

**OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (0053)
2009-11 BIENNIUM**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

Mission

The Attorney General's Office is a constitutionally established office that is charged with the responsibility of acting as the attorney for all state officials, departments, institutions and agencies. The Attorney General is also responsible for defending the state in federal courts, acting as legal representative of all state parties in litigation in which the state is involved, and for issuing legal opinions on constitutional or legal questions. The AG's Office also administers the Crime Victims Reparation Program, the Medicaid Fraud Program, Consumer Protection Division, and the Consumer Utilities Rate Advocacy Division.

Total Biennial Budget

The total budget for the Office of the Attorney General for the 2009-2011 biennium is \$22.1 million the first year and \$22.5 million the second year of the biennium.

Funding Source

Funded through the State Central Services Fund, special revenues (from funds transferred from State Administration of Justice Fund allocations), federal funds, and fund balances.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The Administration Appropriation funded by State Central Services for \$14 million the first year and \$14.2 million the second year.

The Crime Victims Reparations Program is used to compensate and assist victims of criminal acts. The appropriation is for \$4 million each year. This is the required state match of 60% for this program which is funded through Special Revenues from the State Administration of Justice Fund.

Crime Victims Reparation Program - Federal appropriation pays for approximately 40% of the match for this program which is over \$1.5 million each year.

The Medicaid Fraud Division - State pays 25% of the costs for Medicaid Fraud Investigation through State Central Services. This appropriation is for \$557,998 the first year and \$569,101 the second year.

The Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal pays 75% of the costs for Medicaid Fraud Investigation. The appropriation is for \$1.7 million each year.

The Medicaid Fraud Division - Indirect Costs Appropriation is federally funded and is \$290,000 the first year and \$298,700 the second year of the biennium. This appropriation provides federal funding with no state match required.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS:

Total Positions for FY 2009-11 Biennium: 169

Total Positions for FY 2007-09 Biennium: 161

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

Attorney Fees. The disbursing officer of the appropriations shall deposit all monies received by the Office of Attorney

General as attorney fees in the State Central Services Fund as direct revenues.

Carry Forward. Any balance of funding may be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

Transfer Provision. Authorized to transfer appropriation and funding between line items in Section 3 - Operations.

Fund Transfer. Transfer balance of Spyware Monitoring Program in Miscellaneous Agencies Fund to Spyware Monitoring Fund.