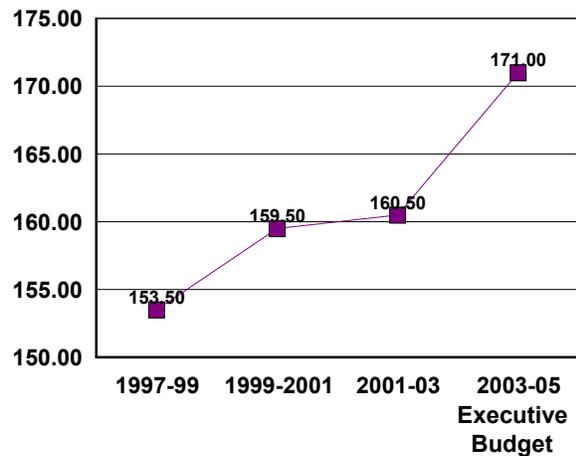
¹ The 2001-03 general fund appropriation is the amount appropriated by the 2001 Legislative Assembly and does not include a reduction of \$156,237 relating to the 1.05 percent budget allotment ordered by Governor Hoeven in July 2002.

² The 2001-03 appropriation amounts include \$106,109, \$75,346 of which is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$5 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees. The 2001-03 appropriation amounts do not include \$10,000 of state contingencies funding provided by the Emergency Commission for additional prosecution witness fees during the 2001-03 biennium.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Executive Budget Highlights

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Transfers the State Crime Laboratory from the State Department of Health, including 14.5 FTE positions	\$1,378,377	\$1,380,013	\$2,758,390
2. Increases funding for the State Crime Laboratory, including 1 FTE position	\$163,198	\$136,800	\$299,998
3. Provides funding for market equity salary increases for assistant attorneys general from legal services billing revenue		\$200,000	\$200,000
4. Adds 1 FTE criminal investigator III (BCI)	\$91,401		\$91,401
5. Deletes 2 FTE administrative assistants (finance and administration)	(\$100,675)		(\$100,675)
6. Deletes 1 FTE public information specialist (administration)	(\$54,881)		(\$54,881)
7. Deletes 2 FTE training officers (BCI)	(\$220,119)		(\$220,119)
8. Deletes 1 FTE criminal investigator II (BCI)		(\$90,432)	(\$90,432)

9. Provides funding for local gaming enforcement grants, \$12,000 less than the \$629,000 provided for the 2001-03 biennium. Funding for the grants is from the gaming and excise tax allocation fund, which consists of 3 percent of gaming and excise tax collections.		\$617,000	\$617,000
10. Reduces federal funding anticipated to be available for programs in the Bureau of Criminal Investigation to \$11,234,589		(\$1,763,430)	(\$1,763,430)
11. Continues to provide funding for a portion of the Racing Commission's administrative and operating costs from the Racing Commission's special funds--the breeders' fund (\$50,000), the promotion fund (\$50,000), and the purse fund (\$50,000), the same as the 2001-03 biennium		\$150,000	\$150,000
12. Increases the general fund share of costs of the State Fire Marshal due to Fire Marshal fee collections being less than anticipated	\$95,000	(\$95,000)	\$0

Major Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2028 provides that any money collected by the Racing Commission from license fees and fines be deposited in the Racing Commission operating fund rather than the general fund and, subject to legislative appropriations, be spent for operating costs of the commission.

Senate Bill No. 2041 establishes a criminal justice information sharing board. The bill increases the fee for criminal background checks from \$20 to \$25; provides that 80 percent of all fees collected must be deposited in a criminal justice information sharing fund that, subject to legislative appropriations, is available to the Information Technology Department for criminal justice information sharing activities; and provides that the remaining 20 percent of the fees must be deposited in the Attorney General's operating fund. The bill also provides that \$10 of the \$25 fee for a concealed weapons license must be deposited in the criminal justice sharing fund instead of the general fund. Provisions of the bill are anticipated to reduce 2003-05 general fund revenues by \$612,000. This reduction is not reflected in the executive budget.

Senate Bill No. 2103 authorizes the State Fire Marshal to charge fees for services provided to entities insured by the state fire and tornado fund and the petroleum tank release compensation fund and for inspecting, upon request from a political subdivision, a publicly or privately owned building. All fees collected are deposited in the Attorney General's operating fund and may be spent pursuant to a continuing appropriation.

Senate Bill No. 2151 includes statutory changes relating to the transfer of the State Crime Laboratory from the State Department of Health to the Attorney General's office. The funding changes associated with this transfer are included in the executive budget.