

**Public Employees Retirement System
Budget No. 192
House Bill Nos. 1023, 1050, 1073**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2005-07 executive budget (bills as introduced)	29.00	\$0	\$4,692,005	\$4,692,005
2005-07 legislative appropriations	29.00	19,000	4,700,237	4,719,237
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$19,000	\$8,232	\$27,232
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2003-05 appropriations	0.00	\$19,000	\$309,079	\$328,079

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

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Public Employees Retirement System is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1050.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for state employee salary increases			\$11,976	\$11,976
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$559.15 to \$553.95 per month per policy			(3,744)	(3,744)
Provided funding in House Bill No. 1073 for paying old-age and survivor insurance benefits		\$19,000		19,000
Total	0.00	\$19,000	\$8,232	\$27,232

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation which included funding for 29 FTE positions, the same as the 2003-05 biennium.

Other Sections in Bill

Appropriation line item transfers - Section 5 provides that the Public Employees Retirement System may transfer funds from the contingencies line item in subdivision 2 of Section 3 of the bill to all other line items and provides that the agency notify the Office of Management and Budget of each transfer made.

State agency carryover authority for information technology projects - Section 6 amends North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-44.1-11, relating to the cancellation of unexpended appropriations, to allow agencies, upon approval, to carry forward the unexpended balance for authorized ongoing information technology projects.

Revisions to compensation plan - Section 7 amends NDCC Section 54-44.3-12.1, relating to revisions to compensation plans under the central personnel system to provide that revisions to the compensation plan for county employees covered by the plan become effective on January 1 of the first full calendar year following the revision or on July 1 following the close of a regular legislative session, based on official action by the board of county commissioners.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1070 changes the calculation of the final average salary for retirement benefits under the Highway Patrolmen's retirement system and the Public Employees Retirement System.