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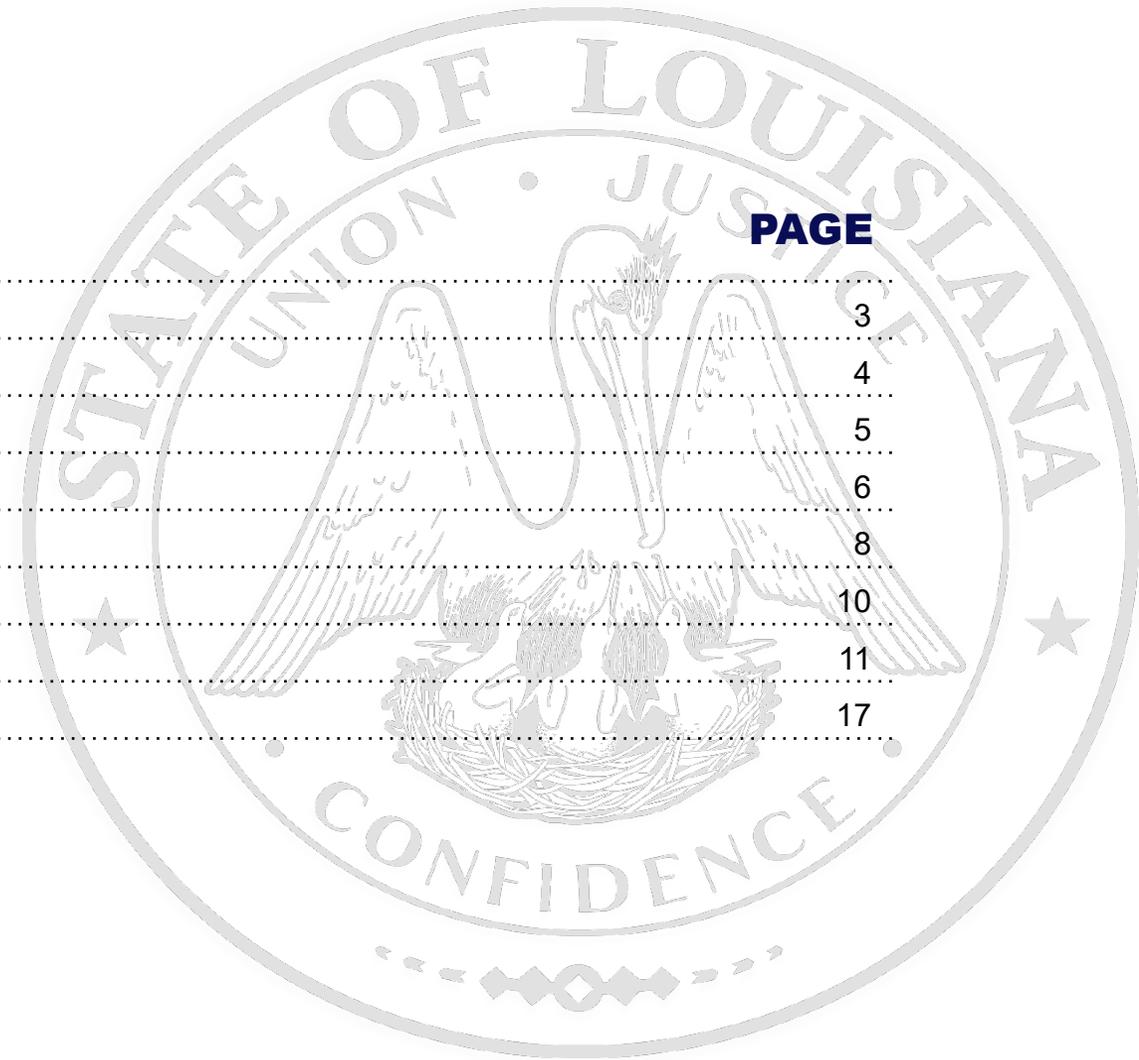
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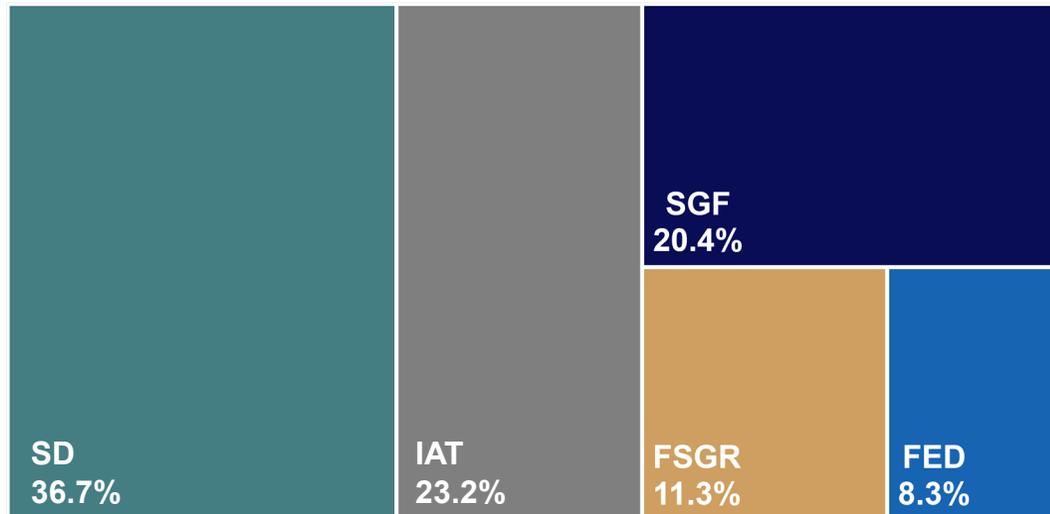
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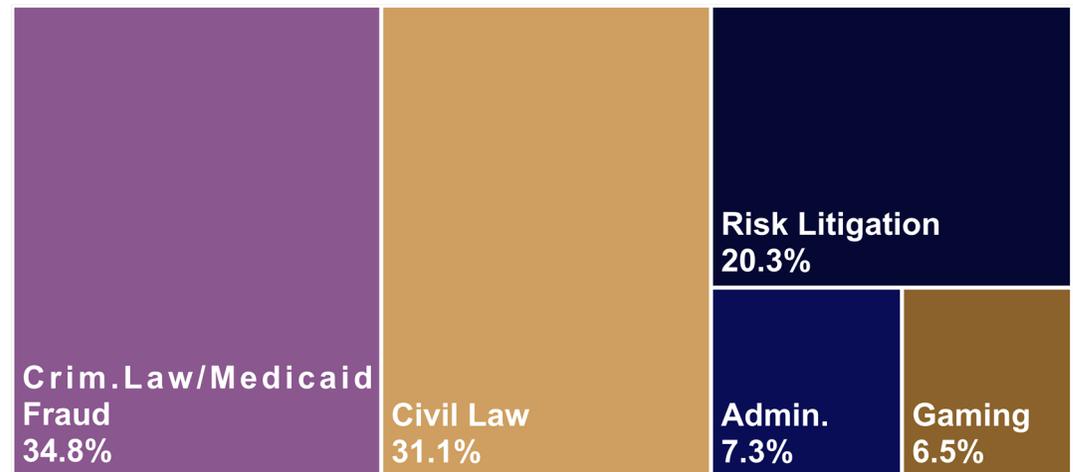
FY 27 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Total Funding = \$117,771,151

Means of Finance		
State General Fund	\$	24,058,115
Interagency Transfers		27,322,733
Fees & Self-generated		13,361,766
Statutory Dedications		43,249,887
Federal Funds		9,778,650
Total	\$	117,771,151



Program Funding & Authorized Positions			
		<i>Amount</i>	<i>Positions</i>
Administrative	\$	8,567,522	62
Civil Law		36,652,736	80
Crim. Law/Medicaid Fraud		41,006,945	168
Risk Litigation		23,915,475	172
Gaming		7,628,473	54
Total	\$	117,771,151	536



SOURCES OF FUNDING

State General Fund \$24.1 M	Interagency Transfers \$27.3 M	Self-generated Revenue \$13.4 M	Statutory Dedications \$43.2 M	Federal Funds \$9.8 M
<p>The chief operating fund of the State recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference from various taxes, licenses, fees, and other revenue sources except for those identified as other means of financing</p>	<p>Funding is derived from the following transfers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Risk Management and LSU for all tort claims seeking damages • Transfers from agencies for legal, investigative, and domestic violence training services 	<p>Revenues derived from the following sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees charged to other agencies for investigative and legal services for quasi-state agencies • Participation in the US DOJ Federal Forfeiture program • Louisiana Lottery Corporation legal service fees • \$941,371 from the Insurance Fraud Investigation Dedicated Fund Account • \$869,489 from the Sex Offender Registry Technology Dedicated Fund Account 	<p>Funding is derived from primarily the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$12 M from the Criminal Justice and First Responder Fund • \$10.1 M from the DOJ Legal Support Fund • \$7.2 M from the DOJ Debt Collection Fund • \$3.8 M from the Video Draw Poker Device Fund • \$3.8 M from the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund • \$2.2 M from the Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund 	<p>Federal funding is derived from the following sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Medicaid Fraud Unit • U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the administration and enforcement of the Louisiana open housing laws • U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

Note: Further details on Statutory Dedication funding are under the General Budgetary Information section.

FUNDING COMPARISON

Means of Finance	FY 25 Actual Expenditures	FY 26 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/25	FY 27 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
SGF	\$ 21,167,524	\$ 23,022,015	\$ 24,058,115	\$ 1,036,100	4.5%	\$ 2,890,591	13.7%
IAT	22,771,466	25,989,244	27,322,733	1,333,489	5.1%	4,551,267	20.0%
FSGR	10,077,610	17,248,193	13,361,766	(3,886,427)	(22.5%)	3,284,156	32.6%
Stat Ded	16,919,647	41,673,468	43,249,887	1,576,419	3.8%	26,330,240	155.6%
Federal	7,262,054	9,525,934	9,778,650	252,716	2.7%	2,516,596	34.7%
Total	\$ 78,198,301	\$ 117,458,854	\$ 117,771,151	\$ 312,297	0.3%	\$ 39,572,850	50.6%

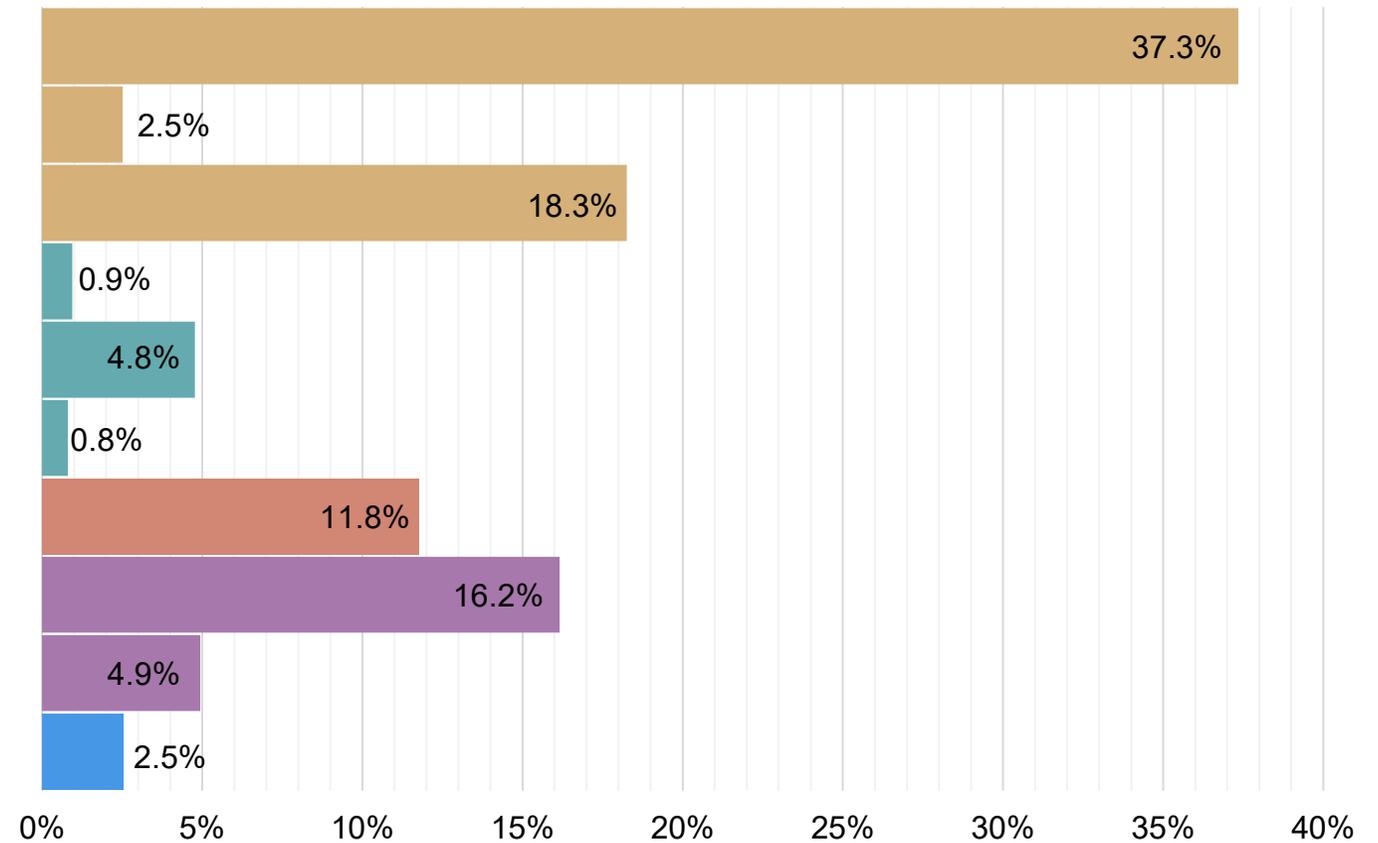
Significant funding changes compared to the FY 26 Existing Operating Budget

State General Fund	Interagency Transfers	Fees & Self-generated	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds
<p>\$1 M net increase due to items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2.8 M increase primarily for standard statewide adjustments related to personnel services adjustments (\$1.8 M) decrease primarily to factor projected savings from vacant positions 	<p>\$1.3 M net increase due to items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2 M increase primarily for personnel services adjustments in the Risk Litigation Program (\$774,254) decrease primarily to factor projected savings from vacant positions and retirement rate changes in the Risk Litigation Program 	<p>(\$3.9 M) decrease due to items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (\$2.3 M) decrease to fund the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, pursuant to Act 401 of the 2025 R.S. (\$1.6 M) decrease primarily to remove replacement acquisitions and legal services that are no longer needed in FY 27 	<p>\$1.6 M net increase primarily due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2.4 M increase from the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund (\$1.9 M) decrease to remove one-time funding in the Criminal Justice & First Responder Fund 	<p>\$252,716 net increase due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$735,229 increase for various replacement acquisitions and equipment needed in FY 27 (\$482,513) decrease to remove funding for acquisitions and equipment funded in FY 26

FY 27 EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATION

Total Budget = \$117,771,151

Expenditure Category		
Salaries	\$	43,977,208
Other Compensation		2,956,689
Related Benefits		21,503,241
Travel		1,111,715
Operating Services		5,621,344
Supplies		940,965
Professional Services		13,843,279
Other Charges		19,023,806
Interagency Transfers		5,811,719
Acquisitions/Repairs		2,981,185
Total	\$	117,771,151



OTHER CHARGES / INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

Other Charges

Amount	Description
\$ 12,000,000	Funding for Troop NOLA and the Criminal Division
3,632,777	Consumer Enforcement Fund expenses
1,000,000	Redistricting litigation related to existing congressional maps
979,017	Cyber Crimes Unit expenses
615,459	Sex Offender Registry Technology Fund Account residual monies to be distributed to the sheriff of each parish, based on the population of convicted sex offenders, sexually violent predators, and child predators who reside in the parish
415,749	Expenses associated with expert witnesses, contracted legal services, court transcripts, records, depositions, and filing fees
253,243	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit expenses
112,561	U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
15,000	Tobacco Control Special Fund expenses
\$ 19,023,806	Total Other Charges

Interagency Transfers

Amount	Description
\$ 1,937,914	Rent in state-owned buildings
1,375,326	Office of Risk Management
1,035,589	Division of Administration - Printing and Communications
631,543	Benson Towers rent
445,424	Office of Technology Services
161,372	Capitol Park Security & Capitol Police fees
117,327	Maintenance in state owned buildings
64,270	Legislative Auditor fees
28,697	Uniform Payroll System (UPS) fees
14,257	Office of State Procurement
\$ 5,811,719	Total Interagency Transfers

EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

Expenditure Category	FY 25 Actual Expenditures	FY 26 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/25	FY 27 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
Salaries	\$ 38,416,542	\$ 42,392,704	\$ 43,977,208	\$ 1,584,504	3.7%	\$ 5,560,666	14.5%
Other Compensation	1,512,030	2,956,689	2,956,689	0	0.0%	1,444,659	95.5%
Related Benefits	19,400,493	20,656,457	21,503,241	846,784	4.1%	2,102,748	10.8%
Travel	794,192	1,111,715	1,111,715	0	0.0%	317,523	40.0%
Operating Services	5,097,995	5,139,804	5,621,344	481,540	9.4%	523,349	10.3%
Supplies	694,145	940,965	940,965	0	0.0%	246,820	35.6%
Professional Services	4,511,727	18,074,170	13,843,279	(4,230,891)	(23.4%)	9,331,552	206.8%
Other Charges	1,853,650	19,106,836	19,023,806	(83,030)	(0.4%)	17,170,156	926.3%
Interagency Transfers	4,469,422	5,256,298	5,811,719	555,421	10.6%	1,342,297	30.0%
Acquisitions/Repairs	1,448,106	1,823,216	2,981,185	1,157,969	63.5%	1,533,079	105.9%
Total	\$ 78,198,302	\$ 117,458,854	\$ 117,771,151	\$ 312,297	0.3%	\$ 39,572,849	50.6%

SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE CHANGES

Compared to the FY 26 Existing Operating Budget

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Professional Services	Other Charges/IAT	Acquisitions/Repairs
<p>\$2.4 M net increase due to items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$4.5 M increase to cover the base needed for salaries and related benefits (\$1.7 M) decrease primarily to factor projected savings from vacant positions in FY 27 (\$659,634) decrease for retirement contribution rate changes \$301,239 increase for group rate changes for active and retired employees 	<p>\$481,540 increase primarily for data maintenance costs, online subscriptions, and security licenses</p>	<p>(\$4.2 M) decrease to remove funds carried into FY 26 for various legal services contracts that cross fiscal years</p>	<p>\$472,391 net increase due to items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$561,438 increase for standard statewide adjustments, primarily for risk management fees (\$79,000) decrease to the Sex Offender Registry Technology Dedicated Fund Account to align with the most recent REC forecast (\$7,240) decrease for various standard statewide adjustments to items such as state procurement and legislative auditor fees 	<p>\$1.2 M net increase due to items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3 M increase for items such as vehicles purchases, security cameras, computers, office furniture, and law books (\$1.6 M) decrease to remove one-time funding for replacement vehicles, law books, and computers/laptops (\$272,342) decrease to remove funds carried into FY 26 for vehicle purchases that are no longer needed in FY 27

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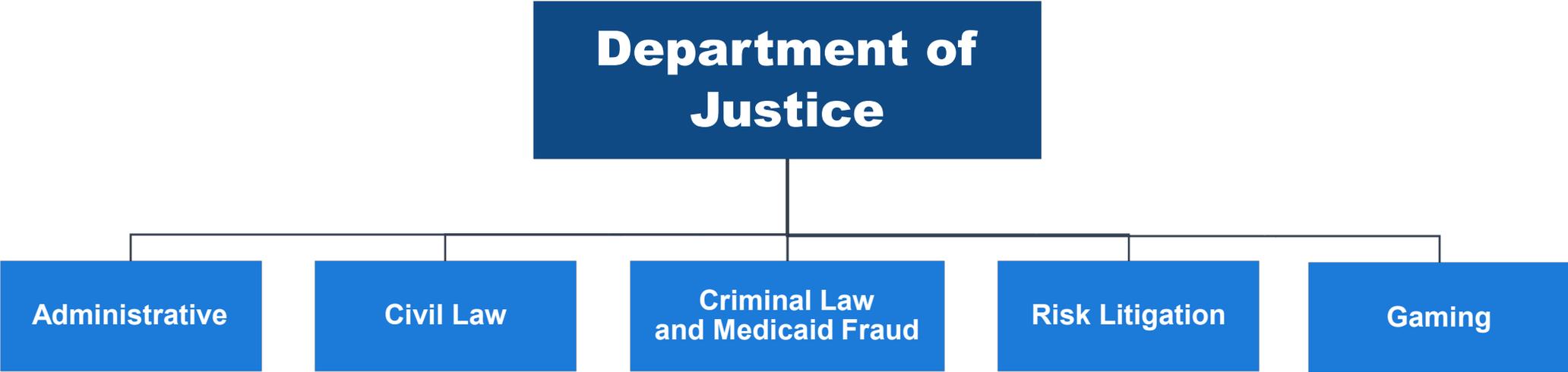
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General Department Information



DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Office of Attorney General

Administrative

- Consists of the Executive Office and Administrative Services
- Collections Section collects defaulted student loans and assists 28 boards, agencies, and commissions on collections

Criminal Law and Medicaid Fraud

- Conducts or assists in criminal prosecutions
- Provides legal services in the areas of extradition, appeals, and habeas corpus proceedings
- Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
- Investigations Section provides services related to Cyber Crime Unit, Fugitive Apprehension, Special Investigation, trial assistance, and the Sexual Predator Apprehension Team

Civil Law

- Contains the Civil Division and the Public Protection Division
- Includes attorneys assigned to various state departments for the defense of state agencies in civil claims
- Writes legal opinions
- Enforcement of the Tobacco Master Settlement agreement

Risk Litigation

- Provides legal representation for the state in civil rights, general liability, medical malpractice, road hazards, workers' compensation, and transportation

Gaming

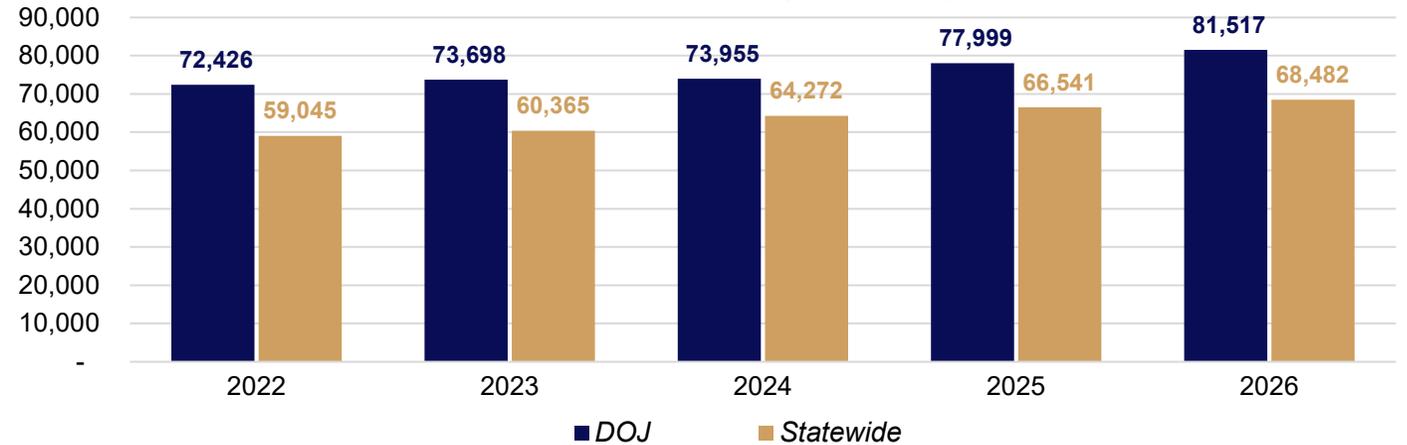
- Provides representation to the La. Gaming Control Board, the La. Lottery Corporation, the State Racing Commission, LA State Police, and the Dept. of Revenue

PERSONNEL INFORMATION

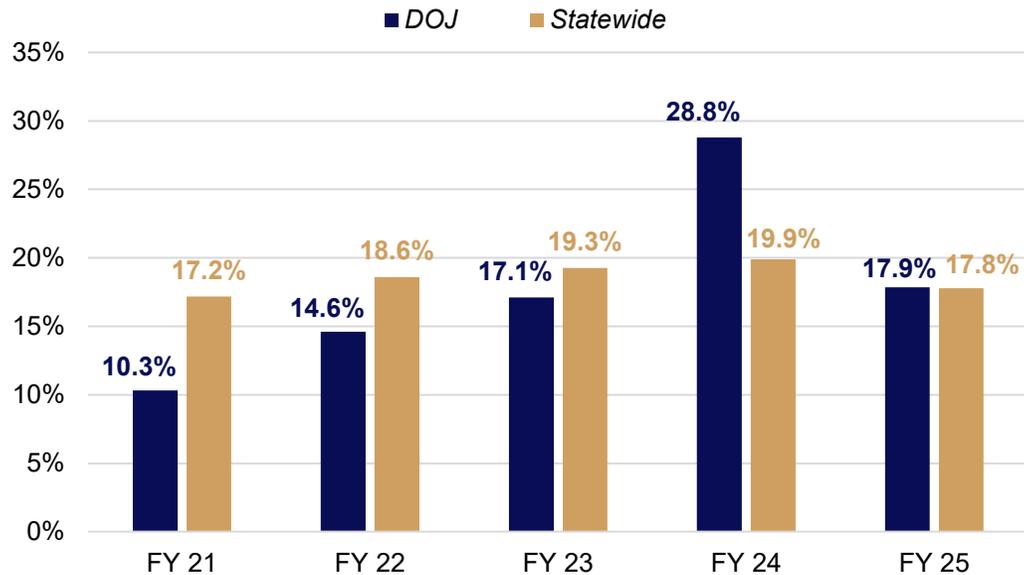
FY 2027 Recommended Positions

536	Total Authorized T.O. Positions (0 Classified, 536 Unclassified)
1	Authorized Other Charges Positions
46	Non-T.O. FTE Positions
32	Vacant Positions (December 3, 2025)

Historical Average Salary



Turnover History



Top Positions Vacated FY 2025

Position	Number of Employees	Separations	Turnover Rate
Assistant Attorney General	163	39	23.9%
Investigator/Special Agent	80	13	16.3%
Legal Secretary	31	6	19.4%
Administrative Assistant	14	4	28.6%
Investigative Analyst	5	2	40.0%

Source: Department of Justice

MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT

Purpose

- State Medicaid Fraud Control Units (MFCU's) are mandated by federal law for states that participate in the Medicaid Program
- The unit's function is to operate a statewide program for the detection, investigation and prosecution, both criminally and civilly, of fraud in the Medication Program. The unit also investigates and prosecutes complaints involving patient abuse and neglect against Medicaid recipients and those residing in board and care facilities, regardless of Medicaid participation

Funding

- Traditionally funded through the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund, which is funded through a portion of the recoveries obtained
- Act 401 of the 2025 R.S. expanded deposits into the fund to include recoveries, fines, or penalties related to medical assistance programs. Additionally, the MFCU is fully funded, then the remaining funding is divided evenly between the MFCU and LDH

Partnerships

- Disability Rights Louisiana and the Office of Elderly Affairs - to receive information regarding abuse or exploitation of individuals in residential settings
- LDH - Health Standards to review every incident entered into the Statewide Incident Management System LDH Program Integrity Section and Louisiana Legislative Auditor to cooperatively develop systems to investigate and prosecute fraud in the Medicaid Program, along with federal authorities
- Maintain relationships with the provider community and local law enforcement to provide presentations educating them about functions of the Unit and the capabilities to protect Louisiana's citizens

Performance Indicator	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
# Investigations Opened	283	305	357	314	394
Judgements Obtained	\$23,860,734	\$80,593,521	\$17,172,934	\$65,793,147	\$10,455,753
Civil Penalties collected	\$4,139,713	\$11,548,688	\$3,657,882	\$5,070,145	\$1,066,913
Investigator & Prosecution costs collected	\$5,862,855	\$46,550	\$121,201	\$38,570	\$80,779

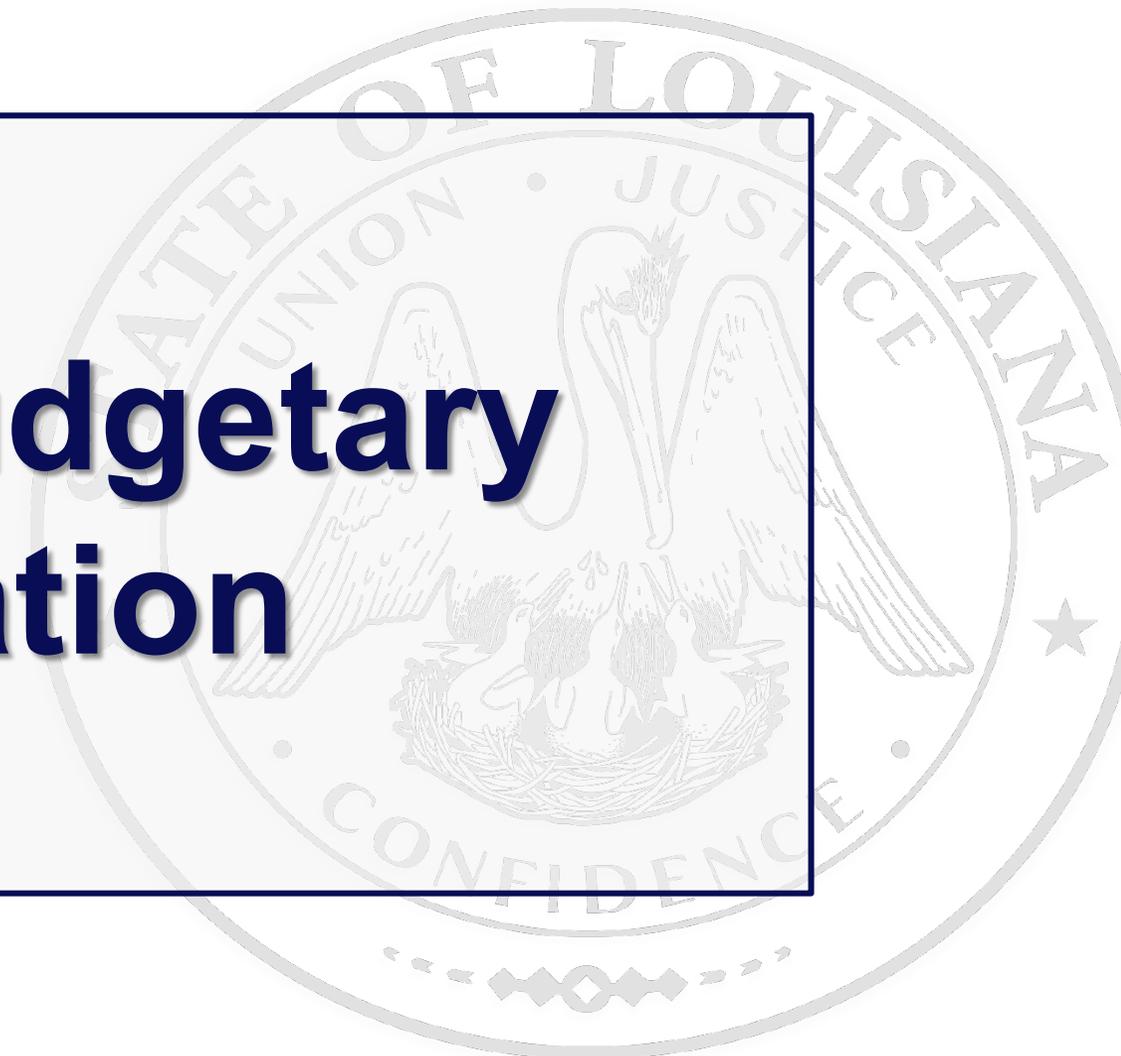
Source: Department of Justice and LaPAS

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE

- Began in 2003 as a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to the Office of the Attorney General under the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to end the Exploitation of Children Today (PROTECT) Act
- Interagency, multi-jurisdictional task force with the purpose of sharing information, resources, and expertise in the investigation, prosecution, and deterrence of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation of children
- Part of the Cybercrimes Unit of the AG's office and has 25 positions including:
 - 1 Commander
 - 1 Supervisory Special Agents
 - 9 Special Agents
 - 1 Cyber Tip Manager
 - 1 Forensic Lab Manager
 - 2 Forensic Lab Supervisors
 - 7 Digital Forensic Examiners
 - 1 Grant/Case Manager
 - 1 Case Analyst
 - 1 Evidence/Case Custodian

Year	# Cyber Tips Reported To ICAC	# Cases Generated	# of Arrests by LA DOJ CCU
2021	4,807	2,925	148
2022	6,128	1,832	115
2023	11,000	3,263	118
2024	13,644	4,893	101
2025	31,203*	1,101	163

** Under the PROTECT our children Reauthorization Act of 2025, cyber tip reporting now includes child sex trafficking and coercion or enticement of a minor into illegal sexual activity, in addition to child sexual abuse*

The seal of the State of Louisiana is visible in the background, featuring a pelican feeding its young in a nest, surrounded by the text "STATE OF LOUISIANA" and "UNION • JUSTICE • CONFIDENCE".

General Budgetary Information

FY 26 EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET

The FY 2025-26 Existing Operating Budget (EOB) was frozen on December 1, 2025. This point-in-time reference is used in both the Executive Budget and the General Appropriations Bill.

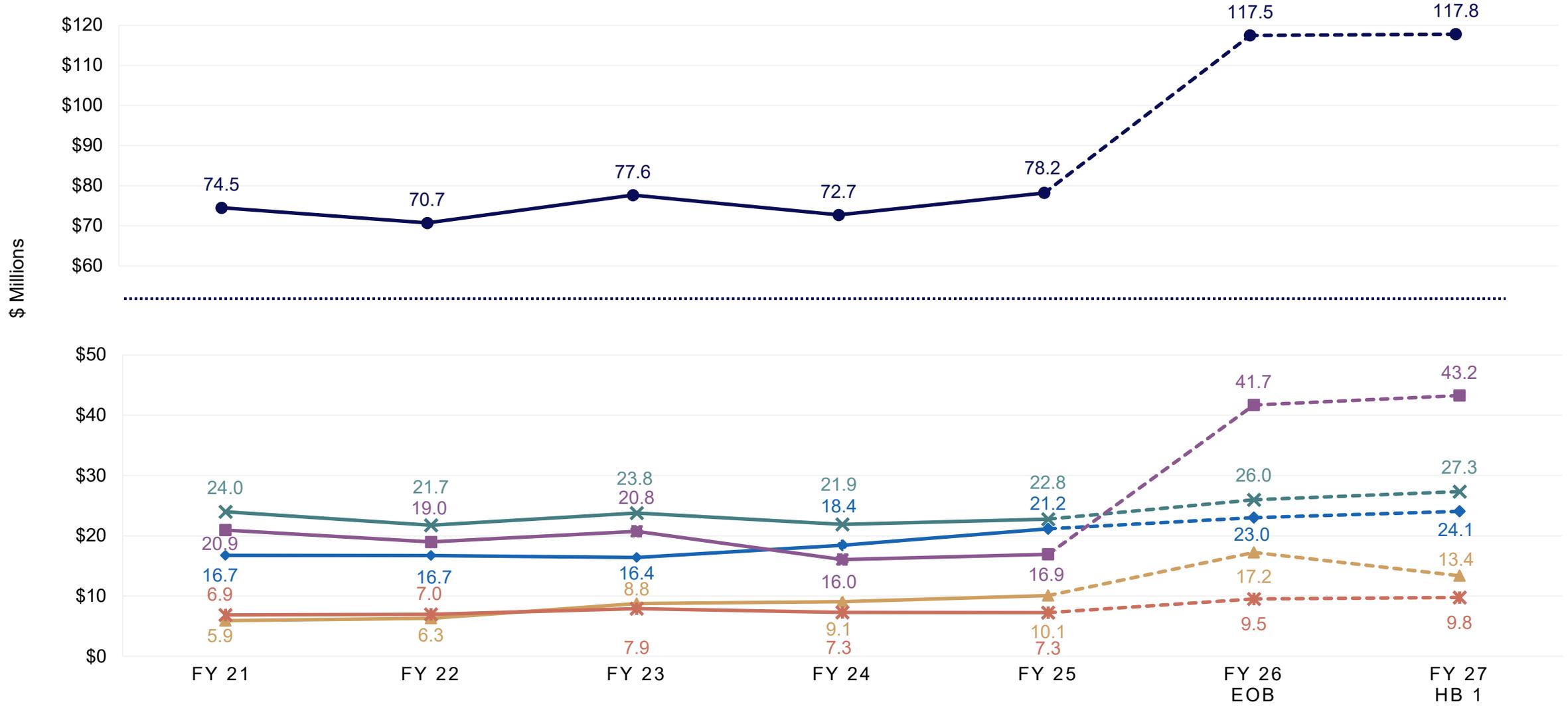
Means of Finance	Appropriation	Mid-Year Adjustments	Existing Operating Budget
General Fund	\$ 22,904,730	\$ 117,285	\$ 23,022,015
Interagency Transfers	25,989,244	0	25,989,244
Self-generated Revenue	15,806,306	1,441,887	17,248,193
Statutory Dedications	38,845,700	2,827,768	41,673,468
Federal	9,409,641	116,293	9,525,934
Total	\$ 112,955,621	\$ 4,503,233	\$ 117,458,854

Mid-year Adjustments Summary				
July	August	September	October	November
No change	\$4.5 M Various means of finance carried into FY 26 from the prior fiscal year for legal services and vehicle purchases	No change	No change	No change

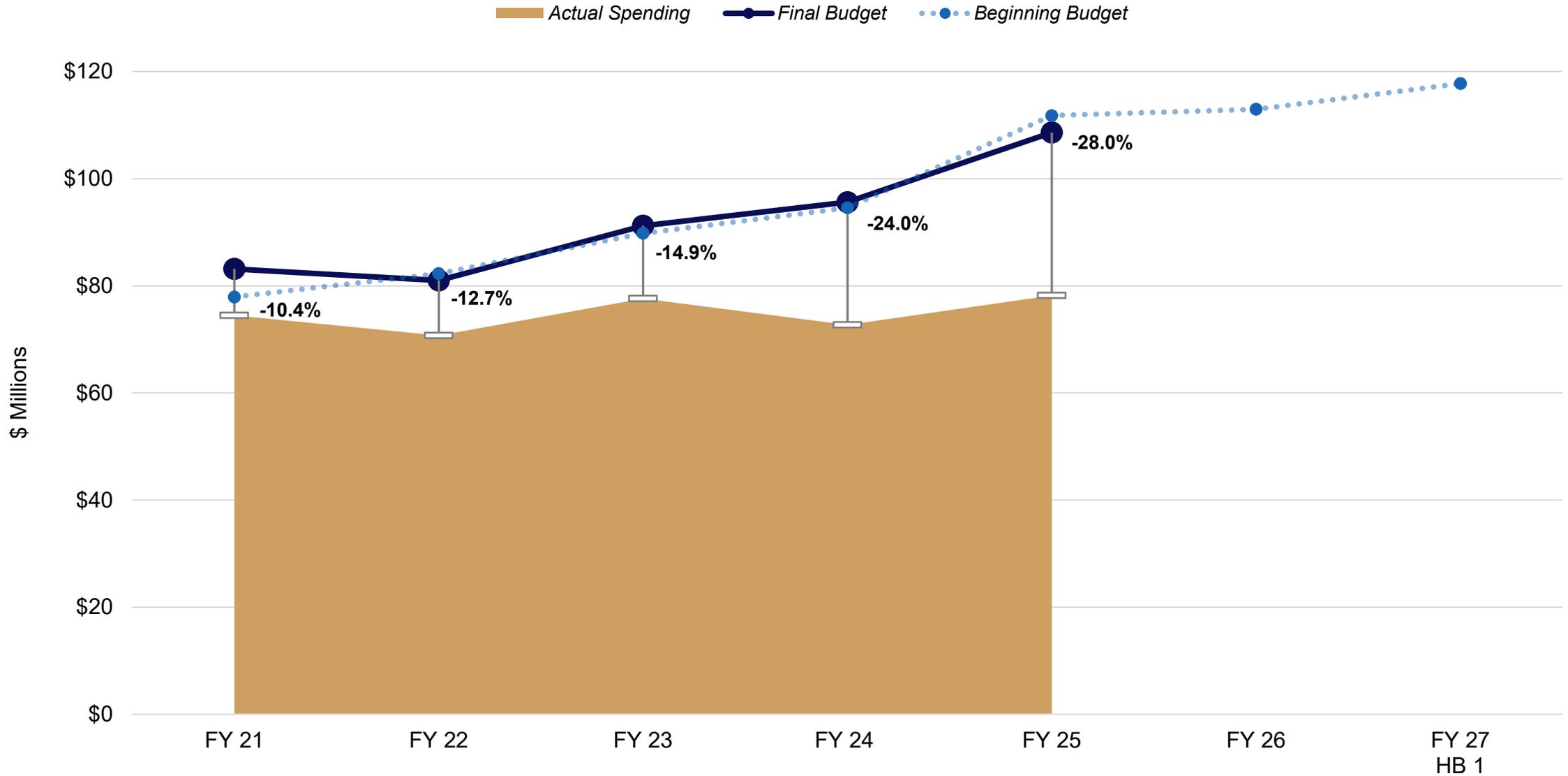
HISTORICAL SPENDING

Annual Average Spending Change from FY 21 to 25:

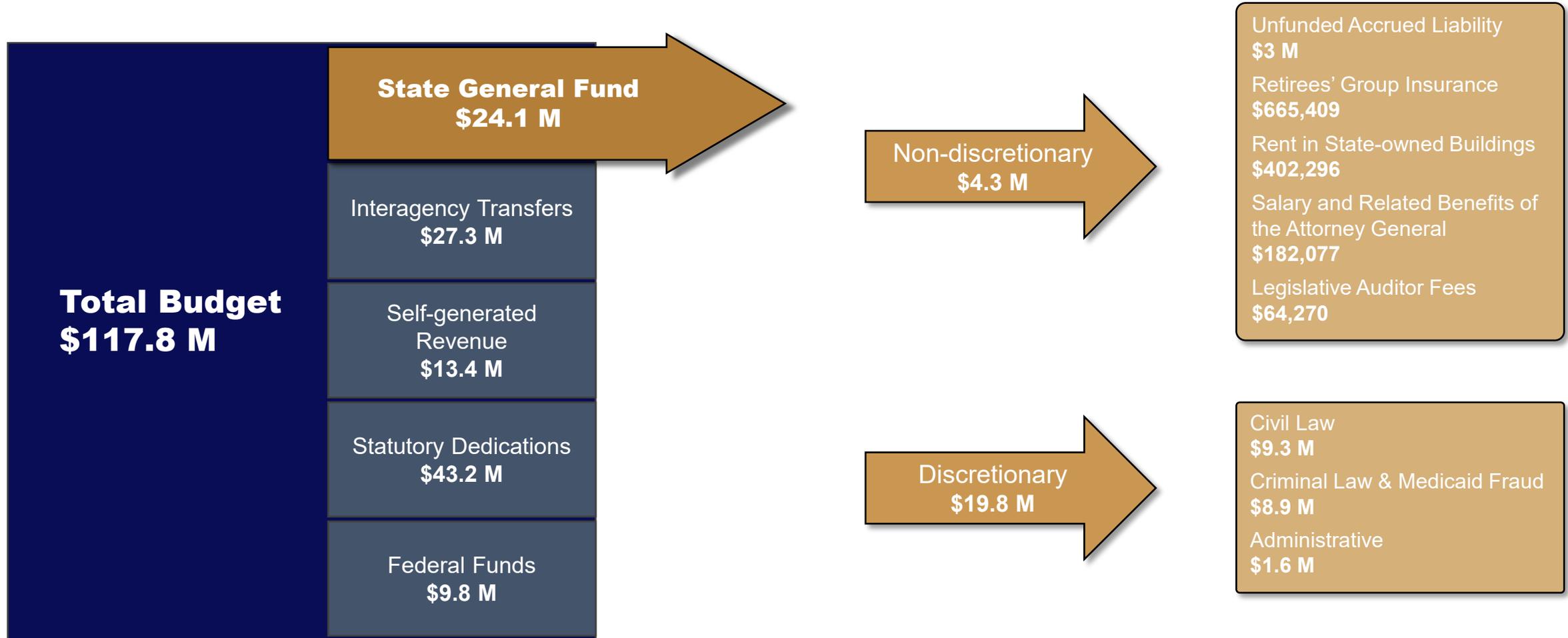
State General Fund	Interagency Transfers	Fees & Self-generated	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total Budget
6%	(1.3%)	14.1%	(5.2%)	1.4%	1.2%



HISTORICAL BUDGET



DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES



* Figures may not add precisely due to rounding *

STATUTORY DEDICATIONS

Fund Name	Source	Usage	FY 26 - EOB	FY 27 - HB1
Criminal Justice and First Responder Fund	Revenue Stabilization Fund deposit from Act 723 of the 2024 Regular Session	Expenses related to Troop Nola and the Criminal Law and Medicaid Fraud Program	\$13,875,000	\$12,000,000
DOJ Legal Support Fund	A portion of court settlement proceeds recovered by the Attorney General on behalf of the state	Defray the costs of expert witnesses, consultants, contract legal counsel, technology, specialized employee training and education, and public education initiatives; also to defray the expense of employees hired to represent the state	\$11,024,982	\$10,060,241
DOJ Debt Collection Fund	The monies are from 25% of the total monies recovered through debt collection	For support of debt collection activities and general operating expenses, and to supplement the department's budget and shall not be used to displace, replace, or supplant appropriations from the state general fund	\$6,049,809	\$7,170,917
Video Draw Poker Device Fund	Fees, fines, and penalties on video poker devices	Regulatory, administrative, investigative, enforcement, legal, and such other expenses as may be necessary for activities associated with enforcement of laws and regulations governing video draw poker devices	\$3,469,162	\$3,876,467
Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund	Funds received by the state from a civil award or settlement, except for the amount to make the medical assistance programs whole	Used as state match for federal funds for the detection, investigation, and prosecution of Medicaid fraud	\$1,400,000	\$3,760,990
Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund	Riverboat gaming fees and fines	Regulatory, administrative, investigative, enforcement, and legal expenses for the Gaming Unit	\$1,932,743	\$2,225,215
Louisiana Fund (Constitutional Fund)	Tobacco Settlement funds	Enforcement of the requirements of the Master Settlement	\$2,171,155	\$2,176,505
Pari-mutuel Live Racing Facility Gaming Fund	Slot machine proceeds. Fees, fines, taxes, other	Expenses related to the Gaming Unit	\$644,658	\$733,482
DOJ Occupational Licensing Review Program Fund	Receives compensation from participation in occupational licensing boards	Supplements the department's budget of occupational licensing board regulatory review activities and general operating expenses	\$532,593	\$520,263
Tobacco Settlement Enforcement Fund	\$400,000 transferred from SGF, other appropriations, donations, and grants	Enforcement of the Master Settlement	\$400,000	\$400,000
Sports Wagering Enforcement Fund	Permit fees from sports wagering platform providers	Regulatory, administrative, investigative, enforcement, legal, and other expenses within the agency	\$158,366	\$310,834
Tobacco Control Special Fund	Violations related to tobacco product manufacturers	Tobacco enforcement and control matters	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total			\$41,673,468	\$43,249,887