

Conference Committee Report
House Bill 1030, 2016 Appropriations Act
Selected Highlights for General Government

The FY 2016-17 budgets for General Government agencies include net appropriations of \$427.5 million, which is \$35.8 million (9.1%) above the amount enacted for FY 2015-16.

The following selected General Government highlights may be found in **Section J** of the 2016 Conference Committee Report (page and item numbers noted); selected special provisions may be found in **Parts XX through XXXIV** of H.B. 1030 (section references are noted):

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

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- Provides \$100,000 for two positions to help meet the increased burial needs at two of the North Carolina Veterans Cemeteries (Jacksonville and Spring Lake). **(Page J-4, Item #3)**

Department of State Treasurer

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- Provides \$450,000 for the Core Banking System and authorizes the Department to spend receipts for the operations at the new office location on Atlantic Avenue. **(J-13, #9)**
- Provides receipt funding to the Local Government Commission (LGC) for one new position to assist local governments that have been identified to be on LGC's watch list. **(J-14, #12)**

Fire Rescue National Guard Pensions & Line-of-Duty Death Benefits

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- Provides an additional \$45,000 to expand the line-of-duty death benefits coverage to include mesothelioma, testicular cancer, and intestinal cancer. **(J-18, #15)**

Department of Insurance (DOI)

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- Provides \$1 million nonrecurring for DOI's newly-renovated Albemarle Building for IT infrastructure and other associated costs. **(J-22, #18)**
- Provides \$146,887 for an actuary position for use in Captives Insurance industry regulation. **(J-22, #19)**
- Authorizes and funds two positions for the Consumer Assistance Group that will help with the increased workload and calls within; the total amount is \$121,930. **(J-23, #20)**
- Provides \$425,000 nonrecurring to make the NC Building Code Registry fully online accessible. **(J-23, #22)**

Provisions from H.B. 1030

- Continues the Insurance Regulatory Charge at 6.5% for calendar year 2017. (Sec. 23.1)

Office of State Budget and Management

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- Provides \$278,200 for three positions to assist agencies to work with Connect NC Bond projects. (J-50, #37)

Provisions from H.B. 1030

- Requires that the Connect NC Bond positions to terminate upon completion of all Connect NC Bond projects. (Sec. 27.3)

Office of State Budget and Management Special

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- Provides an additional \$20.7 million nonrecurring for local governments and non-state entities for various projects including school construction, city sidewalks, historical renovations, children’s programs, and other local efforts. (J-56 – J-59, #38-#57)

Office of the State Auditor

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- Provides an additional \$150,000 nonrecurring for subject matter experts for audits. (J-63, #60)
- Provides \$55,065 recurring and \$7,306 nonrecurring for a security guard to be shared by the Auditor, Secretary of State, and Department of Labor. (J-63, #61)

Housing Finance Agency

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- Provides an additional \$5 million nonrecurring to the Workforce Housing Loan Program (WHLP), bringing the WHLP total to \$20 million for FY 2016-17. (J-68, #62)

Secretary of State

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- Provides \$632,615 recurring to increase securities division staffing by six employees. (J-72, #66)

Department of Administration (DOA)

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- Restores the Human Relations Commission funding at \$545,407 recurring and adds one new administrative assistant position, totaling \$51,451 recurring. (J-82, #73 & #74)

- Makes changes to the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office. The director position is eliminated and two positions and funding are transferred to the Council for Women to create the Council for Women and Youth Involvement. Sec. 32.5 directs the Youth Legislative Assembly program and one position to be transferred to the General Assembly (**J-82, #75-#77; Sec. 32.5**)
- Provides \$2 million nonrecurring to the State Land Fund to cover DOA's expenses related to disposition of state property. (**J-83, #78**)

Provisions from H.B. 1030

- Directs the Council for Women to study a new grant formula for domestic violence centers and puts a moratorium on new grantees for the fiscal year while the issue is being studied. (**Sec. 32.6**)

Ethics Commission

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- Provides funds for ongoing maintenance to the online filing system for Statements of Economic Interest (SEI) at \$20,000 nonrecurring and provides \$850,000 nonrecurring to build a new SEI system. (**J-83, #81 & #82**)

Office of the State Controller

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- Restores the transfer of \$496,578 from the Highway Fund to the State Controller that supports positions in the State's human resources and payroll system. (**J-98, #89**)