

**Adjutant General/National Guard
Budget 540
Senate Bill No. 2017**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 legislative appropriation	139.00	\$9,170,983	\$20,718,716	\$29,889,699
2001-03 legislative appropriation	<u>136.00</u>	<u>9,462,274</u>	<u>31,297,651</u>	<u>40,759,925</u>
2003-05 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriation	3.00	(\$291,291)	(\$10,578,935)	(\$10,870,226)

Item Description

Tuition and enlistment compensation program - The 2003 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1,007,500 from the general fund for the tuition and enlistment compensation program, the same level provided in the 2001-03 biennium. The program provides students a \$500 National Guard scholarship for 12 or more credit hours taken per semester based upon completion with a 2.5 or greater grade point average. Students taking less than 12 credit hours are eligible for a percentage of the \$500, depending on actual credit hours. In addition, the colleges and universities will waive 25 percent of each student's total tuition.

Line item transfer authority - Section 3 of Senate Bill No. 2017 provides that the Adjutant General may transfer up to \$800,000 from various line items into the operating expenses and capital assets line items for the maintenance and repair of state-owned armories during the 2003-05 biennium.

Unexpended general fund appropriation - Section 4 of Senate Bill No. 2017 provides that any unspent appropriations from the Adjutant General's general fund appropriation for the 2001-03 biennium must be transferred into the Adjutant General's emergency fund at the end of the 2001-03 biennium.

Status/Result

The tuition and enlistment program provided scholarships to 340 students for the fall 2003 semester which is 160 less than the budgeted number of participants of 500. The decrease is attributable to the large number of guardsmen activated for federal duty and resulted in program savings of approximately \$80,000 for the first six months of the biennium.

The Adjutant General anticipates requesting a transfer of \$100,000 to \$200,000 from the tuition and enlistment compensation line item to the operating expenses line item for critical maintenance and repair of state-owned armories during the 2003-05 biennium.

The Office of Management and Budget completed a transfer of unspent 2001-03 general fund appropriations of approximately \$98,000 to the Adjutant General's emergency fund in March 2004.