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Legislative

**General Assembly
- House**

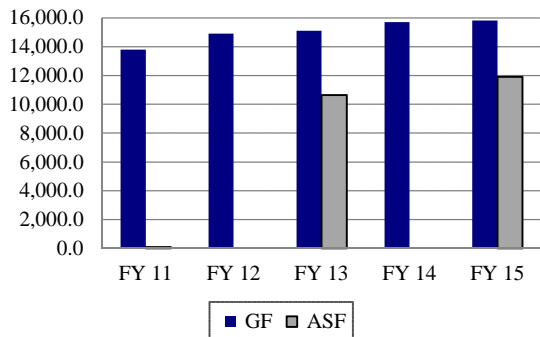
**General Assembly
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- Research
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Five-Year Appropriation History



FUNDING

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	14,342.6	15,817.7	15,842.7
ASF	--	11,912.6	--
TOTAL	14,342.6	27,730.3	15,842.7

POSITIONS

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	87.0	87.0	87.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	87.0	87.0	87.0

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - HOUSE 01-01-01

The General Assembly - House is a constitutional branch of state government, in which legislative power is vested to:

- 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 residents; and
- Provide the necessary staff support for research, constituent casework, committee work and public information services.

FUNDING

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	5,998.6	6,484.3	6,496.3
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	5,998.6	6,484.3	6,496.3

POSITIONS

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	32.0	32.0	32.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	32.0	32.0	32.0

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

The General Assembly - Senate is a constitutional branch of state government in which legislative power is vested to:

- Conduct sessions of the State Senate; and
- Hold hearings and meetings on legislation and issues pertaining to the State of Delaware and its residents.

FUNDING

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	4,073.7	4,244.3	4,252.6
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	4,073.7	4,244.3	4,252.6

POSITIONS

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	24.0	25.0	25.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	24.0	25.0	25.0

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

The Commission on Interstate Cooperation pays national association dues for state membership. The commission enables legislators and certain non-legislators to attend seminars and conferences to gain information.

FUNDING

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	706.2	788.4	788.4
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	706.2	788.4	788.4

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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RESEARCH

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MISSION

The Division of Research was created by the General Assembly to serve as a non-partisan and confidential reference bureau for information relating 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 legislative research, bill drafting, committee staffing and the development, production and distribution of public information regarding the General Assembly.

The division is responsible for the overall supervision of the facility, scheduling building events and the use of conference rooms in the Tatnall Building.

The division is the home of Research Analysis, the Bill Room, the Legislative Library, the Office of the Registrar of Regulations, Joint Sunset Committee Support and the Legislative Print Shop. The division provides information 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.

The division publishes the Delaware Register of Regulations monthly in hardcopy and electronic formats. This publication and thousands of other public documents, including the Delaware Code online, are available on the General Assembly website.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Encourage greater use of the services and resources of the division by members of the General Assembly.
- Continue the development and maintenance of the Delaware Administrative Code.
- Strive for greater customer satisfaction among 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, including the Delaware Code online.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Registrar of Regulations and staff continue maintaining and enhancing the information provided through its publications, specifically:
 - The Delaware Code online received a new look in Fiscal Year 2014, enhancing the ability of users to view it using tablets and smartphones;
 - The Delaware Code online also became more functional as each Title is now divided into parts like the printed version of the code;
 - The online version of the Laws of Delaware now begins with laws from the 105th General Assembly (1935); and
 - The Delaware Administrative Code, only available online, continues to grow. The Registrar adopted new regulations in Fiscal Year 2014 to establish minimum requirements for filing and publication, including adherence to deadlines and the Registrar's style manual, to assist the Registrar in maintaining the accuracy, clarity and uniformity of the code, as well as monthly Registrar of Regulations.
- The Joint Sunset Analyst continues to provide research and administrative support for the work of the Joint Sunset Committee.
- The Legislative Librarian has cataloged the library holdings, which are now included in the Delaware Public Library Catalog so the public is aware of the resources offered by the Legislative Library, and has begun collaborating with the county law libraries on a seminar or podcast on sources of legislative history.
- Division staff proposed Delaware adopt the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA), which establishes a framework for providing electronic legal material with the same trustworthiness traditionally provided by publication in print. The General Assembly passed House Bill 403, adopting UELMA, and division staff are working to bring the electronic versions of the Delaware Constitution, Delaware Code, Laws of Delaware and Delaware Administrative Code, available in electronic form, into conformity with the requirements of UELMA.
- Division staff proposed the consolidation of the responsibility for the management of the printed version of the Delaware Code with Legislative Council and with the support of the Code Revisors, the updating of language relating to the preparation of the printed version of the Delaware Code. The General Assembly passed House Bill 401, adopting these proposals. Division staff have worked with state agencies over the summer to ensure the number of copies of printed supplements to the Delaware Code and copies of Delaware Rules accurately reflect the need of these agencies.

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ACTIVITIES

- Disseminate accurate and timely legislative documents and information to 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 members of the General Assembly.
- Maintain an effective legislative library by constantly updating reference materials and taking advantage of ongoing technological improvements.
- Provide timely, updated, accurate and well maintained information to website users of the Register of Regulations and General Assembly.
- Provide timely and accurate printed materials through the legislative print shop.
- Provide same-day service for all information requests made to the bill room.
- Maintain computerized activity logs on the Legislative Tracking System to record bills drafted, research reports, memos completed and other activities.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Budget	FY 2016 Gov. Rec.
# of requests for legislative information	40,871	40,000	40,000
# of bills and other publications mailed	31,536	30,000	30,000
% of requests responded to on same day	100	100	100

FUNDING

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	1,382.2	1,865.3	1,867.3
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	1,382.2	1,865.3	1,867.3

POSITIONS

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	17.0	17.0	17.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	17.0	17.0	17.0

**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 relating to 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 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	2,073.2	2,217.5	2,220.2
ASF	--	11,912.6	--
TOTAL	2,073.2	14,130.1	2,220.2

POSITIONS

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	14.0	13.0	13.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	14.0	13.0	13.0

**CODE REVISORS
01-08-03**

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

FUNDING

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	73.1	172.4	172.4
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	73.1	172.4	172.4

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

The Commission on Uniform State Laws complies 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 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2016 GOV. REC.
GF	35.6	45.5	45.5
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	35.6	45.5	45.5