

**Legislative Council  
Budget No. 160  
Senate Bill No. 2001**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2017-19 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>36.00</b>	<b>\$11,891,138</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$11,961,138</b>
2017-19 base budget	37.00	11,948,410	70,000	12,018,410
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	(1.00)	(\$57,272)	\$0	(\$57,272)

**ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

	<b>Ongoing General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>One-Time General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>Total General Fund Appropriation</b>
<b>2017-19 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>\$11,891,138</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,891,138</b>
2015-17 adjusted legislative appropriations	11,948,410	610,460	12,558,870
2017-19 legislative increase (decrease) to 2015-17 adjusted appropriations	(\$57,272)	(\$610,460)	(\$667,732)
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2015-17 adjusted appropriations	(0.5%)	(100.0%)	(5.3%)

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS**

**Salaries and Wages**

The Legislative Assembly did not include funding for employee salary increases.

**Changes to Base Budget**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
The legislative action:				
Added funding for base payroll changes for cost-to-continue 2015-17 biennium per diem, salaries, and benefit increases and for other base payroll changes.		\$118,699		\$118,699
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium rate of \$1,240.83 per month.		95,568		95,568
Reduced funding for base level salaries and wages due to staff turnover.		(126,558)		(126,558)
Removed 1 vacant FTE fiscal analyst position. The related funding for salaries and wages was removed as part of the 2015-17 biennium budget reductions.	(1.00)			
Removed funding for 1 FTE office assistant position.		(147,071)		(147,071)

Added funding for temporary salaries and wages to assist with session duties related to the office assistant position.	35,000	35,000		
Reduced funding for per diem (\$92,251) and travel expenses (\$15,140) related to smaller committee sizes anticipated for the 2017-18 interim.	(107,391)	(107,391)		
Added funding for anticipated increases in fees and other travel-related expenses.	11,260	11,260		
Reduced funding for out-of-state travel, including reductions to per diem salaries (\$14,299) and travel expenses (\$44,865).	(59,164)	(59,164)		
Reduced funding for professional fees to provide a total of \$140,000 for audit fees (\$15,000) and interim committee consulting services (\$125,000) during the 2017-18 interim.	(75,000)	(75,000)		
Reduced funding for library services.	(13,000)	(13,000)		
Restored a portion of the funding for information technology and other operating expenses, reduced as part of the 2015-17 biennium budget reductions.	210,385	210,385		
Total	(1.00)	(\$57,272)	\$0	(\$57,272)

#### FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 36 FTE positions for the Legislative Council for the 2017-19 biennium, a decrease of 1 FTE position from the 2015-17 biennium. The Legislative Assembly removed 1 vacant FTE fiscal analyst position.

#### Legislative Pay Increases

The Legislative Assembly did not provide for legislative pay increases for the 2017-19 biennium. The compensation rates for the 2017-19 biennium will remain as follows:

	Current Compensation Rate	Rate Effective July 1, 2017	Rate Effective July 1, 2018
Monthly compensation	\$495	\$495	\$495
Leaders' additional monthly compensation	\$355	\$355	\$355
Daily session pay	\$177	\$177	\$177
Interim meeting pay	\$177	\$177	\$177

#### Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2001

**Health insurance increase** - Section 2 identifies the amount of funding included in the Legislative Assembly budget for state employee health insurance premium rate increases during the 2017-19 biennium.

**Transfers** - Section 5 allows transfers of funds between line items of appropriations for the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council as requested by the Chairman of the Legislative Management or the Director of the Legislative Council.

**Continuation of appropriation and transfer authority** - Section 6 allows transfers of funds between line items of the 2015-17 biennium appropriations for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council as requested by the Chairman of the Legislative Management or the Director of the Legislative Council. In addition, the section also provides that the unspent funds appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council for the 2015-17 biennium be continued and that unexpended appropriations enacted prior to the 2015-17 biennium may be cancelled as directed by the Chairman of the Legislative Management or the Director of the Legislative Council.

**Legislative revenue advisory committee** - Section 7 creates a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-35 to establish a legislative revenue advisory committee. **The Governor vetoed this section.**

**Legislative Management study - Information Technology Department services** - Section 8 provides for a Legislative Management study of Information Technology Department services provided to state agencies.

**Legislative Management study - Department of Transportation's state fleet services** - Section 9 provides for a Legislative Management study of Department of Transportation's state fleet services.

**Emergency** - Section 10 declares the Act an emergency measure.

#### **Related Legislation**

**Brain injury advisory council** - House Bill No. 1085 creates a brain injury advisory council and provides for the appointment of two legislators to the council.

**Legislative Management membership** - House Bill No. 1330 relates to the membership of Legislative Management.

**Disclosure of tax deductions or credits** - House Bill No. 1354 provides, upon receipt of a written request from the Chairman of the Legislative Management or the chairman of a standing committee of the Legislative Assembly, the Tax Commissioner must disclose the amount of any tax deduction or credit that was claimed or earned by a taxpayer.

**Legislative Ethics Committee membership** - House Bill No. 1431 relates to membership of the Legislative Ethics Committee.

**Dynamic fiscal impact analysis** - Senate Bill No. 2044 relates to dynamic fiscal impact analysis of select economic development incentives and bills introduced by the Legislative Assembly and the creation of a dynamic fiscal impact bill selection committee during the 2017-19 biennium.

**Initiated and referred measure study commission** - Senate Bill No. 2135 creates an initiated and referred measure study commission during the 2017-19 biennium.

**Designation of Memorial Hall** - Senate Bill No. 2334 relates to the designation of Memorial Hall.