

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.

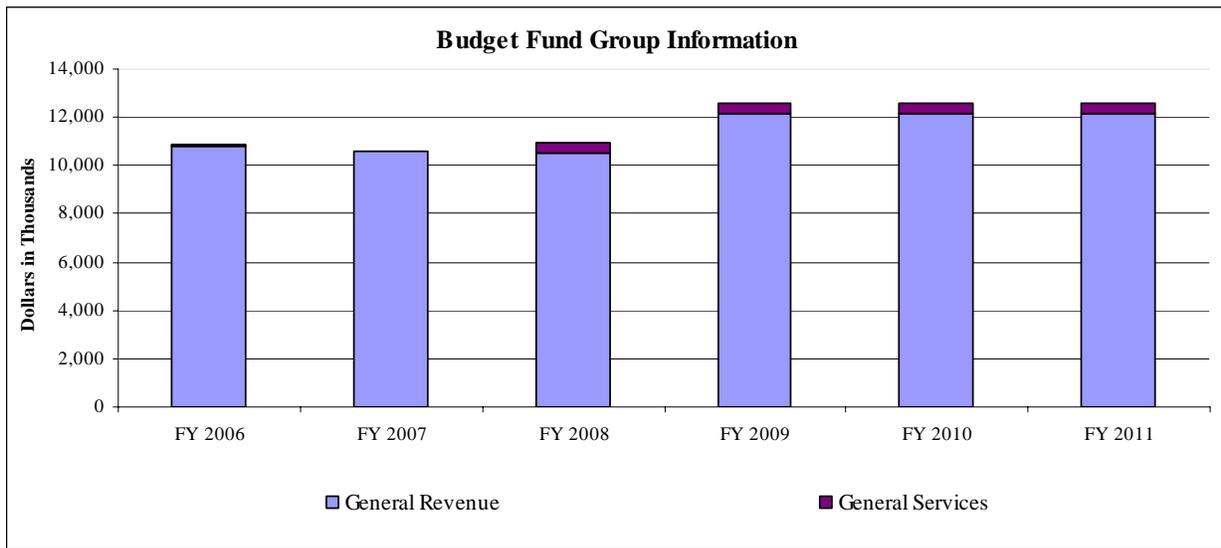
In addition, members may be appointed to serve on statutorily created committees such as the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, which has the power to review and invalidate agency rules; or the state Controlling Board, which provides legislative oversight over certain capital and operating expenditures 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 \$12.6 million.

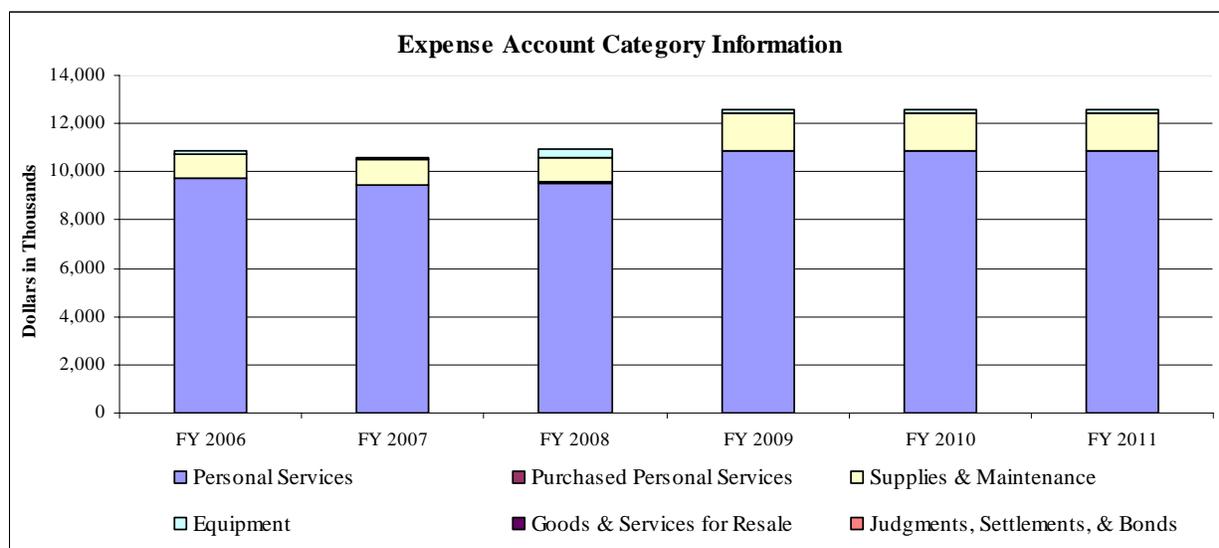
Pursuant to Section 107.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Governor may not alter the funding requests of agencies of the legislative branch of government. The Senate provides the Office of Budget and Management with their budget request for inclusion in the executive budget proposal and not for consideration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

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

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



(In Thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			EST.	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 08-09	FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
General Revenue	10,811	10,566	10,526	12,123	15.2	12,123	0.0	12,123	0.0
General Services	64	12	450	483	7.4	483	0.0	483	0.0
TOTAL	10,875	10,578	10,976	12,606	14.9	12,606	0.0	12,606	0.0



(In Thousands) EXPENSE ACCOUNT CATEGORY	ACTUAL			EST.	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 08-09	FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
Personal Services	9,765	9,481	9,498	10,875	14.5	10,845	-0.3	10,845	0.0
Purchased Personal Services	0	5	87	20	-76.9	50	150.0	50	0.0
Supplies & Maintenance	975	1,051	1,021	1,527	49.6	1,527	0.0	1,527	0.0
Equipment	130	35	370	150	-59.4	150	0.0	150	0.0
Goods & Services for Resale	4	5	1	35	2,569.0	35	0.0	35	0.0
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	0	2	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	10,875	10,578	10,976	12,606	14.9	12,606	0.0	12,606	0.0

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Senate

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

Program 01.01: Senate

This program serves to promote the role and responsibilities of the Ohio Senate. Each member of the Senate is elected to a four-year term from one of the state's 33 Senate districts during which time they are assigned to at least one standing committees or subcommittees. Senators are also assigned to a select committee, a joint select committee, or a conference committee.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GRF	GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	12,123,439	12,123,439
GSF	1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	448,465	448,465
GSF	4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	34,497	34,497
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				12,606,401	12,606,401

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FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 ACTUAL	FY 2009 ESTIMATE	FY 2010 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2011 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	10,811,090	10,566,157	10,526,126	12,123,439	12,123,439	0.0	12,123,439	0.0
TOTAL General Revenue			10,811,090	10,566,157	10,526,126	12,123,439	12,123,439	0.0	12,123,439	0.0
1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	48,765	5,836	448,465	448,465	448,465	0.0	448,465	0.0
4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	15,116	5,900	1,293	34,497	34,497	0.0	34,497	0.0
TOTAL General Services			63,881	11,736	449,758	482,962	482,962	0.0	482,962	0.0
TOTAL Senate			10,874,971	10,577,893	10,975,883	12,606,401	12,606,401	0.0	12,606,401	0.0