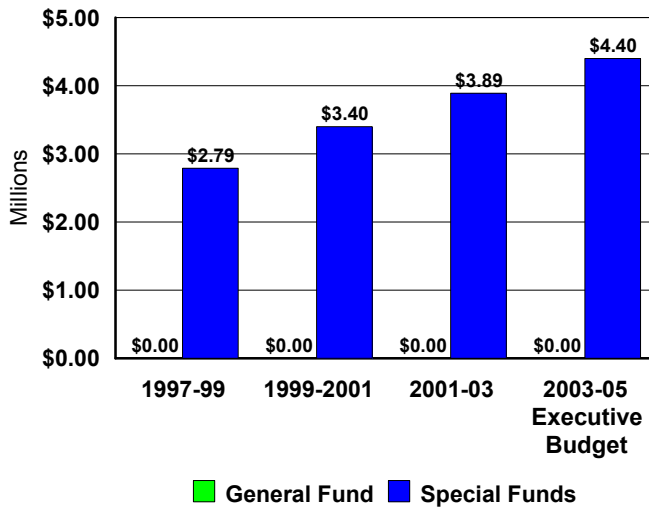


**Department 192 - Public Employees Retirement System
 Senate Bill No. 2024**

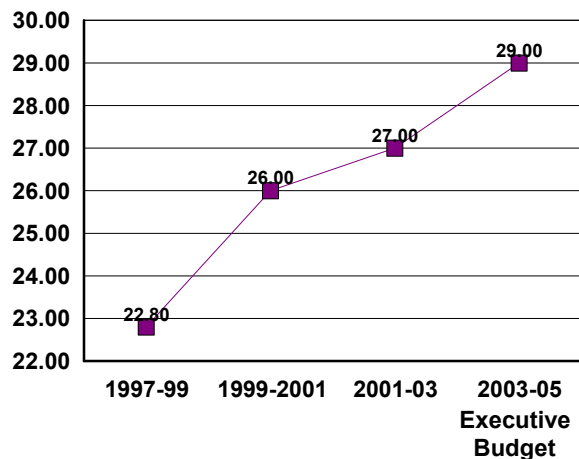
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 Executive Budget	29.00	\$0	\$4,400,690	\$4,400,690
2001-03 Legislative Appropriations	27.00	0	3,892,490	3,892,490 ¹
Increase (Decrease)	2.00	\$0	\$508,200	\$508,200

¹ The 2001-03 appropriation amounts include \$33,010 from special funds 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.

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. Adds 1 FTE data processing coordinator III		\$37,650	\$37,650
2. Adds 1 FTE auditor II		\$82,775	\$82,775
3. Provides additional funding to the contingency line for Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance		\$225,000	\$225,000
4. Provides additional funding for salary equity increases for Public Employees Retirement System employees		\$80,362	\$80,362

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1064 - This bill transfers the administrative responsibility for the Job Service retirement plan from Job Service North Dakota to the Public Employees Retirement System Board.

Senate Bill No. 2029 - This bill provides that any health insurance coverage mandate approved by the Legislative Assembly only applies to the public employees group health insurance program for a period of two years during which time the Public Employees Retirement System is to evaluate the mandate's costs and benefits and prepare a report for consideration by the next Legislative Assembly in determining if the mandate should be allowed to expire or be expanded to all insurers.

Senate Bill No. 2033 - This bill provides for state peace and correctional officers to participate in the National Guard retirement plan.

Senate Bill No. 2060 - This bill provides that the Public Employees Retirement System establishes a self-insurance plan for hospital and medical benefits coverage to group health insurance bidding requirements and establishes employer-based wellness programs.

Senate Bill No. 2176 - This bill provides that a retiree who accepts a retirement allowance from a participating political subdivision's retirement plan may elect to participate in the uniform group insurance program without meeting minimum requirements at age 65, when the employee's spouse reaches age 65, upon the receipt of a benefit, when the political subdivision joins the uniform group insurance plan if the retiree was a member of the former plan, or when the spouse terminates employment.