

### **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.

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.

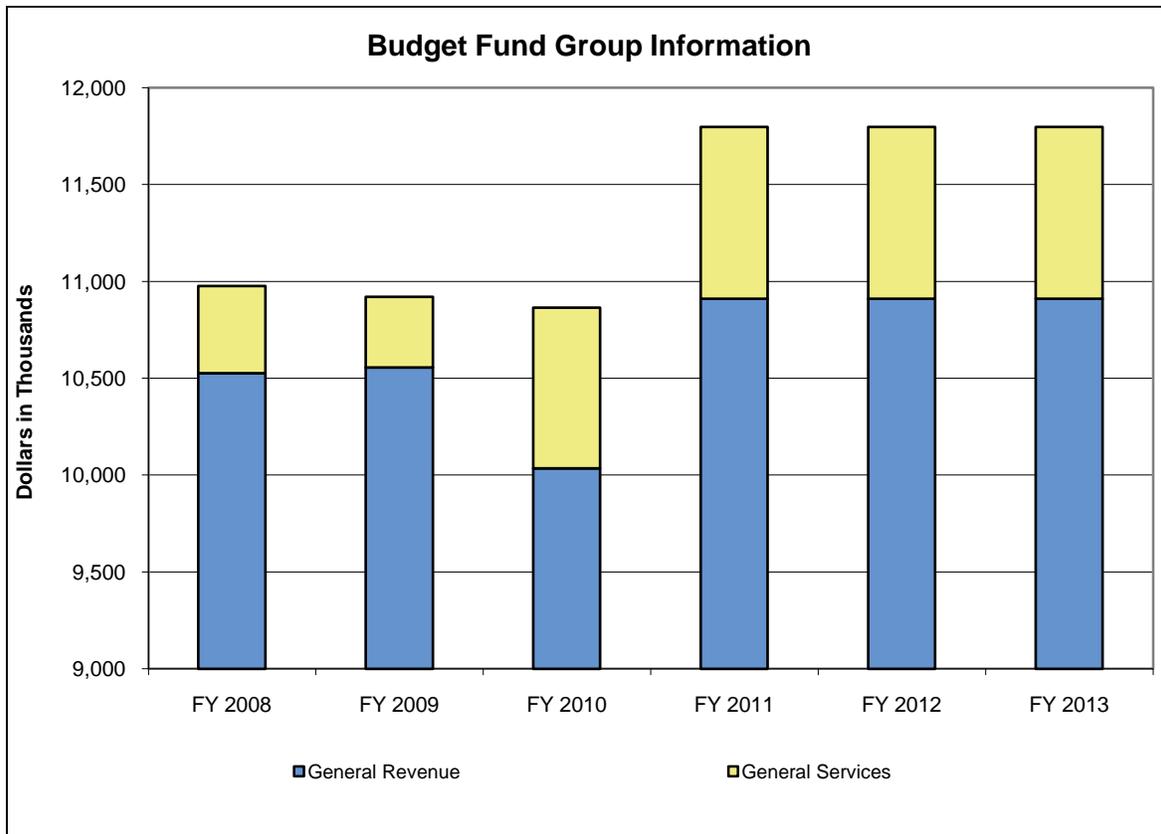
More information regarding the Senate is available at <http://www.senate.state.oh.us/>.

### **Agency Priorities**

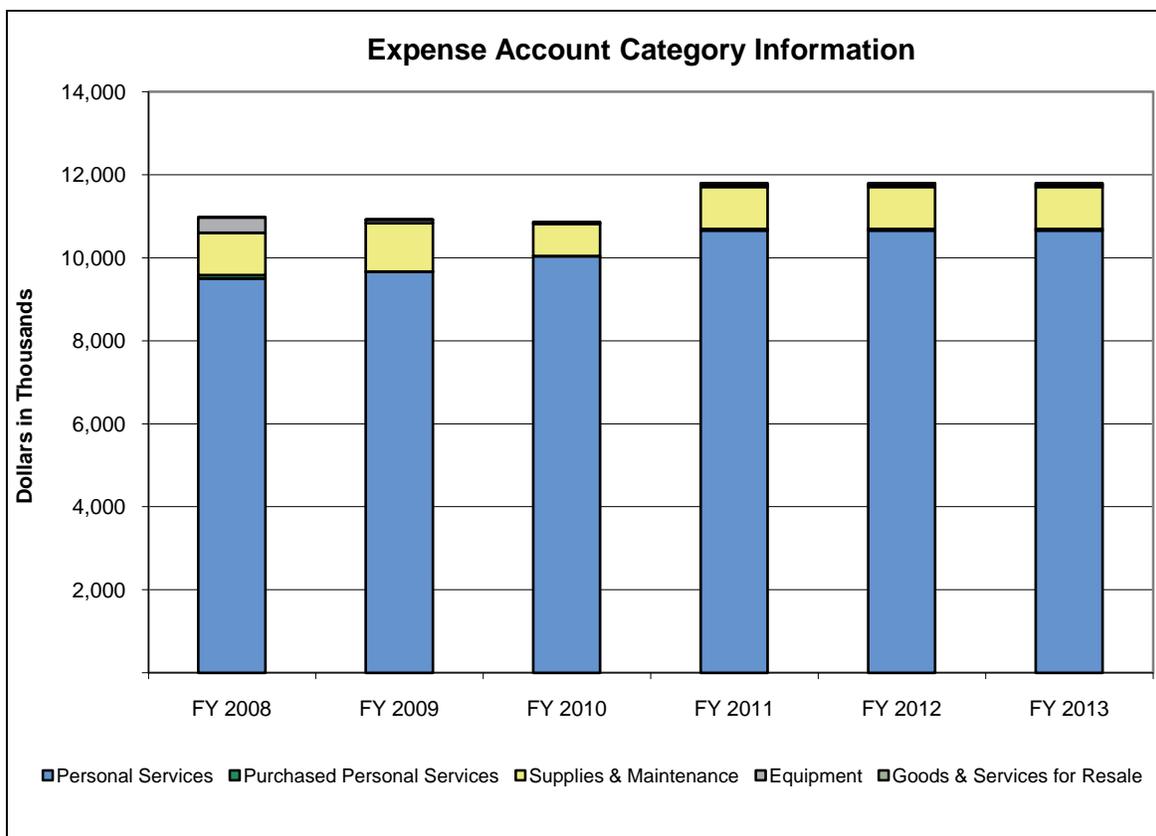
#### **Funding Recommendation for FY2012 and FY2013**

##### **Funding Summary**

- GRF: Funding for fiscal year 2012 is \$10.9 million (or no change from fiscal year 2011). Funding for fiscal year 2013 is \$10.9 million (or no change from fiscal year 2012).
- All funds: Funding for fiscal year 2012 is \$11.8 million (or no change from fiscal year 2011). Funding for fiscal year 2013 is \$11.8 million (or no change from fiscal year 2012).



(in Thousands)	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010			FY 2011	FY 2012	% Change	FY 2013
General Revenue	10,526	10,556	10,035	10,911	8.7%	10,911	0.0%	10,911	0.0%
General Services	450	366	829	886	6.9%	886	0.0%	886	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,976</b>	<b>10,921</b>	<b>10,864</b>	<b>11,798</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>11,798</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>11,798</b>	<b>0.0%</b>



(in Thousands) Expense Account Category	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY10-11	FY 2012	% Change	FY 2013	% Change
Personal Services	9,498	9,658	10,036	10,653	6.2%	10,653	0.0%	10,653	0.0%
Purchased Personal Services	87	9	12	40	243.3%	40	0.0%	40	0.0%
Supplies & Maintenance	1,021	1,163	767	1,017	32.6%	1,017	0.0%	1,017	0.0%
Equipment	370	89	35	53	53.2%	53	0.0%	53	0.0%
Goods & Services for Resale	1	2	15	34	126.2%	34	0.0%	34	0.0%
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**Program Series 1: Senate (167A0)**

This program series includes the program Senate (167B0) and supports the efforts of state senators and their staffs to represent their districts.

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2011	FY 2012	% Change	FY 2013	% Change
GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	10,911,095	10,911,095	0.0%	10,911,095	0.0%
1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	852,001	852,001	0.0%	852,001	0.0%
4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	34,497	34,497	0.0%	34,497	0.0%
<b>Total for Senate</b>			<b>11,797,593</b>	<b>11,797,593</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>11,797,593</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**Line Item Summary By Budget Fund Group**

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Actual			Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	% Change	FY 2013	% Change
GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	10,526,126	10,555,644	10,035,077	10,911,095	10,911,095	0.0%	10,911,095	0.0%
<b>Total for General Revenue</b>			<b>10,526,126</b>	<b>10,555,644</b>	<b>10,035,077</b>	<b>10,911,095</b>	<b>10,911,095</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>10,911,095</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	448,465	363,191	813,657	852,001	852,001	0.0%	852,001	0.0%
4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	1,293	2,395	15,253	34,497	34,497	0.0%	34,497	0.0%
<b>Total for General Services</b>			<b>449,758</b>	<b>365,586</b>	<b>828,910</b>	<b>886,498</b>	<b>886,498</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>886,498</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL Senate</b>			<b>10,975,883</b>	<b>10,921,230</b>	<b>10,863,987</b>	<b>11,797,593</b>	<b>11,797,593</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>11,797,593</b>	<b>0.0%</b>