

**0053 - ATTORNEY GENERAL
FISCAL YEAR 2020
LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The Attorney General is charged with the responsibility of acting as the attorney for all state officials, departments, institutions and agencies.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
004	Attorney General - Administration	\$14,436,664	\$18,935,796	\$17,009,245
188	Medicaid Fraud - Federal	\$1,515,469	\$2,025,385	\$1,862,203
189	Medicaid Fraud - State	\$569,848	\$712,234	\$674,986
1PE	Victims Reparations Program	\$1,941,546	\$2,768,853	\$1,966,103
1PF	Medicaid Fraud - Indirect Costs	\$224,808	\$453,854	\$330,000
1PH	Victims Reparations - Federal	\$866,565	\$1,127,617	\$1,040,062
38U	Internet Crime Child	\$4,537	\$50,000	\$25,000
U25	Cooperative Disability Investigation Program	\$215,511	\$0	\$329,460
Total		\$19,774,948	\$26,073,739	\$23,237,059

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		2017-2018 Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$978,441	4.84
Federal Revenue	4000020	\$2,826,890	13.98
Special Revenue	4000030	\$54,562	0.27
State Central Services	4000035	\$15,006,512	74.20
State Administration of Justice	4000470	\$1,358,320	6.72
Total Funds		\$20,224,725	100.00
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(\$449,777)	
Grand Total		\$19,774,948	

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Attorney General - Administration (Appropriation 004)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$2,055,993	\$2,100,000	\$44,007
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$151,068	\$126,578	(\$24,490)
5120011	Capital Outlay	\$143,500	\$140,000	(\$3,500)
Total		\$2,387,785	\$2,403,802	\$16,017

- Increase in Operating Expenses to allow for additional training offered by the Office of the Attorney General.
- Decrease in Conference & Travel due to increased scholarships awarded to staff.
- Decrease in Capital Outlay to be more in line with actual expenditures.

Medicaid Fraud - Federal (Appropriation 188)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010001	Extra Help	\$29,870	\$28,453	(\$1,417)
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$132,751	\$35,000	(\$97,751)
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$48,930	\$65,000	\$16,070
5060010	Professional Fees	\$47,104	\$50,000	\$2,896
5120011	Capital Outlay	\$19,988	\$30,000	\$10,012
Total		\$278,643	\$208,453	(\$70,190)

- Decrease in Extra Help to be more in line with actual expenditures.
- Decrease in Operating Expenses because they intend on utilizing their Medicaid Fraud - Indirect Costs account more.
- Increase in Conference & Travel Expenses so they are able to send new employees to the required training on elder abuse.
- Increase in Professional Fees due to outsourcing some of their work such as transcription, data retrieval and nursing review.
- Increase in Capital Outlay due to replacing equipment as it becomes obsolete and replacement of fleet vehicles.

Medicaid Fraud - State (Appropriation 189)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$44,221	\$11,667	(\$32,554)
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$16,311	\$21,667	\$5,356
5060010	Professional Fees	\$15,034	\$16,667	\$1,633
5120011	Capital Outlay	\$6,663	\$10,000	\$3,337
Total		\$82,229	\$60,001	(\$22,228)

- Decrease in Operating Expenses because they intend on utilizing their Medicaid Fraud - Indirect Costs account more.
- Increase in Conference & Travel Expenses so they are able to send new employees to the required training on elder abuse.
- Increase in Professional Fees due to outsourcing some of their work such as transcription, data retrieval and nursing review.
- Increase in Capital Outlay due to replacing equipment as it becomes obsolete and replacement of fleet vehicles.

Victims Reparations Program (Appropriation 1PE)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010001	Extra Help	\$14,000	\$0	(\$14,000)
5110015	Claims	\$2,000,000	\$1,500,000	(\$500,000)
Total		\$2,053,313	\$1,539,313	(\$514,000)

- Decrease in Extra Help to be more in line with expenditures.
- Decrease in Claims to be more in line with FY18 expenditures.

Medicaid Fraud - Indirect Costs (Appropriation 1PF)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$453,854	\$330,000	(\$123,854)
Total		\$453,854	\$330,000	(\$123,854)

- Decrease in Operating Expenses because they are trying to lower their budget needs.

Victims Reparations - Federal (Appropriation 1PH)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5110015	Claims	\$1,075,493	\$1,000,000	(\$75,493)
Total		\$1,075,493	\$1,000,000	(\$75,493)

- Decrease in Claims to be more in line with actual expenditures.

Internet Crime Child (Appropriation 38U)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$45,450	\$25,000	(\$20,450)
5060010	Professional Fees	\$4,550	\$0	(\$4,550)
Total		\$50,000	\$25,000	(\$25,000)

- Decrease in Operating Expenses to be more in line with actual expenditures.
- Zeroing out Professional Fees

Cooperative Disability Investigation Program (Appropriation U25)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010006	Overtime	\$0	\$42,000	\$42,000
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$0	\$31,000	\$31,000
Total		\$0	\$73,000	\$73,000

- This is a new appropriation that was established during the interim under the Miscellaneous Federal Program Act.

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2020: 177

Total Authorized Positions FY2019: 174

Increase / (Decrease): 3

Extra Help Positions FY2020: 12

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

Code Amendment - New Section §20-77-912 - Funds for investigations and prosecutions - Under the Medicaid Fraud Act § 5-55-101 the Attorney General or prosecuting attorney is entitled to recover reasonable and necessary expenses incurred during its investigations and prosecutions.

Fund Transfer - changed language to say "the Attorney General may deposit or transfer by check monies from the unobligated cash funds of the Office of the Attorney General received from court orders or settlement agreements to the State Central Services Fund."

Fees - Section codified in statute § 25-16-716 and deleted from bill.