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Legislative

General Assembly -
House

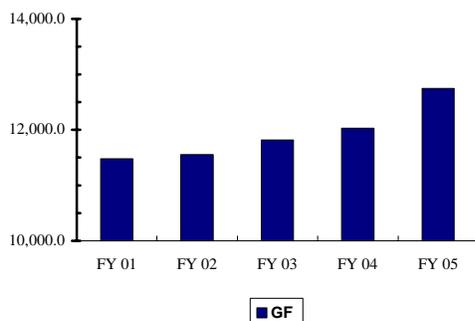
General Assembly -
Senate

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Interstate Cooperation

Legislative Council

- Research
- Office of the Controller General
- Code Revisors
- Commission on Uniform State Laws

Five-Year Appropriation History



FUNDING

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	10,893.3	12,747.3	13,211.3
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	10,893.3	12,747.3	13,211.3

POSITIONS

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	78.0	81.0	81.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	78.0	81.0	81.0

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - HOUSE 01-01-01

A constitutional branch of state government in which legislative power is vested. Conduct official sessions of the State House of Representatives. Carry out daily operations of the State House of Representatives when not in session. Hold hearings and meetings on legislation and issues that affect the State of Delaware and its citizens. Provide the necessary staff support for research, constituent casework, committee work and public information services.

FUNDING

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	4,582.4	5,022.5	5,225.8
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	4,582.4	5,022.5	5,225.8

POSITIONS

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	28.0	29.0	29.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	28.0	29.0	29.0

FY 2006 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

OPERATING BUDGET:

- ◆ Recommend base funding to maintain Fiscal Year 2005 level of service.

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY - SENATE
01-02-01**

A constitutional branch of state government in which legislative power is vested. Conduct sessions of the State Senate. Hold hearings and meetings concerning various legislation and issues pertaining to the State of Delaware and its citizens.

FUNDING

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	2,637.2	3,087.0	3,207.0
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	2,637.2	3,087.0	3,207.0

POSITIONS

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	17.0	18.0	18.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	17.0	18.0	18.0

**COMMISSION ON INTERSTATE
COOPERATION
01-05-01**

To pay national association dues for state membership and assessment to the Delaware River Basin Commission. To enable legislators and certain non-legislators to attend seminars and conferences to gain information in areas of benefit to the State.

FUNDING

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	752.7	859.9	859.9
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	752.7	859.9	859.9

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
01-08-00**

**RESEARCH
01-08-01**

MISSION

The Division of Research was created by the General Assembly to act as a reference bureau for information relating or pertaining to legislative matters and subjects of interest to the Senate or the House. To meet this mandate, the division conducts a wide range of activities including (but not limited to) legislative research, bill drafting, committee staffing, and the development, production and promulgation of public information concerning the General Assembly.

The division publishes the monthly Delaware Register of Regulations in hardcopy and electronic formats. This publication and thousands of other public documents, including the Register of Regulations and the Delaware Code, are available on the General Assembly Internet website (www.state.de.us/research/assembly.htm).

The division also operates a full service print shop; a legislative library; a Legislative Hall tour service; and a bill service which answers inquiries about legislative matters and provides copies of bills, resolutions, and other legislative documents to all interested parties in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Freedom of Information Act.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Encourage greater utilization of the services and resources of the division by members of the General Assembly.
- Continue the development and maintenance of the Delaware Administrative Code of Regulations.
- Strive for greater customer satisfaction among the users (legislators, lobbyists, government officials and the general public) of the division's services.
- Maintain and enhance the information and services provided through several websites maintained by the division.

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BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following is a summary of some of the notable Division of Research accomplishments from the past year:

- The Registrar of Regulations and staff continued development of a Delaware Administrative Code, with additional volumes being published and several major state agencies initiating a total renumbering of their regulations.
- The Registrar of Regulations and staff continued development and maintenance of several special projects for the General Assembly. Updated versions of the Delaware Code On-line continue to be released. The website focusing on the architecture and artwork of Legislative Hall, including virtual tours of the Senate and House chambers, continues to be updated.
- The division's Technical Advisory Office concluded research and testing of the combustion catalyst system, Rentar, with conventional diesel and bio diesel fuels in the stationary boiler at Merridith Middle School, Middletown, Delaware. This research resulted in a summary report to the General Assembly dated December 19, 2003. In another study, the technical feasibility of a proposed tidal power generation system for the Indian River Inlet was researched. Again, a summary report dated December 24, 2003, provided recommendations to the General Assembly. The division issued an interim report dated August 31, 2003 on retention ponds and their influence on West Nile Virus threats. As an adjunct to this investigation, the division has undertaken the disposition of scrap tire piles at the request of the General Assembly. An in depth examination of past proposals and new technology is in progress. The division continues to monitor nutrient management protocols, analytical research to nutrient movement in soils and estuaries of the State that have impacted harmful algal blooms (pfiesteria and other toxic algae) in the past. A recent request to investigate alternative solid waste disposal methods has followed the discovery of a commercial mechanical process for disposing of residential garbage without the need for pre-sorting. Analytical data of the solid "fluff" produced and stack gases have been requested. Marketability of the "fluff" may determine the economic viability of this process.

ACTIVITIES

- Disseminate accurate, timely legislative documents and information to all users of the division's bill service.
- Provide objective, non-partisan research and analysis of issues related to legislation and subjects of interest to members of the General Assembly.
- Provide accurate, well-reasoned, and effective draft legislation to meet the needs of the legislative sponsor(s).
- Maintain an effective legislative library by constantly updating reference materials and taking advantage of on-going technological improvements.
- Provide timely, accurate, and well-maintained information to users of the Register of Regulations and the General Assembly Internet website through frequent updates of these publications.
- Provide timely and accurate printed materials through the Legislative Print Shop.
- Provide same day service for all information requests made to the Bill Service desk. All requests for copies of legislation (whether made in person, by fax, phone or e-mail) shall be filled (directly, by mail, fax or e-mail) by no later than the end of the business day in which the request is made.
- Maintain computerized activity logs on the Legislative Tracking System to record bills drafted, research reports, memos completed, and other activities.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Number and percentage of requests for copies responded to on the same business day on which they were made.

Number and percentage of email queries responded to on the same business day on which they were made.

FUNDING

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	1,179.1	1,588.5	1,657.3
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	1,179.2	1,588.5	1,657.3

POSITIONS

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	19.0	19.0	19.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	19.0	19.0	19.0

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***OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER GENERAL
01-08-02***

The Office of the Controller General works with and assists the General Assembly and the Joint Finance Committee by providing comprehensive budget analyses, fiscal notes, and limited numbers of management and program reviews. Priority issues and/or policy questions are researched and investigated. The office provides support to legislative members on the Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council and provides analyses of General Fund transfers and applications for federal funds. Staff members participate in all hearings in connection with the state's operating budget, contemplated supplementary appropriations, and capital improvement programs. The office performs management and program reviews by using casual seasonal employees and contractual services. The office also provides professional, technical, and clerical support to legislative standing committees.

FUNDING

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	1,606.0	1,931.7	2,003.6
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	1,606.0	1,931.7	2,003.6

POSITIONS

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	14.0	15.0	15.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	14.0	15.0	15.0

***CODE REVISORS
01-08-03***

To comply with the statutory mandates of law, generally to function as compilers of the Delaware Code.

FUNDING

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	110.1	222.4	222.4
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	110.2	222.4	222.4

***COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS
01-08-06***

To comply with the statutory mandates of law. The commission, consisting of five members, acts in concert with similar commissions of other states. The commission considers and drafts uniform or model laws and devises and recommends courses of action.

FUNDING

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	25.4	35.3	35.3
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	25.5	35.3	35.3