

**Legislative Council  
Budget No. 160  
House Bill Nos. 1001, 1014, 1015, Senate Bill No. 2010**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2007-09 executive budget (bills as introduced)	33.00	\$8,298,218	\$0	\$8,298,218
<b>2007-09 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>33.00</b>	<b>8,748,442<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>8,818,442</b>
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$450,224	\$70,000	\$520,224
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2005-07 appropriations	0.00	\$959,501	\$70,000	\$1,029,501

<sup>1</sup>This amount includes \$129,579 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$8,618,863.

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

**Salaries and Wages**

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Legislative Council is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2189. In addition, the Legislative Assembly provided \$148,000 for salary equity increases for employees of the Legislative Council.

	<b>Major Items</b>			
	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
The legislative action:				
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget relating to retiree health credit contributions		(\$5,288)		(\$5,288)
Added funding for increasing legislative pay in accordance with provisions of House Bill No. 1106 (see <b>Legislative Pay Increases</b> section below)		23,125		23,125
Added funding for salary equity increases		148,000		148,000
Added funding for legislator mileage reimbursement for interim travel in accordance with provisions of House Bill No. 1107		23,500		23,500
Added funding to provide a total of \$72,579 for replacing computers and for purchasing additional projectors		10,887		10,887
Added funding in House Bill No. 1015 for an interim committee to develop prison facility alternative concepts and preliminary designs to address immediate and future needs of the State Penitentiary		250,000		250,000

Added funding from the insurance regulatory trust fund in Senate Bill No. 2010 for legislative members to attend functions of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators			\$70,000	70,000
Total	0.00	\$450,224	\$70,000	\$520,224

**FTE Changes**

The 2007-09 biennium appropriation includes funding for 33 FTE positions, the same as the 2005-07 biennium authorized level.

**One-Time Funding**

In Section 6 of House Bill No. 1001, the Legislative Assembly identified a total of \$129,579 from the general fund, of which \$104,579 relates to computer equipment replacement and \$25,000 to office equipment replacement as one-time funding. This amount is not to be considered part of the agency's base budget for preparing the 2009-11 executive budget and the Legislative Council is to report to the Appropriations Committees during the 2009 legislative session on the use of this funding.

**Legislative Pay Increases**

The Legislative Assembly approved House Bill No. 1106 providing for legislative pay increases. The bill included provisions affecting the Legislative Council budget. These provisions increase legislators' interim meeting compensation by 4 percent beginning August 1, 2007, and by 3.85 percent beginning July 1, 2008. Section 11 of House Bill No. 1001 increases legislators' interim meeting pay to \$135 per day beginning July 1, 2009. The interim meeting compensation adjustments are listed in the schedule below.

	Current Rate	Rate Effective August 1, 2007	Rate Effective July 1, 2008	Rate Effective July 1, 2009
Interim meeting daily pay	\$100	\$104	\$108	\$135

**Other Sections in House Bill No. 1001**

Section 8 provides for a Legislative Council review of staff services and future staffing needs.

**Related Legislation**

House Bill No. 1106 increases legislators' monthly compensation, daily pay during legislative sessions, and interim meeting compensation by 4 percent for the first year of the biennium and by 3.85 percent for the second year.

House Bill No. 1107 increases the state mileage reimbursement rate from 37.5 to 45 cents per mile.

Senate Bill No. 2246 increases the maximum state lodging reimbursement rate from \$50 per night plus tax to \$55 per night plus tax.