

LEGISLATURE
OVERVIEW

The New Jersey Legislature, as a separate branch of government, is the State's lawmaking body and appropriates the funds for the operation of State government. The legislative branch, supported by funding of \$52.8 million, has three components: the Legislature, the Office of Legislative Services, and the legislative commissions.

The recommendation of \$24.8 million for fiscal 1998 for the Legislature represents a continuation budget. The Office of Legislative Services which provides nonpartisan legal, fiscal, and research services for the Legislature, is also recommended for continuation funding at \$21.1 million. This office is responsible for the printing of every legislative bill, joint resolution, and concurrent resolution and any amendments. There are several legislative commissions in the Legislative Branch which provide in-depth studies, hold public hearings, and make recommendations for legislative action on select issues as they arise.

The recommendations for fiscal year 1998 provide funding of \$6.9 million for the following commissions. The Intergovernmental Relations Commission (\$298,000) provides funding which permits the State of New Jersey to participate as a member of national and regional organizations. The Joint Committee On Public Schools (\$350,000) provides an ongoing study of the system of free public schools—its financing, administration, and operations. The Commission on Business Efficiency in the Public Schools (\$63,000) studies and recommends improvements which will result in greater efficiency in the operation of public schools. The State Commission of Investigation (\$2.1 million) probes organized crime and improprieties in the conduct of public-funded programs. The New Jersey Law Revision Commission (\$285,000) promotes and encourages the clarification and simplification of New Jersey laws. The State Capitol Joint Management Commission (\$3.7 million) insures the artistic, historical and architectural integrity of any restoration or preservation project at the State House, the State House Annex, and the adjacent environs, as well as managing the capitol complex, including the security and janitorial services. The New Jersey Information Resources Management Commission (\$50,000) oversees and coordinates a Statewide information management planning process in the three branches of State government. The Clean Ocean And Shore Trust Committee (\$100,000) studies strategies to preserve, protect, maintain, and restore the natural and scenic resources and the environmental integrity of the Hudson—Raritan estuary and the New York—New Jersey Bight area. The commission also studies ways to enhance coastal tourism.

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS BY PROGRAM
(thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1996					Year Ending June 30, 1998			
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended		1997 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
9,342	1,076	97	10,515	8,841	Legislative Activities			
13,490	2,145	116	15,751	13,812	Senate	9,632	9,632	9,632
					General Assembly	15,268	15,152	15,152
22,832	3,221	213	26,266	22,653	<i>Subtotal</i>	24,900	24,784	24,784
22,076	5,675	-2,274	25,477	24,822	Legislative Support Services	23,200	21,106	21,106
7,300	1,411	49	8,760	4,449	Legislative Commission	4,702	7,744	6,912
52,208	10,307	-2,012	60,503	51,924	Total Appropriation	52,802	53,634	52,802

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Under the Constitution, as amended in 1966, certified by the Apportionment Commission and modified by the Supreme Court, the legislative power is vested in a Senate of 40 members and a General Assembly of 80 members with one Senator and two members of the General Assembly being elected from each of 40 legislative districts, apportioned according to population based on the latest decennial census. All members of the Senate were elected in November, 1993 for a

term of four years and all members of the General Assembly were elected in November, 1995, for a term of two years.

The compensation of members of the Legislature is \$35,000 per year (C52:10A-1). The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, by virtue of their offices, receive an additional allowance equal to one-third of their compensation.

EVALUATION DATA

	Actual FY 1995	Actual FY 1996	Revised FY 1997	Budget Estimate FY 1998
PERSONNEL DATA				
Position Data				
Filled Positions by Funding Source				
State Supported	52	56	54	—
Total Positions	52	56	54	—
Filled Positions by Program Class				
Senate	52	56	54	—
Total Positions	52	56	54	—

Note: Actual fiscal year 1995 and 1996 and Revised fiscal year 1997 position data reflect actual full-time payroll counts. Not included are the 40 State Senators and part-time positions. The funded position count for fiscal year 1998 will be determined by the Legislature.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1996					Year Ending June 30, 1998			
Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1997 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended
Distribution by Program								
9,342	1,076	97	10,515	8,841	01	9,632	9,632	9,632
9,342	1,076	97	10,515	8,841		9,632 ^(a)	9,632	9,632
Distribution by Object								
Personal Services:								
				1,412		1,412	1,412	1,412
8,292	558	161	9,011	3,347		3,498	3,498	3,498
				3,542		3,600	3,600	3,600
8,292	558	161	9,011	8,301		8,510	8,510	8,510
141	86	—	227	40		141	141	141
820	379	-64	1,135	459		856	856	856
66	36	—	102	39		76	76	76
23	17	—	40	2		49	49	49

Notes: (a) The fiscal year 1997 appropriation has been adjusted for the allocation of salary program.

LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 1997 in this account is appropriated.

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 0002. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EVALUATION DATA

	Actual FY 1995	Actual FY 1996	Revised FY 1997	Budget Estimate FY 1998
PERSONNEL DATA				
Position Data				
Filled Positions by Funding Source				
State Supported	69	68	64	—
Total Positions	69	68	64	—
Filled Positions by Program Class				
General Assembly	69	68	64	—
Total Positions	69	68	64	—

Note: Actual fiscal year 1995 and 1996 and Revised fiscal year 1997 position data reflect actual full-time payroll counts. Not included are the 80 State Assemblypersons and part-time positions. The funded position count for fiscal year 1998 will be determined by the Legislature.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA
 (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1996					Year Ending June 30, 1998				
Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1997 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended	
Distribution by Program									
13,490	2,145	116	15,751	13,812	02	15,268	15,152	15,152	
13,490	2,145	116	15,751	13,812		15,268 ^(a)	15,152	15,152	
Distribution by Object									
Personal Services:									
—	—	—	—	2,810		2,812	2,812	2,812	
13,012	185	416	13,613	3,733		4,216	4,100	4,100	
—	—	—	—	6,366		7,260	7,260	7,260	
13,012	185	416	13,613	12,909		14,288	14,172	14,172	
105	383	-300	188	125		130	130	130	
330	1,028	—	1,358	510		730	730	730	
43	104	—	147	82		90	90	90	
Special Purpose:									
—	186	—	186	186	02	—	—	—	
—	100	—	100	—	02	—	—	—	
—	286	—	286	186		—	—	—	
—	159	—	159	—		30	30	30	

Notes: (a) The fiscal year 1997 appropriation has been adjusted for the allocation of salary program.

LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 1997 in this account is appropriated.
 From the amounts appropriated hereinabove, there shall be allocated to each Assembly District Office an amount equal to the amount received by each Senate District Office.

22,832	3,221	213	26,266	22,653	Total Appropriation, Senate and Assembly	24,900	24,784	24,784
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71. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

0003. OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services was established under the provisions of the Legislative Services Law, P.L. 1979, c. 8 and amended by P.L. 1985, c. 162 (C52:11-54 et seq.) which merged the former Office of Fiscal Affairs and the Legislative Services Agency. The Office is under

the Legislative Services Commission and provides nonpartisan staff services for the Legislature through an Executive Director, an Administrative Unit and Divisions of Legal Services, State Auditing, Information and Research, and Budget and Finance.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide legal, fiscal, research and information services to the members and officers of the Legislature and its committees and commissions.
2. To provide administrative services on behalf of the Legislature in the areas of purchasing, data processing, facilities, public educational programs and legislative district offices.
3. To provide continuous revision of the general and permanent statute law of the State; to prepare and submit to the Legislature for its action legislative bills designed to revise such portions of the general and permanent statute law as in the judgment of the commission may be necessary to remedy defects therein, to accomplish improvement thereof and to maintain the same in revised, consolidated and simplified form under the general plan and classification of the Revised Statutes.
4. To study the methods, practices and procedures employed by the Legislature and make such recommendations for their improvement and modernization as the commission shall deem desirable.

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

03. **Legislative Support Services.** This function encompasses the following: Office of the Executive Director, Office of the Legislative Counsel, Central Management Unit, Office of the State Auditor, Office of the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer, Data Management Unit and the Administrative Unit.

Office of the Executive Director—Supervises and directs the office; conducts the district office leasing program and the related district office program for the Legislature.

Office of the Legislative Counsel—Acts as counsel to the Legislature; furnishes the Legislature with legal opinions as to the subject matter and legal effect of statutes and statutory proposals and parliamentary law and legislative procedure; provides standards for the examination and editing of all proposed bills and

resolutions for compliance with prescribed form; conducts a continuous examination of statutory law and court decisions for the purpose of preparing legislation to correct defects and to revise and modernize the statutory law; assigns compilation numbers to newly enacted laws.

Central Management Unit—Provides staff for legislative standing reference committees and such other committees and commissions as directed; prepares informational memoranda and reports on legislative matters, drafts of bills, resolutions and bill amendments.

Office of Public Information—Operates a public information service; records proceedings of hearings; prepares and distributes various legislative documents.

Office of the State Auditor—Performs a comprehensive financial post-audit of the State and all of its agencies. The division examines and audits accounts, reports and statements and, in addition, makes independent verification of all assets and liabilities, revenues and expenditures, policies and programs. The division makes, or causes to be made, studies and reports with respect to economy, internal management control and compliance with laws and regulations of the operation of State or State-supported agencies.

Office of the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer—Collects and assembles information with reference to the fiscal affairs of the State, examines all requests for appropriations and claims against the State; provides the Legislature with expenditure information and performance analyses of programs and transactions; examines and processes fiscal notes.

Data Management Unit—Supervises the operation, maintenance and security of the legislative computer system.

Administrative Unit—Handles personnel, budgeting, accounting, purchasing, space acquisition and assignment and other centralized services for the Office of Legislative Services as well as the administration of legislative printing.

EVALUATION DATA

	Actual FY 1995	Actual FY 1996	Revised FY 1997	Budget Estimate FY 1998
PERSONNEL DATA				
Position Data				
Filled Positions by Funding Source				
State Supported	305	311	321	—
Total Positions	305	311	321	—
Filled Positions by Program Class				
Legislative Support Services	305	311	321	—
Total Positions	305	311	321	—

Notes: Actual fiscal year 1995 and 1996 and Revised fiscal year 1997 position data reflect actual payroll counts. The funded position count for fiscal year 1998 will be determined by the Legislature.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA
(thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1996					Year Ending June 30, 1998				
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1997 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended	
22,076	5,675	-2,274	25,477	24,822					
22,076	5,675	-2,274	25,477	24,822					
Distribution by Program									
					03	23,200	21,106	21,106	
						23,200 ^(a)	21,106	21,106	
Distribution by Object									
Personal Services:									
13,589	280	876	14,745	14,549		14,415	14,415	14,415	
13,589	280	876	14,745	14,549		14,415	14,415	14,415	
1,342	1,202	-825	1,719	1,621		1,209	1,106	1,106	
2,784	2,755	-3,207	2,332	2,286		2,777	2,608	2,608	
2,472	587	-163	2,896	2,854		2,577	2,819	2,819	
Special Purpose:									
23	—	—	23	23					
					03	23	23	23	
—	157	990	1,147	1,072					
					03	13 ^S	—	—	
—	282	—	282	197					
					03	—	—	—	
23	439	990	1,452	1,292		36	23	23	
5						105			
1,861 ^S	412	55	2,333	2,220		2,081 ^S	135	135	

OTHER RELATED APPROPRIATIONS

—	1,747	2,650	4,397	4,067	Total Capital Construction	—	—	—
22,076	7,422	376	29,874	28,889	Total General Fund	23,200	21,106	21,106

Notes: (a) The fiscal year 1997 appropriation has been adjusted for the allocation of salary program.

LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 1997 in this account is appropriated.

Such sums as may be required for the cost of information system audits performed by the State Auditor are funded from the departmental data processing accounts of the department in which the audits are performed.

In addition to the amounts appropriated hereinabove, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,073,000, less any funds previously appropriated for this purpose, as determined by the Computer Executive Group of the Legislative Information Systems Committee of the Legislative Services Commission, for the continuation and expansion of data processing systems for the Legislature in order to plan, acquire and install a comprehensive electronic data processing system, including software acquisition and training in connection with the system. No amounts so determined shall be obligated, expended or otherwise made available without the written prior authorization of the Senate President and the Speaker of the General Assembly.

Receipts derived from fees and charges for public access to legislative information systems and the unexpended balance as of June 30, 1997 of such receipts are appropriated and shall be credited to a non-lapsing revolving fund established in and administered by the Office of Legislative Services for the purpose of continuing to modernize, maintain and expand the dissemination and availability of legislative information.

Such sums as are required for Master Lease payments, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting and the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer, are appropriated.

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71. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

0010. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

The functions of the Commission (C52:9B-1 et seq.) are to participate as a member of regional and national commissions; to confer with officials of other states and the Federal government; to formulate proposals for cooperation between this State and other states and with

the Federal government; to maintain liaison with inter-governmental agencies, and to organize and maintain governmental machinery for such purposes.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1996					Year Ending June 30, 1998				
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1997 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended	
333	32	—	365	304					
333	32	—	365	304					
Distribution by Program									
					09	321	298	298	
						321	298	298	
Distribution by Object									
Special Purpose:									
139	12	—	151	126	09	130	132	132	
—	—	—	—	—	09	9	—	—	
151	13	—	164	135	09	139	123	123	
43	7	—	50	43	09	43	43	43	
333	32	—	365	304		321	298	298	

LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 1997 in this account is appropriated.

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71. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

0014. JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Committee (C52:9R-1 et seq.) conducts a continuing study of the system of free public schools, its financing, administration and operations; and makes recommendations for legislative action as it deems practicable and desirable for the maintenance and support of a

thorough and efficient system of free public schools. As part of its mandate, the Committee monitors State-operated school districts (P.L. 1987, c. 400).

APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1996					Year Ending June 30, 1998				
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1997 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended	
395	435	—	830	50					
395	435	—	830	50					
Distribution by Program									
					09	250	350	350	
						250	350	350	
Distribution by Object									
Special Purpose:									
395	435	—	830	50	09	250	350	350	
395	435	—	830	50		250	350	350	

LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 1997 in this account is appropriated.

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 0018. STATE COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION

The Commission (C52:9M-1) conducts investigations in connection with the effective enforcement of the laws of the State, with particular reference to organized crime and racketeering; the conduct of public officers and public employees, and of officers and employees of public

corporations and authorities. The Commission, in addition, performs investigations at the direction of the Legislature or the Governor and recommends legislative or regulatory changes.

EVALUATION DATA

	Actual FY 1995	Actual FY 1996	Revised FY 1997	Budget Estimate FY 1998
PERSONNEL DATA				
Position Data				
Filled Positions by Funding Source				
State Supported	38	32	32	—
Total Positions	38	32	32	—
Filled Positions by Program Class				
Legislative Commission	38	32	32	—
Total Positions	38	32	32	—

Notes: Actual fiscal year 1995 and 1996 and Revised fiscal year 1997 position data reflect actual payroll counts. The funded position count for fiscal year 1998 will be determined by the Legislature.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA
 (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1996					Year Ending June 30, 1998			
Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1997 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended
<u>1,974</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>2,145</u>	<u>1,978</u>	Distribution by Program			
<i>1,974</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>2,145</i>	<i>1,978</i>	09	<u>2,057</u>	<u>2,889</u>	<u>2,057</u>
						<u>2,057^(a)</u>	<u>2,889</u>	<u>2,057</u>
					Distribution by Object			
					Special Purpose:			
<u>1,974</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>2,145</u>	<u>1,978</u>	09	<u>2,057</u>	<u>2,889</u>	<u>2,057</u>
<i>1,974</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>2,145</i>	<i>1,978</i>		<u>2,057</u>	<u>2,889</u>	<u>2,057</u>

Notes: (a) The fiscal year 1997 appropriation has been adjusted for the allocation of salary program.

LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 1997 in this account is appropriated.

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0026. COMMISSION ON BUSINESS EFFICIENCY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Commission (P.L. 1979, c.69) was established to develop and implement a five-year plan to monitor the recommendations of the task force on business efficiency and to recommend to the Legislature such statutory changes as may become necessary to facilitate improvements in the business efficiency of the public schools.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1996					Year Ending June 30, 1998				
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1997 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended	
65	24	—	89	60					
65	24	—	89	60					
Distribution by Program									
					09	63	63	63	
						63	63	63	
Distribution by Object									
Special Purpose:									
					09	63	63	63	
						63	63	63	

LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 1997 in this account is appropriated.

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0053. NEW JERSEY LAW REVISION COMMISSION

The Commission (created by P.L. 1985, c.498) was established to promote and encourage the clarification and simplification of the laws of New Jersey. The Commission conducts a continuous examination of the general and permanent statutory law and the judicial decisions construing it for the purpose of discovering defects and anachronisms.

EVALUATION DATA

	Actual FY 1995	Actual FY 1996	Revised FY 1997	Budget Estimate FY 1998
PERSONNEL DATA				
Position Data				
Filled Positions by Funding Source				
State Supported	4	4	4	—
Total Positions	4	4	4	—
Filled Positions by Program Class				
Legislative Support Services	4	4	4	—
Total Positions	4	4	4	—

Notes: Actual fiscal year 1995 and 1996 Revised fiscal year 1997 position data reflect actual payroll counts. The funded position count for fiscal year 1998 will be determined by the Legislature.

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APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1996						Year Ending June 30, 1998			
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1997 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended	
---	7	---	7	1					
---	7	---	7	1					
Distribution by Program									
					09	25	50	50	
						25	50	50	
Distribution by Object									
Special Purpose:									
					09	25	50	50	
						25	50	50	

LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 1997 in this account is appropriated.

70. GOVERNMENT DIRECTION, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

71. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

0061. CLEAN OCEAN AND SHORE TRUST COMMITTEE

The Commission was created by P.L. 1993, c.57 for the purpose of creating an 18 member bi-state committee, to be known as the Clean Ocean and Shore Trust (COAST) Committee. The committee studies strategies to preserve, protect, maintain, and restore the natural and

scenic resources and the environmental integrity of the Hudson—Raritan estuary and the New York—New Jersey Bight area and to enhance coastal tourism.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1996						Year Ending June 30, 1998			
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1997 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended	
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---	---	---	---	---					
Distribution by Program									
					09	---	100	100	
						---	100	100	
Distribution by Object									
Special Purpose:									
					09	---	100	100	
						---	100	100	

LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 1997 in this account is appropriated.

7,300	1,411	49	8,760	4,449	Total Appropriation, Legislative Commissions	4,702	7,744	6,912
52,208	10,307	-2,012	60,503	51,924	Total Appropriation, Legislature	52,802	53,634	52,802