

**JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

	Introduced	Passed
Senate .....	11	3
House .....	22	7
Total .....	33	10

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

	Introduced	Passed
Senate .....	18	1
House .....	19	1
Total .....	37	2

Submitted to referendum ..... 0

**VETOES**

Overridden ..... 0

**BUDGET**

Operating Budget .....	\$14,428,862,319
State Debt .....	\$ 487,460,000
General Construction Loan ...	\$ 339,380,000
School Construction Loan ...	\$ 117,500,000
Bonds .....	\$ 30,580,000

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Automobile insurance; baseball (prohibition against replacement players); bicycle helmets; caning; child support; closing-cost reduction (transfer and real property taxes); community college funding; death penalty; domestic violence; drunk driv-

ing; economic development (Neighborhood Business Development Program); education (disruptive students); election law (Task Force to Review the State's Election Law); English language; environmental permits standing [requirements for contested case hearings or judicial review]; Fair Campaign Financing Act; gambling; health-care malpractice claims; Health Care Reform Act; health insurance (patient access); housing (lead reduction); hunting (regulated shooting areas); interstate banking; Judicial Disabilities Commission; juvenile law (detention and intake; restitution); legislative ethics; legislative scholarships; local government (residency requirements); motor vehicle theft; nontidal wetlands; optometrists (scope of practice); pensions (restrictions on special local systems); personal property tax; pornography (displaying to minors); procurement (minority business enterprise); Program Open Space Act; regulatory mandates on local government; sex offender registration; smoking (workplace ban, exceptions); speed limit (65 mph); State agencies reorganization; Student Safety and Support Act; taxes; title insurance; transportation (highway users revenue distribution); unemployment insurance; University of Maryland System; vehicle emissions testing; welfare; Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact.

**LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES**

The General Assembly is served by three legislative agencies. They are the Department of Fiscal Services, the Office of Legislative Data Processing, and the Department of Legislative Reference.

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**BUDGET (CODE BC01, formerly 21.03.00)**

	FY1994 (actual)	FY1995 (actual)	FY1996 (approp.)
Funds			
General .....	\$11,708,757	\$12,682,899	\$13,321,274
Total Funds ..	\$11,708,757	\$12,682,899	\$13,321,274
Staff			
Authorized .....	229	227	226
Contractual (FTE) .....	8	8	8
Total Staff .....	237	235	234

**HISTORICAL EVOLUTION**

Fiscal Research Bureau, 1947-65  
 General Assembly, Fiscal Research Bureau, 1965-68  
 General Assembly, Department of Fiscal Services, 1968—

**MANDATED REPORTS**

- Annual Report to General Assembly on analysis of executive budget.*
- Annual Report to General Assembly on effect of legislative program on financial condition of State.*
- Annual Report to General Assembly on local government finances.*
- Annual Report to General Assembly on long-term debt of State.*
- Annual Report to General Assembly on State aid to boards of education as a percent of projected General Fund revenues for current fiscal year due Jan. 14.*
- Annual Report to Legislative Policy Committee on extent to which enacted State budget conformed to recommendations of Spending Affordability Committee due June 1.*
- Annual Report of Legislative Auditor to Comptroller of the Treasury and Department Director on local government audits.*
- Report to General Assembly on evaluation of governmental activity or unit due on or before Oct. 31 of year before evaluation date.*