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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget
Joint Legislative Ethics Committee

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Joint Legislative Ethics Committee

Quick look...

- The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (JLEC) administers ethics laws related to members and employees of the General Assembly and lobbying laws related to legislative agents and executive agency lobbyists.
- JLEC is a 12-member legislative committee, which is assisted in its duties by the Office of the Legislative Inspector General (OLIG). The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate each appoint six members to serve on the committee.
- OLIG has operated with a total of six employees since the office was created in 1994.
- The budget appropriates \$785,000 for each fiscal year.
 - Nearly 80% of JLEC’s funding is from the GRF. The remaining funding comes from the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group.

Fund Group	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
General Revenue	\$520,603	\$515,004	\$625,000	\$625,000
Dedicated Purpose	\$190,317	\$185,301	\$160,000	\$160,000
Total	\$710,919	\$700,306	\$785,000	\$785,000
% change	--	-1.5%	12.1%	0.0%
<i>GRF % change</i>	--	-1.1%	21.4%	0.0%

Agency overview

The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (JLEC) was created to serve the General Assembly and is charged with two primary responsibilities: (1) to administer the laws regarding ethics that relate to members and employees of the General Assembly and (2) to administer Ohio’s lobbying laws governing the registration and reporting requirements of legislative agents, executive agency lobbyists, and their employers.

JLEC is a 12-member legislative committee, which is assisted in its duties by the Office of the Legislative Inspector General (OLIG). The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate each appoint six members from their respective chambers to serve on the legislative committee, with not more than three being from the same political party. OLIG consists of the Legislative Inspector General and five other full-time staff. OLIG has operated with a total of six employees since the office was created in 1994.

Analysis of FY 2020-FY 2021 budget

Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (ALIs 028321, 028601, and 028602)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
GRF ALI 028321, Legislative Ethics Committee					
\$518,787	\$598,672	\$520,603	\$515,004	\$625,000	\$625,000
% change	15.4%	-13.0%	-1.1%	21.4%	0.0%
Fund 4G70 ALI 028601, Joint Legislative Ethics Committee					
\$108,211	\$127,972	\$180,317	\$175,301	\$150,000	\$150,000
% change	18.3%	40.9%	-2.8%	-14.4%	0.0%
Fund 5HN0 ALI 028602, Investigations and Financial Disclosure					
\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
% change	--	--	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

JLEC's three appropriation line items together support the operating expenses of the agency. The GRF provides 79.6% of the funding for JLEC. This funding is appropriated to item 028321, Legislative Ethics Committee. The budget authorizes the Legislative Inspector General to certify to the Director of the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of GRF appropriation item 028321, Legislative Ethics Committee, at the end of FY 2019 and FY 2020 to be reappropriated to FY 2020 and FY 2021 respectively, and reappropriates the certified amount. JLEC also uses two dedicated purpose funds. Fund 4G70 receives revenue from a \$25 registration fee and a late filing fee of \$12.50 per day, up to \$100, paid by legislative agents, executive agency lobbyists, retirement system lobbyists, or their employers. Fund 5HN0 receives its revenue from a \$40 financial disclosure statement filing fee and a late filing fee of \$10 per day, up to \$250, paid by members and designated staff of and candidates for the General Assembly. The budget eliminates the \$10 filing fee for a former state official or employee who is required to file periodic financial disclosure statements for two years after leaving the person's office or employment.