

Role and Overview

The Ohio Senate (SEN), in conjunction with the House of Representatives, enacts the laws of the state. The authority to do so is provided in Article II of the Ohio Constitution. The Senate considers bills that may alter existing laws or create new laws and resolutions, which are formal expressions of the wishes and opinions of the legislature. The Senate also must confirm members of state boards and commissions appointed by the Governor, the Attorney General, the Director of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and other certain agency heads whom the Governor is authorized to appoint.

The Senate and the House of Representatives are the two "houses" that comprise the bicameral Ohio General Assembly. Each member of the Senate is elected to a four-year term from one of the state's 33 Senate districts. Each Senate district is made up of three House districts. Elections are held for the Senate every two years with half of the Senate members elected each time. Each member is assigned to at least one standing committee. A member also may be assigned to a select committee, which undertakes a specific legislative task; a joint-select committee, which consists of members from both the Senate and the House; or a conference committee, which seeks to resolve the differences between versions of a bill passed by both houses of the legislature. Members represent the citizens in their districts and serve as liaisons between groups and individuals in their districts and state and federal agencies. Members also respond to questions and concerns of their constituents.

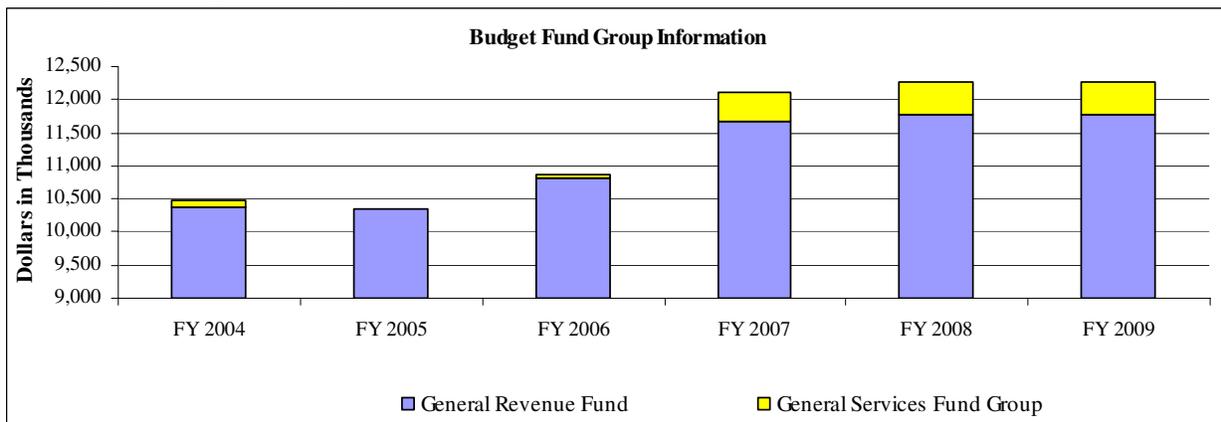
In addition, members may be appointed to serve on statutorily created committees such as the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, which has the power to review and invalidate agency rules; or the state Controlling Board, which provides legislative oversight over certain capital and operating expenditures by state agencies.

The 33 members of the Senate are supported by a staff of approximately 125 full-time employees and 40 part-time pages, with an annual budget of approximately \$12.3 million.

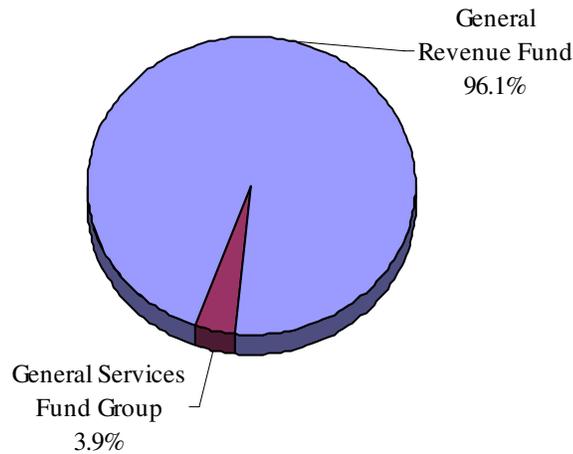
Pursuant to Section 107.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Governor may not alter the funding requests of agencies of the legislative branch of government. The Senate provides the Office of Budget and Management with their budget request for inclusion in the executive budget proposal and not for consideration or approval.

Additional information regarding the Ohio Senate is available at <http://www.senate.state.oh.us/>.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

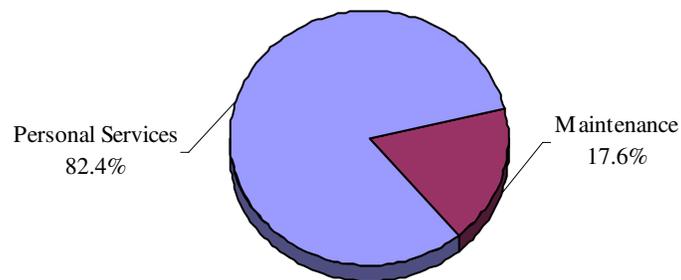


**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Budget Fund Group**



(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	%	FY 2009	%
General Revenue Fund	10,378	10,342	10,811	11,662	7.9	11,778	1.0	11,778	.0
General Services Fund Group	110	10	64	459	618.6	483	5.2	483	.0
TOTAL	10,487	10,352	10,875	12,121	11.5	12,261	1.2	12,261	.0

**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Expense Category**



(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	%	FY 2009	%
Personal Services	9,596	9,406	9,765	10,000	2.4	10,100	1.0	10,100	.0
Purchased Services	1	0	0	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
Maintenance	812	874	975	2,121	117.4	2,161	1.9	2,161	.0
Equipment	72	67	130	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
Goods For Resale	6	4	4	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	10,487	10,352	10,875	12,121	11.5	12,261	1.2	12,261	.0

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Senate

This program series supports the efforts of state senators and their staffs to represent their districts.

Program 01.01: Senate

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The Senate's Request will:

- Continue the current level of 146 full-time positions.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	020-321	Operating Expenses	11,778,439	11,778,439
GSF	102	020-602	Senate Reimbursement	448,465	448,465
GSF	409	020-601	Miscellaneous Sales	34,497	34,497
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				12,261,401	12,261,401

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FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	020-321	Operating Expenses	10,377,782	10,342,416	10,811,090	11,661,821	11,778,439	1.0	11,778,439	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			10,377,782	10,342,416	10,811,090	11,661,821	11,778,439	1.0	11,778,439	.0
102	020-602	Senate Reimbursement	103,803	5,673	48,765	444,025	448,465	1.0	448,465	.0
409	020-601	Miscellaneous Sales	5,880	4,307	15,116	15,000	34,497	130.0	34,497	.0
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			109,683	9,980	63,881	459,025	482,962	5.2	482,962	.0
TOTAL The Ohio Senate			10,487,465	10,352,396	10,874,971	12,120,846	12,261,401	1.2	12,261,401	.0