

Office of Governmental Accountability

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
General Fund	28	28	36	36	34	38	4

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Personal Services	1,102	106,035	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	3,904	8,909	25,098	25,098	-	-	-
Other Current Expenses							
Child Fatality Review Panel	119,581	127,562	139,183	139,183	139,183	139,183	-
Contracting Standards Board	682,975	699,092	758,234	859,334	859,334	859,334	-
Judicial Review Council	131,396	137,580	191,511	191,511	191,511	191,511	-
Judicial Selection Commission	89,077	96,447	117,678	117,678	117,678	117,678	-
Office of the Child Advocate	766,525	729,824	817,892	1,032,892	1,032,892	1,032,892	-
Office of the Victim Advocate	466,650	486,933	519,674	519,674	519,674	519,674	-
Board of Firearms Permit Examiners	123,843	134,332	148,193	148,193	148,193	148,193	-
Office of the Correction Ombuds	-	-	490,799	763,692	763,692	1,219,274	455,582
Office of the Educational Ombudsperson	-	-	-	180,000	-	-	-
Agency Total - General Fund	2,385,053	2,526,714	3,208,262	3,977,255	3,772,157	4,227,739	455,582

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
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Policy Revisions

Provide Funding to Support the Office of the Correction Ombuds

Office of the Correction Ombuds	-	255,582	255,582
Total - General Fund	-	255,582	255,582
Positions - General Fund	-	3	3

Background

PA 22-18, *An Act Concerning the Correction Advisory Committee, The Use of Isolated Confinement and Transparency for Conditions of Incarceration*, established the Office of the Correction Ombuds. The office began operations with the appointment of the Ombuds in FY 25. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided the Office of the Correction Ombuds with four additional positions: one assistant correction ombuds, one special investigator, one advanced nurse practitioner, and one administrative assistant.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$255,582 and three positions in FY 27 to support the Office of the Correction Ombuds. This includes an Office Assistant, a Data Scientist, and an Associate Ombuds. These positions will facilitate complaint intake, review Department of Correction data and reports, and provide oversight for transitional housing and reentry-related medical and safety concerns.

Provide Funding for a Correction Mental Health Care Clinician

Office of the Correction Ombuds	-	200,000	200,000
Total - General Fund	-	200,000	200,000
Positions - General Fund	-	1	1

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
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Background

Section 1 of PA 26-40, *An Act Concerning Health Care in the Department of Correction Facilities*, requires the Office of the Correction Ombuds to hire a Correction Mental Health Care Clinician.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$200,000 and one position in FY 27 for a Correction Mental Health Care Clinician. This position will support inmate access to care and medication management within the Department of Correction facilities.

Eliminate the Office of the Educational Ombudsperson

Office of the Educational Ombudsperson	(180,000)	(180,000)	-
Total - General Fund	(180,000)	(180,000)	-
Positions - General Fund	(2)	(2)	-

Background

Section 27 of PA 25-93, *An Act Increasing Resources for Students, Schools and Special Education*, created the Office of the Educational Ombudsperson within the Office of Governmental Accountability. The office has not been staffed.

Governor

Eliminate two positions and reduce funding by \$180,000 in FY 27 to reflect the elimination of the Office of the Educational Ombudsperson.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Current Services**Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements**

Other Expenses	(25,098)	(25,098)	-
Total - General Fund	(25,098)	(25,098)	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$25,098 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	3,977,255	3,977,255	-
Policy Revisions	(180,000)	275,582	455,582
Current Services	(25,098)	(25,098)	-
Total Recommended - GF	3,772,157	4,227,739	455,582

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	36	36	-
Policy Revisions	(2)	2	4
Total Recommended - GF	34	38	4