

**Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents
Budget 188
Senate Bill No. 2023**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2009-11 legislative appropriation	30.00	\$9,470,148	\$1,950,217	\$11,420,365
2007-09 legislative appropriation	<u>29.00</u>	<u>9,517,522</u>	<u>1,700,705</u>	<u>11,218,227</u>
2009-11 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2007-09 appropriation	1.00	(\$47,374)	\$249,512	\$202,138

Item Description

FTE changes - The 2009-11 biennium appropriation includes funding for 30 FTE positions, an increase of 1 FTE position from the 2007-09 biennium authorized level of 29 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to add 1 FTE finance position.

Contract services - The 2009 Legislative Assembly created North Dakota Century Code Section 54-61-02.1 which requires the commission to contract for public defender services at a minimum level of 50 percent of its biennial caseload.

Status/Result

The commission hired an account budget specialist III in November 2009. As of March 1, 2010, the commission does not have any vacant positions.

During the period from July 1, 2009, through March 1, 2010, the commission has assigned 5,954 cases, of which 3,236 or 54 percent have been assigned to contractors for public defender services.