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Legislative

General Assembly -
House

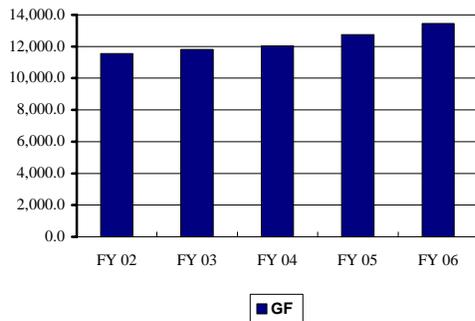
General Assembly -
Senate

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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 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 GOV. REC.
GF	11,640.3	13,455.8	14,117.6
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	11,640.3	13,455.8	14,117.6

POSITIONS

	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 GOV. REC.
GF	81.0	83.0	83.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	81.0	83.0	83.0

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 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 GOV. REC.
GF	4,953.9	5,325.8	5,622.3
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	4,953.9	5,325.8	5,622.3

POSITIONS

	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 GOV. REC.
GF	29.0	31.0	31.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	29.0	31.0	31.0

FY 2007 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

OPERATING BUDGET:

- ◆ Recommend base funding to maintain Fiscal Year 2006 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 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 GOV. REC.
GF	2,781.1	3,307.0	3,481.4
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	2,781.1	3,307.0	3,481.4

POSITIONS

	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 GOV. REC.
GF	18.0	18.0	18.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	18.0	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 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 GOV. REC.
GF	799.6	864.4	864.4
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	799.6	864.4	864.4

**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 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 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, legislative library, and 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.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Registrar of Regulations and staff continued development of a Delaware Administrative Code, with additional volumes being published and several

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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. In addition, 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 Registrar and tour websites were redesigned to incorporate the Common Look and Feel (CLF) standard for state websites. A regulatory subscription service was developed and implemented as well as a comment function for proposed regulations. A Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feed was developed and implemented for the monthly Register.
- The Technical Advisory Office has continued an extensive examination of past scrap tire program proposals and an assessment of tire piles as a material resource in Delaware. In addition, the technical merits of a commercial operation for converting scrap tires into low pressure steam for locally used heat energy and developments in rubber modified asphalt in highway pavement using crumb rubber from scrap tires have been studied. The office hosted a rubber modified asphalt seminar with presentations by experts in this field, for members of the General Assembly, Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to broaden the administration's understanding of this technology.
- The Technical Advisory Office has undertaken an investigation into alternate processes for disposal of municipal solid waste. Publication of a report describing the Bouldin Corp's WastAway process utilizing unsorted municipal garbage has been delayed to allow legislative action on Residential Curbside Recycling legislation to proceed.
- The division continues to work with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Delaware Nutrient Management Commission in research project selection and protocol development that better describe nutrient movement into the ground water and inland bays.

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 website through frequent updates.
- 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

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Budget	FY 2007 Gov. Rec.
# of annual phone requests for legislative information	29,746	26,900	30,000
# of annual on-line requests	339	354	430
# of bills and other publications requested and mailed annually	28,977	23,394	24,978
% of same day requests responded to	100	100	100

FUNDING

	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 GOV. REC.
GF	1,141.3	1,657.3	1,754.1
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	1,141.3	1,657.3	1,754.1

POSITIONS

	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 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 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 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 GOV. REC.
GF	1,850.0	2,043.6	2,137.7
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	1,850.0	2,043.6	2,137.7

POSITIONS

	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 GOV. REC.
GF	15.0	15.0	15.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	15.0	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 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 GOV. REC.
GF	94.8	222.4	222.4
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	94.8	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 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 GOV. REC.
GF	21.0	35.3	35.3
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	21.0	35.3	35.3