

**Legislative Assembly
Budget No. 150
Senate Bill No. 2001**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 legislative appropriation	0.00	\$19,692,464 ¹	\$0	\$19,692,464
2019-21 legislative appropriation	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,825,515²</u>	<u>3,240,000</u>	<u>19,065,515</u>
2021-23 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriation	0.00	\$3,866,949	(\$3,240,000)	\$626,949

¹This amount includes \$1,766,284 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$17,926,180.

²This amount includes \$517,760 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$15,307,755.

Item Description

One-time funding - The Legislative Assembly, in Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2001, identified a total of \$1,766,284 from the general fund for one-time funding items. Of this funding, \$316,284 is for a redistricting special session and \$1,450,000 is for information technology (IT) expansion.

Status/Result

The November 2021 special legislative session was called by the Governor to provide for redistricting of government pursuant to Section 1 of Article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota following the 2020 Census, and for other purposes as deemed by the Legislative Assembly. The special session convened Monday, November 8, 2021, and adjourned Friday, November 12, 2021. The special session lasted 5 legislative days and cost \$285,082.

Biennium to date the Legislative Assembly IT expansion has successfully migrated all staff, clerks, and session employee personal computers and email to the NDLEGIS domain. The public website, Apache server, and search has been removed from the Information Technology Department (ITD) and set up on NDLEGIS. Various servers have been migrated to the new domain. STAGEnet-Legis and Legis Global Protect VPN have been set up and tested.

While Legislative Assembly IT staff requested network and firewalls in the Bismarck data center and the Fargo offsite location in August 2021, they were not given access by ITD until April 2022. Items migrated were completed on existing infrastructure. A request that the NDLEGIS domain be allowed to authenticate to PeopleSoft was made by Legislative Assembly IT staff in March 2022 and is still in the evaluation phase at ITD. Legislators will not be migrated until they are able to log in with their NDLEGIS accounts. Once begun, the legislator migration is expected to take 2 months. Expenditures related to the IT expansion through March 2022 total \$834,733.

Federal COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Fund expenditures - The Legislative Assembly, in House Bill No. 1395, provided an appropriation of \$3.1 million for federal Coronavirus Relief Fund spending authority approved for the Legislative Assembly for the 2019-21 biennium by the Emergency Commission and Budget Section.

The Legislative Assembly spent a total of \$2,947,860 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund during the 2019-21 biennium and continued a total of \$152,140 to the 2021-23 biennium. During the 2019-21 biennium, funding was used for construction costs, furnishings, IT equipment, software, and service contracts to build, furnish, and connect additional meeting rooms for the 2021 regular legislative session. Updates were made to allow for virtual participation in the 2021 legislative session, including virtual testimony and livestreaming of committee meetings. The remaining funding was spent during the 2021-23 biennium for IT equipment and audio and video streaming and indexing.