

**Highway Patrol
Budget No. 504
Senate Bill Nos. 2011 and 2021; House Bill No. 1024**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2017-19 legislative appropriations	204.00	\$42,527,428	\$18,339,278	\$60,866,706
2017-19 base budget	215.00	42,943,745	12,955,491	55,899,236
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	(11.00)	(\$416,317)	\$5,383,787	\$4,967,470

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2017-19 legislative appropriations	\$42,527,428	\$0	\$42,527,428
2015-17 adjusted legislative appropriations	42,943,745	656,813	43,600,558
2017-19 legislative increase (decrease) to 2015-17 adjusted appropriations	(\$416,317)	(\$656,813)	(\$1,073,130)
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2015-17 adjusted appropriations	(1.0%)	(100.0%)	(2.5%)

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

Salaries and Wages

The Legislative Assembly did not include funding for employee salary increases.

Changes to Base Budget

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for base payroll changes for cost-to-continue 2015-17 biennium salaries and benefit increases and for other base budget changes.		\$260,689	\$628,312	\$889,001
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium rate of \$1,240.83 per month.		426,619	106,959	533,578
Removed 9 FTE Trooper positions. (Funding of \$1,810,120 from the general fund was removed as part of the August 2016 budget reductions)	(9.00)		(214,046)	(214,046)
Removed 2 FTE nonsworn positions. (Funding of \$489,482 from the general fund for these and other vacant positions was removed as part of the August 2016 budget reductions)	(2.00)	(14,210)	(46,887)	(61,097)
Added funding for Trooper on-call pay.		323,750	46,250	370,000

Adjusted funding for operating expenses and equipment.	(144,000)	(141,966)	(285,966)
Adjusted the funding source for permit section staff salaries and wages and related expenses of \$1,269,165 from the general fund to the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund. Appropriation authority of \$100,000 was also added from the electronic permit transaction fund for nonenforcement motor carrier activities.	(1,269,165)	1,369,165	100,000
Provided one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund for Taser and AED equipment replacement.		358,000	358,000
Added one-time special fund authority to allow the Highway Patrol to expend special funds received from the Adjutant General for expenses of law enforcement support related to the Dakota Access Pipeline protest. (House Bill No. 1024)		3,234,000	3,234,000
Added one-time special fund authority for a loan from the Bank of North Dakota for the purpose of implementing an electronic payment processing system and to repay the loan with accrued interest. (Senate Bill No. 2021)		44,000	44,000
Total	<u>(11.00)</u>	<u>(\$416,317)</u>	<u>\$5,383,787</u>
			<u>\$4,967,470</u>

FTE Changes

The 2017-19 biennium appropriations for the Highway Patrol include funding for 204 FTE positions, a decrease of 11 FTE positions from the 2015-17 biennium. The Legislative Assembly removed 9 FTE Trooper positions and 2 FTE nonsworn positions. The Legislative Assembly also transferred funding from 1 FTE trooper position to fill 2 unfunded Capitol security positions.

One-Time Funding

The following is a summary of one-time funding included in the 2017-19 legislative appropriations for the Highway Patrol:

	Other Funds
Taser and AED equipment replacement (strategic investment and improvements fund) (Senate Bill No. 2011)	\$358,000
Law enforcement support related to the Dakota Access Pipeline protest (special funds received from the Adjutant General) (House Bill No. 1024)	3,234,000
Implementation of an electronic payment processing system (Bank of North Dakota loan proceeds and special fund authority for loan repayment) (Senate Bill No. 2021)	44,000
Total	\$3,636,000

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2011

Health insurance increase - Section 2 identifies the amount of funding included in the agency budget for state employee health insurance premium rate increases during the 2017-19 biennium.

Funding from highway tax distribution fund - Section 4 provides that \$6,912,904 of the special funds appropriation for the Highway Patrol is from the highway tax distribution fund.

Funding from motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund - Section 5 provides that \$1,369,165 of the special funds appropriation for the Highway Patrol is from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.

Funding from strategic investment and improvements fund - Section 6 provides that \$358,000 of the special funds appropriation for the Highway Patrol is one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund for Taser and AED equipment replacement.

Officer per diem - Section 7 provides officer per diem of \$200 per month which is in lieu of reimbursement for meals and other expenses while in travel status within the state. This is the same amount of monthly officer per diem as provided during the 2015-17 biennium.

Capitol building access cards - Section 8 creates a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 39-03 to authorize the Highway Patrol to charge nonstate employees \$10 for a Capitol building access card. The section provides for the fees to be deposited in a Capitol building access card fund. Any money deposited in the fund is appropriated to the Highway Patrol for Capitol building security needs.

Motor carrier electronic permit fees - Section 9 amends Section 39-12-02 to require the Highway Patrol to charge up to \$15 for issuing an electronic permit. The section currently requires a \$15 fee to be charged for each permit. The fees charged for the electronic permit are deposited in the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.

Related Legislation

Statewide interoperable radio network - House Bill No. 1178 authorizes the creation of a statewide interoperable radio network and increases the assessed communications services fee and prepaid wireless emergency 911 fee.

Community outreach programs and other adjustments - Senate Bill No. 2097 adds a new subsection to Section 39-03-09 to allow the Highway Patrol to promote public trust and understanding through education, community outreach, and job shadowing programs. The bill also makes other various adjustments to statute to clarify the contents on Highway Patrol officer badges, to update language relating to the issuance of overweight and oversize vehicle permits, and to clarify the ability of public security personnel to possess weapons.