

- CIIC funding is restored
- LOEO is required to conduct two studies
- Total appropriation for FY 2004 is 1.3% less than FY 2003; FY 2005 is 3.8% more than FY 2004

## Legislative Service Commission

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### ROLE

The Legislative Service Commission (LSC) consists of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, six members of the House appointed by the Speaker, the President of the Senate, and six members of the Senate appointed by the President. The Legislative Service Commission staff provides nonpartisan technical and research services to members of the Ohio General Assembly. Some of these services include: drafting bills, amendments, and resolutions; preparing bill analyses, fiscal notes, and local impact statements; providing staff assistance to standing committees and subcommittees of the General Assembly; providing legal and technical review of the Ohio Revised Code; conducting tax revenue and welfare caseload forecasts; publishing resource documents and reports of interest to state and local government officials; operating a legislative research library; and training legislative interns as staff aides to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
218**	\$20.8 million	\$21.6 million	\$20.6 million	\$21.4 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

\*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

\*\*Includes employment counts for the Legislative Service Commission, the Legislative Office of Education Oversight, the Legislative Information Systems Office, and the legislative intern program.

### OVERVIEW

Appropriations for FY 2004 total \$20,793,550. This amount is \$265,877 less than the revised appropriation for FY 2003 (a 1.3% decrease) and is \$2,354,920 more than actual expenditures for FY 2003. Appropriations for FY 2005 total \$21,578,964, or \$785,414 more than FY 2004 (a 3.8% increase).

Three additional offices that provide staff assistance to separate committees of the General Assembly are funded through LSC appropriations. These are the Legislative Office of Education Oversight (LOEO), the Legislative Information Systems Office (LIS), and the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee (CIIC). The Legislative Office of Education Oversight performs research for the General Assembly on select educational programs. Reports prepared by LOEO provide an in-depth look at the effects of education policies and practices in elementary and secondary schools and in colleges and universities. The Legislative Information Systems Office provides network computer development and services for the

General Assembly. The Correctional Institution Inspection Committee inspects correctional institutions, and evaluates and assists in developing programs to improve their conditions or operations.

## **BUDGET ISSUES**


### ***CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION INSPECTION COMMITTEE***

The Correctional Institution Inspection Committee consists of four senators and four representatives from the General Assembly. Under section 103.73 of the Revised Code, CIIC has the responsibility of establishing and maintaining a continuing program of inspection of each state correctional institution and each private correctional facility each biennium. The Committee may also inspect local correctional institutions. The Committee is also charged with evaluating and assisting in the development of programs to improve the condition or operation of correctional institutions.

Under Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th General Assembly, funding to General Revenue line item 035-405, Correctional Institution Inspection Committee, was eliminated. Although the Committee itself was not abolished and legislative duties prescribed under section 103.73 were still carried out, funding for committee staff was discontinued. The current budget act restores funding for the Committee in the amount of \$200,000 in FY 2004 and \$300,000 in FY 2005. This will allow the Committee to hire a small staff of administrative personnel who will be able to respond to written inquiries from inmates.

### ***LOEO STUDIES***

The budget act contains two separate provisions that require LOEO to conduct a study. The first requires LOEO to conduct a formative evaluation of the Pilot Project Special Education Scholarship Program. Under this program, the parent of a child identified as autistic who is receiving, or who is eligible to receive, special education and related services from the child's resident school district may receive a scholarship of up to \$15,000 to pay all or part of the cost of a special education program provided by another school district. In conducting the evaluation, LOEO must gather comments from parents who have been awarded scholarships under the program, school district officials, representatives of registered private providers, educators, and representatives of educational organizations for inclusion in the report. LOEO must report its findings to the General Assembly by March 1, 2005.

The second provision requires LOEO to conduct a review of partnership agreements between Head Start providers and providers of childcare or daycare services. In conducting the review, LOEO is to consider the following: the impact on literacy-readiness for children receiving services under these agreements; the costs and benefits of these agreements to both the participant children and the providers; the operation of the agreements; and whether an administrative entity, such as a county department of job and family services, oversees implementation of the agreement. The Legislative Office of Education Oversight must report its findings to the General Assembly by December 31, 2004. 

**FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Group**

**Line Item Detail by Agency**

**FY 2001:      FY 2002:      FY 2003:      FY 2004      % Change      FY 2005      % Change**  
**Appropriations:      Appropriations:      Appropriations:      Appropriations:      2003 to 2004:      Appropriations:      2004 to 2005:**

**Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill**

**Version: Enacted**

**LSC Legislative Service Commission**

GRF	035-321	Operating Expense	\$ 10,023,248	\$ 12,246,566	\$12,306,856	\$ 14,065,000	14.29%	\$ 14,770,000	5.01%
GRF	035-402	Legislative Interns	\$ 831,954	\$ 810,009	\$786,907	\$ 975,000	23.90%	\$ 990,000	1.54%
GRF	035-403	Legislative Budget Office	\$ 2,310,474	\$ 189,072	\$0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	035-404	Office of Education Oversight	\$ 1,018,929	\$ 926,550	\$981,651	\$ 1,205,000	22.75%	\$ 1,256,427	4.27%
GRF	035-405	Correctional Institution Inspection Com	\$ 421,109	\$ 2,236	\$0	\$ 200,000	N/A	\$ 300,000	50.00%
GRF	035-406	ATMS Replacement Project	\$ 92,467	\$ 13,132	\$2,583	\$ 20,000	674.29%	\$ 20,000	0.00%
GRF	035-407	Legislative Task Force on Redistricting	\$ 327,060	\$ 971,855	\$0	\$ 100,000	N/A	\$ 0	-100.00%
GRF	035-409	National Associations	\$ 390,948	\$ 398,406	\$414,881	\$ 430,000	3.64%	\$ 441,000	2.56%
GRF	035-410	Legislative Information Systems	\$ 5,623,138	\$ 4,631,480	\$3,739,528	\$ 3,624,200	-3.08%	\$ 3,624,200	0.00%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 21,039,326</b>	<b>\$ 20,189,307</b>	<b>\$ 18,232,406</b>	<b>\$ 20,619,200</b>	<b>13.09%</b>	<b>\$ 21,401,627</b>	<b>3.79%</b>
410	035-601	Sale of Publications	\$ 11,103	---	\$0	\$ 25,000	N/A	\$ 25,000	0.00%
4F6	035-603	Legislative Budget Services	\$ 115,767	\$ 117,459	\$106,224	\$ 149,350	40.60%	\$ 152,337	2.00%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 126,869</b>	<b>\$ 117,459</b>	<b>\$ 106,224</b>	<b>\$ 174,350</b>	<b>64.13%</b>	<b>\$ 177,337</b>	<b>1.71%</b>
5V4	035-604	Education Studies	---	---	\$100,000	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
<b>State Special Revenue Fund Group Total</b>			<b>----</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>-100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Legislative Service Commission Total</b>			<b>\$ 21,166,195</b>	<b>\$ 20,306,766</b>	<b>\$ 18,438,630</b>	<b>\$ 20,793,550</b>	<b>12.77%</b>	<b>\$ 21,578,964</b>	<b>3.78%</b>