

**Seed Department
Senate Bill No. 2018**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 executive budget (bills as introduced)	32.00	\$0	\$5,671,315	\$5,671,315
2003-05 legislative appropriations	32.00		5,640,000	5,640,000¹
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$0	(\$31,315)	(\$31,315)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriations	0.00	\$0	\$177,266	\$177,266

¹ Section 3 of House Bill No. 1505 requires the Office of Management and Budget to reduce the special funds appropriation authority for the Seed Department for the 2003-05 biennium by \$10,050 relating to an information technology reduction. Section 2 of House Bill No. 1505 authorizes the Office of Management and Budget to transfer the \$10,050 of special funds reduced from the Seed Department's information technology budget to the Information Technology Department for funding a portion of the Information Technology Department's operating budget.

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

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Seed Department is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2423, which allows agencies to provide salary increases of up to 1 percent on January 1, 2004, and up to 2 percent on January 1, 2005, to be funded in part from pooled savings accumulated from agency FTE position reductions.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Removed funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee salary increases			(\$28,167)	(\$28,167)
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$493 to \$488.70 per month per policy			(3,148)	(3,148)
Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$31,315)</u>	<u>(\$31,315)</u>

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation which included funding for 32 FTE positions, the same as the 2001-03 biennium.

Other Sections in Bill

Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 1018 authorizes the Seed Department, upon approval from the State Seed Commission, to transfer funds from the contingency line item in its appropriation to all other line items except the capital assets line item.

Related Legislation

Continuing appropriation - Senate Bill No. 2326 provides for fees and other charges collected by the Seed Department relating to the regulation of wholesale potato dealers to be appropriated to the Seed Department on a continuing basis and may be disbursed upon order of the Seed Commissioner, with the approval of the Office of Management and Budget.