

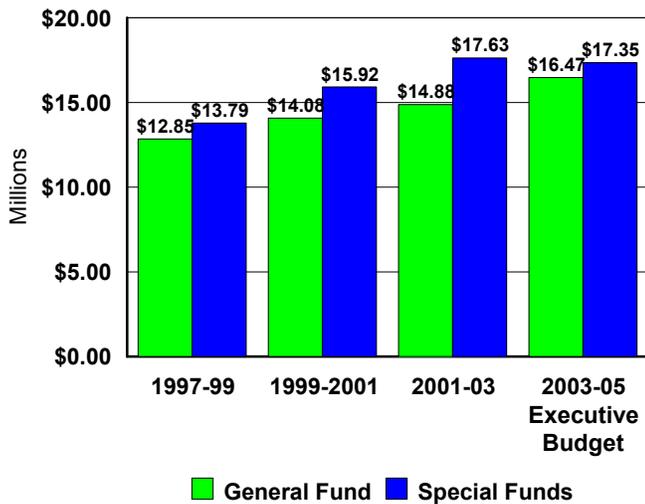
**Department 125 - Attorney General
 Senate Bill No. 2003**

	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

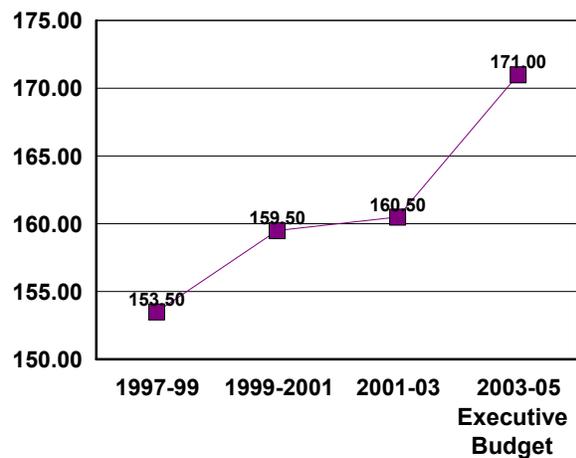
¹ The 2001-03 general fund appropriation is the amount appropriated by the 2001 Legislative Assembly and does not include a reduction of \$156,237 relating to the 1.05 percent budget allotment ordered by Governor Hoeven in July 2002.

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



First House Action

Attached is a summary of the first house changes.

**Executive Budget Highlights
 (With First House Changes Noted)**

	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. The Senate increased this amount by \$41,024 of other funds.		\$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). The Senate restored 1 FTE training officer position.	(\$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

House Bill No. 1243 establishes a North Dakota lottery and creates a North Dakota lottery division in the Attorney General's office. Lottery collections are deposited into a special fund and may be spent by the lottery director pursuant to a continuing appropriation for lottery-related expenses, including administrative costs of the division in the Attorney General's office.

House Bill No. 1252 requires the Information Technology Department to obtain fingerprints and perform criminal background checks on certain employees of the department.

House Bill No. 1350 establishes a special operations team reimbursement fund and allows the Attorney General to spend money from the fund pursuant to a continuing appropriation for reimbursing a city or county that provides special operations team services to rural areas.

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 also provides that criminal background checks be performed on employees and volunteers of nonprofit organizations engaged in activities involving children.

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.

Senate Bill No. 2223 allows cities and counties to require criminal background checks for certain employees of the city or county.

Senate Bill No. 2253 allows the State Board of Medical Examiners to perform criminal background checks on certain applicants or licensees of the board.