



# Louisiana Senate Finance Committee



**FY27 Executive Budget**

**04-141 - Department of Justice**

February 2026

*Senator Cameron Henry, President  
Senator Glen Womack, Chairman*



# FY27 Recommended Budget

## Schedule 04-141 — Department of Justice

Departmental mission — The mission of the Office of the Attorney General is to protect the people and resources of the State of Louisiana by providing superior legal representation and interpretation, professional and effective law enforcement, and public education programs.



**04-141 Department of Justice**  
**Statewide Elected Official**  
**Attorney General Liz Murrill**





# Dept. of Justice 04-141 Program Descriptions

Agency	Program Description
Administrative	Administers the Executive Office of the Attorney General, the First Assistant Attorney General, and the Administrative Services Division. The program provides managerial and financial oversight for the department. Functions also include Debt Collection and duties of the Solicitor General.
Civil Law	The Civil division is responsible for providing a full range of civil legal services requested by the officers and agencies of the state. The functions of the civil division shall include the assertion and protection of any right or interest of the state of Louisiana; the legal representation of governmental officers, agencies, boards, or commissions; collection of money owed to the state of Louisiana and its agencies, boards or commissions; legal protection of state lands, water bottoms, and natural resources; and active state supervision over boards and commissions that opt into the occupational review program.
Criminal Law & Medicaid Fraud	This program prosecutes criminal cases and other matters referred to the division; investigates violations of criminal laws, including cases of Medicaid Fraud, nursing home abuse, and other violations; maintains integrity in government through investigations of public corruption; assists and protects the state's gaming industry from corruption; and serves all other investigative needs of the department.
Litigation	The Litigation Program of the Office of the Attorney General is responsible for providing legal representation to the State of Louisiana, its officers, agents, employees, boards, and commissions in all tort claims seeking damages. The Litigation Division defends claims managed by the Office of Risk Management and by any post-secondary education institution granted an exemption from the State's risk management program.
Gaming	This program works to regulate the licensed gaming industry. They achieve this by providing oversight to individual gaming entities through the regulation of persons, practices, associations, and activities. They also support and administer necessary corrective rulemaking and legislation.

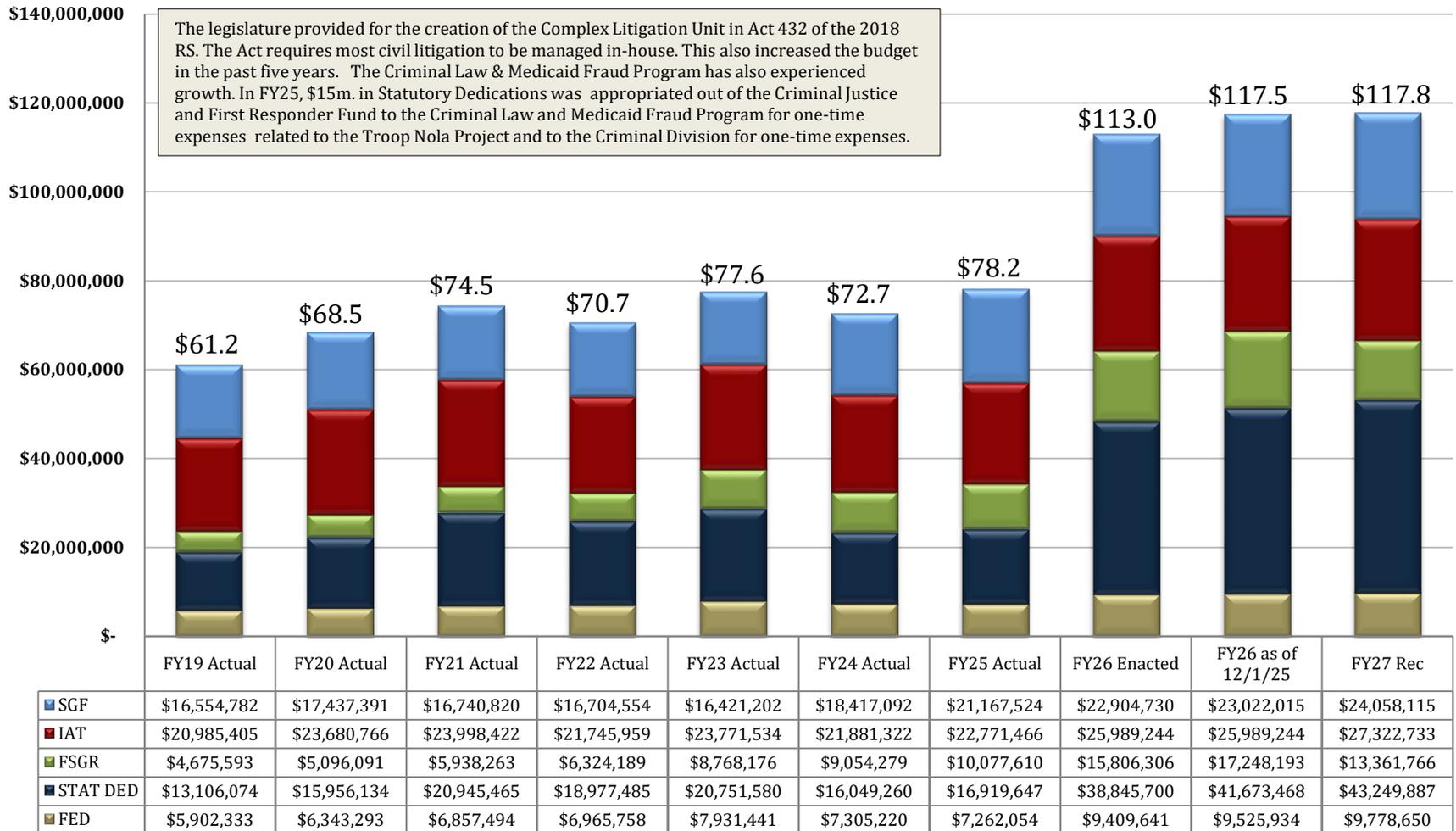


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## Changes in Funding since FY19

### Total Budget by Fiscal Year and Means of Finance (in \$ millions)

Change from FY19 to FY27 is +92.5%. (Actual to Recommended)  
Change from FY19 to FY25 is +27.8%. (Actual to Actual)





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## Statewide Adjustments for FY27 Recommended

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$23,022,015	\$25,989,244	\$17,248,193	\$41,673,468	\$9,525,934	\$117,458,854	539	<b>FY26 Existing Operating Budget as of 12-1-25</b>
\$0	\$398,650	\$24,250	\$2,301,309	\$735,229	\$3,459,438	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$780,109)	(\$411,335)	\$0	(\$39,141)	\$0	(\$1,230,585)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$23	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23	0	Capitol Park Security
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,605	\$0	\$5,605	0	Capitol Police
\$137,310	\$70,968	\$0	\$20,641	\$0	\$228,919	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$31,686	\$34,214	\$0	\$6,900	\$0	\$72,800	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
(\$1,132)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,132)	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$6,602	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,602	0	Maintenance in State-Owned Buildings
\$0	(\$157,500)	(\$199,018)	(\$828,136)	(\$366,220)	(\$1,550,874)	0	Non-recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$117,285)	\$0	(\$1,441,887)	(\$2,827,768)	(\$116,293)	(\$4,503,233)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
(\$501,642)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$501,642)	(3)	Personnel Reductions
(\$4,885)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$4,885)	0	Office of State Procurement
\$142,788	\$25,198	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$167,986	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
\$1,099,657	\$510,200	\$0	\$152,530	\$0	\$1,762,387	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$56,244	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$56,244	0	Rent in State-Owned Buildings
(\$396,843)	(\$205,419)	\$0	(\$58,595)	\$0	(\$660,857)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$158,012	\$77,393	\$67,718	\$19,349	\$0	\$322,472	0	Risk Management
\$1,203,168	\$991,120	\$0	\$565,235	\$0	\$2,759,523	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$2,506	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,506	0	UPS Fees
<b>\$1,036,100</b>	<b>\$1,333,489</b>	<b>(\$1,548,937)</b>	<b>(\$682,071)</b>	<b>\$252,716</b>	<b>\$391,297</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>Total Statewide Adjustments</b>
\$0	\$0	(\$79,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$79,000)	0	TOTAL OTHER ADJUSTMENTS ADJUSTMENT
\$0	\$0	(\$2,258,490)	\$2,258,490	\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING SUB ADJUSTMENT
<b>\$24,058,115</b>	<b>\$27,322,733</b>	<b>\$13,361,766</b>	<b>\$43,249,887</b>	<b>\$9,778,650</b>	<b>\$117,771,151</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>Total FY27 Recommended Budget</b>
\$1,036,100	\$1,333,489	(\$1,548,937)	(\$682,071)	\$252,716	\$391,297	(3)	Total Adjustments (Statewide and Agency-Specific)



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## Agency-Specific Adjustments Recommended for FY27

### Total Means of Finance Substitutions

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$0	\$0	(\$2,258,490)	\$2,258,490	\$0	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution increasing Statutory Dedications out of the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund and decreasing Fees and Self-generated Revenues in accordance with Act 401 of the 2025 Regular Session.
\$0	\$0	(\$2,258,490)	\$2,258,490	\$0	\$0	5	<b>Total Means of Finance Substitution Adjustments</b>

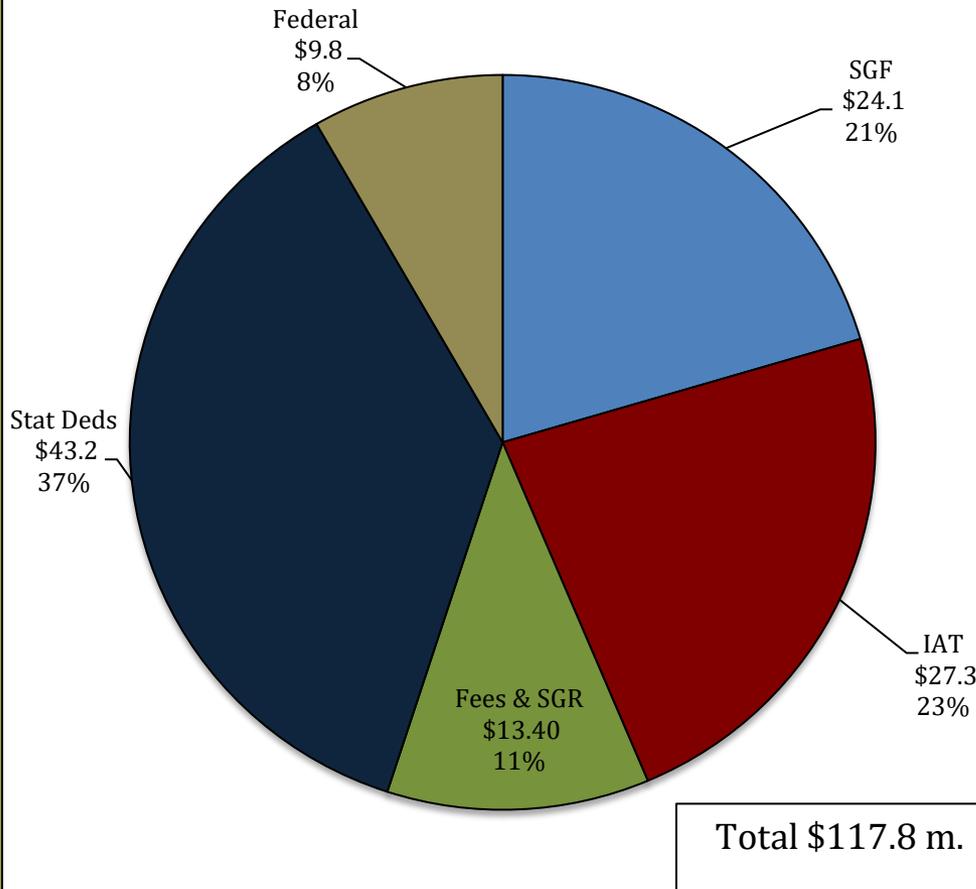
### Total Other Adjustments

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$0	\$0	(\$79,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$79,000)	0	Reduces funding in Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Sex Offender Registry Technology Dedicated Fund Account based on the most recent Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) forecast.
\$0	\$0	(\$79,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$79,000)	0	<b>Total Other Adjustments</b>



# Department of Justice FY27 Recommended Means of Finance

**FY27 Recommended  
Total Means of Finance  
(In Millions)**



## Non-SGF Sources of Funding:

**Statutory Dedications** are from the Department of Justice Legal Support Fund (S), Department of Justice Debt Collection Fund (S), Tobacco Settlement Enforcement Fund (S), the Tobacco Control Special Fund (S), the Louisiana Fund (C), Insurance Fraud Investigation Fund (S), the Sex Offender Registry Technology Fund (S), the Medical Assistance Program Fraud Detection Fund (S), the Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund (S), Pari-Mutuel Live Racing Facility Gaming Control Fund (S), the Video Draw Poker Device Fund (S), the Sports Wagering Enforcement Fund (S), and the DOJ Occupational Licensing Review Program Fund (S).

**Interagency transfers** are derived from various state agencies for legal services. Interagency transfers are provided from the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement to provide educational programming, domestic violence training, and crime victims assistance. The department also receives Interagency Transfers from the Office of Risk Management and from gaming control agencies for legal services.

**Fees and Self-generated revenues** are derived from the Louisiana Lottery Commission, from participation in the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Forfeiture program, from legal services for boards and commissions, and from the enforcement of antitrust and related laws.

**Federal Funds** are derived from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Administration and Enforcement of the Louisiana open housing law, from the Department of Health and Human Services Medicaid Fraud Unit, and from the U.S. Department of Justice for internet crimes against children initiatives.



# Department of Justice Dedicated Funds

## FY25, FY26, and FY27

Dedicated Funds	Source of Funding	FY25 Actual	FY26 EOB	FY27 Recommended
Video Draw Poker Device Fund	Gaming Taxes	\$3,328,892	\$3,469,162	\$3,876,467
Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund	Gaming Taxes	\$1,733,239	\$1,932,743	\$2,225,215
Pari-mutuel Live Racing Facility Gaming	Gaming Taxes	\$602,933	\$644,658	\$733,482
Sports Wagering Enforcement Fund	Licensing and permit fees	\$134,088	\$158,366	\$310,834
Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund	Settlements & judgments from fraud abuse cases	\$0	\$1,400,000	\$3,760,990
Department of Justice Legal Support Fund	Settlements & judgments	\$5,549,895	\$11,024,982	\$10,060,214
Tobacco Control Special Fund	Fees on stamping agents	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Department of Justice Debt Collection Fund	Up to 25% of collected debt	\$3,236,131	\$6,049,809	\$7,170,917
Tobacco Settlement Enforcement Fund	State general fund for enforcement of the Tobacco Settlement	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
DOJ Occupational Licensing Review Prog	Fees received by the attorney general from participating occupational licensing boards as compensation for the regulatory review activities	\$232,940	\$532,593	\$520,263
Criminal Justice and First Responder Fund	Transfers, donations, appropriations	\$1,163,470	\$13,875,000	\$12,000,000
Louisiana Fund	Tobacco settlement funds	\$523,060	\$2,171,155	\$2,176,505
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$16,919,647</b>	<b>\$41,673,468</b>	<b>\$43,249,887</b>

- Statutory Dedications make up 37 percent of the Department of Justice's FY27 Recommended budget at \$43.2 million.



# Categorical Expenditures

## Examples of Categories

**Departments expend funding in the five major categories listed below.**

### **Personal Services**

- Salaries – Regular, overtime, and termination pay for Classified and Unclassified personnel.
- Other Compensation – Wages, student labor, compensation for board members and/or board of trustees, evening instruction, university instructors, etc.
- Related Benefits – Retirement contributions, post-retirement contributions/benefits, FICA tax, Medicare tax, group insurance contributions, compensated absences, other related benefits, taxable fringe benefits, etc.

### **Total Operating Expenses**

- Travel – In-state and Out-of-state, including meal reimbursement.
- Operating Services – Advertising, printing, insurance, maintenance, rentals, data processing, internet costs, dues and subscriptions, mail delivery, telephones, data lines, vehicle tracking and telematics, utilities, depreciation, amortization, banking services, credit card fees, etc.
- Supplies – office supplies and equipment, computers, clothing and uniforms, medical, pharmaceutical, food, automotive, repair and maintenance, software, etc.

**Professional Services** – Accounting, auditing, management consulting, engineering, architectural, legal, medical and dental, veterinary, information technology, etc.

### **Total Other Charges**

- Other Charges – Aid to school boards, local government, etc.; public assistance; miscellaneous charges; judgments, fines, and penalties; interest on judgments; punitive/compensatory damages; OC personal services, operating expenses, professional services; contract attorney expenses; recoupments; furlough; contractual services; interest expense; claim payments; commercial group insurance; reinsurance; loans issued; disbursements; etc.
- Debt Service – Principal, interest, related charges, reserve requirement, amortization, and bond premiums.
- Interagency Transfer Line-Item Expenditure – Any expenses paid for with Interagency Transfers – from commodities and services to equipment.

### **Acquisitions and Major Repairs**

- Acquisitions – Land; buildings; automobiles; aircraft; accessories; equipment; software; hardware; farm and heavy equipment; boats; capital outlay expenditures; construction; etc.
- Major Repairs – Land improvement; buildings; automotive; grounds; boats; aircraft; movable equipment; farm equipment; medical; office; library; education; recreation; communication; other equipment; pollution remediation; etc.



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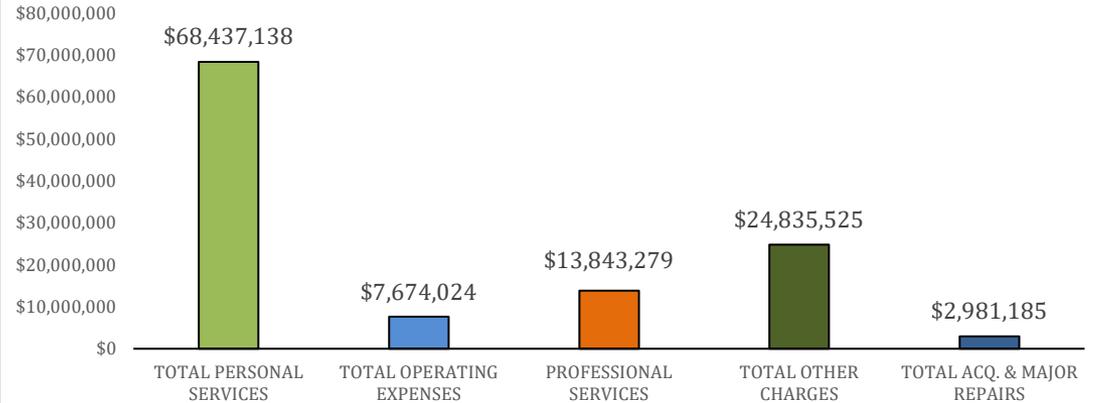
## Categorical Expenditures at FY27 Recommended

The largest expenditure category in the Department of Justice for FY27 Recommended is Total Personal Services at 58 percent of the budget.

Within this category, Salaries make up 64.3 percent of expenditures, while Related Benefits contributes 31.4 percent.

Total Other Charges make up 21.1 percent of expenditures and provides for consumer enforcement expenses. Professional Services make up 12 percent of expenditures and provides mostly for specialized legal services.

FY27 Recommended Expenditures



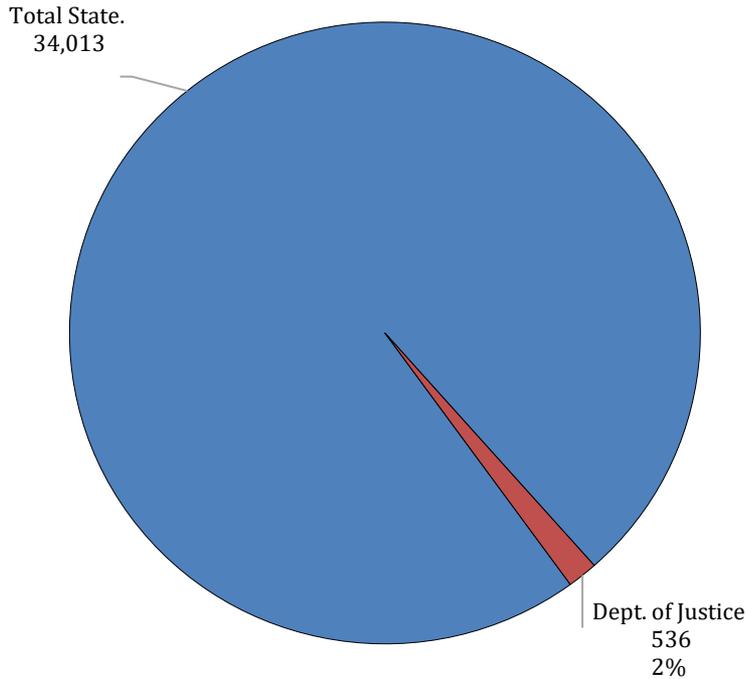
Categorical Expenditures	FY25 Actual	FY26 Enacted	FY26 EOB as of 12/01/25	FY27 Recommended	Difference FY26 EOB vs. FY27 REC
Salaries	\$38,416,542	\$42,392,704	\$42,392,704	\$43,977,208	\$1,584,504
Other Compensation	\$1,512,030	\$2,956,689	\$2,956,689	\$2,956,689	\$0
Related Benefits	\$19,400,493	\$20,656,457	\$20,656,457	\$21,503,241	\$846,784
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$59,329,065</b>	<b>\$66,005,850</b>	<b>\$66,005,850</b>	<b>\$68,437,138</b>	<b>\$2,431,288</b>
Travel	\$794,192	\$1,111,715	\$1,111,715	\$1,111,715	\$0
Operating Services	\$5,097,995	\$5,119,804	\$5,139,804	\$5,621,344	\$481,540
Supplies	\$694,145	\$940,965	\$940,965	\$940,965	\$0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,586,332</b>	<b>\$7,172,484</b>	<b>\$7,192,484</b>	<b>\$7,674,024</b>	<b>\$481,540</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$4,511,727</b>	<b>\$13,863,279</b>	<b>\$18,074,170</b>	<b>\$13,843,279</b>	<b>(\$4,230,891)</b>
Other Charges	\$1,853,650	\$19,106,836	\$19,106,836	\$19,023,806	(\$83,030)
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interagency Transfers	\$4,469,422	\$5,256,298	\$5,256,298	\$5,811,719	\$555,421
<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>	<b>\$6,323,073</b>	<b>\$24,363,134</b>	<b>\$24,363,134</b>	<b>\$24,835,525</b>	<b>\$472,391</b>
Acquisitions	\$1,448,106	\$1,550,874	\$1,823,216	\$2,981,185	\$1,157,969
Major Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL ACQ. &amp; MAJOR REPAIRS</b>	<b>\$1,448,106</b>	<b>\$1,550,874</b>	<b>\$1,823,216</b>	<b>\$2,981,185</b>	<b>\$1,157,969</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$78,198,302</b>	<b>\$112,955,621</b>	<b>\$117,458,854</b>	<b>\$117,771,151</b>	<b>\$312,297</b>



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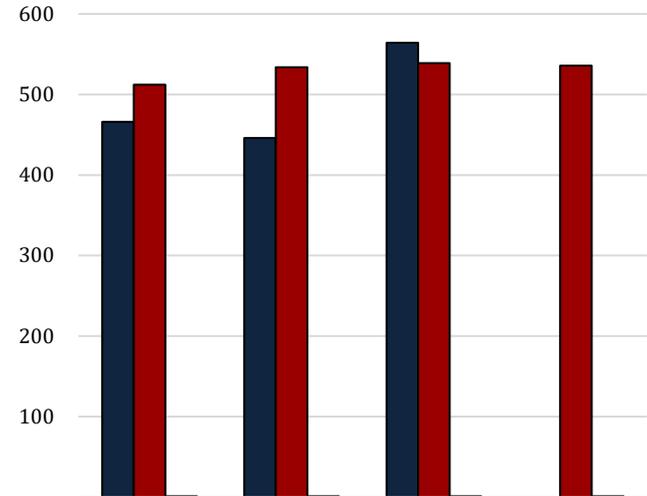
## FTEs, Authorized T.O., and Other Charges Positions

**FY27 Recommended Department Positions  
as a portion of  
FY27 Recommended HB1 Authorized Positions**



FY26 number of funded, but not filled, positions as of January 2026 = 32

**Number and Types of Positions**



	2024	2025	2026	2027 Rec.
Total FTEs (1st July Report)	466	446	564	-
Authorized T.O. Positions	512	534	539	536
Other Charges Positions	1	1	1	1

The full-time equivalent or **FTE** definition refers to the number of hours considered full-time. For example, if an agency considers 40 hours full time, and there are two employees working 20 hours per week, those two employees would be 1.0 FTE.

**Authorized Positions** are those referred to in the Table of Organization (or T.O.) for each department. This count includes only those positions paid for from the Salaries expenditure category for the organization units and agencies included in each department's appropriation. This excludes positions paid for from other expenditure categories, such as wages or per diem.

**Other Charges** positions are authorized under R.S. 39:2(5)(b) ...

(5)(b) "Authorized other charges positions" means the number of positions in an appropriation bill to be funded by the other charges continuing category of the accounting system for the state. The number may be adjusted during a fiscal year in accordance with law.

- [Act 377 of 2013 by Rep. Burrell]
- Positions coded in the Other Charges expenditure category
- These positions are usually associated with federal grants



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## Related Employment Information

Salaries and Related Benefits for the 536 Authorized Positions are listed below in Chart 1.  
 In Chart 2, benefits are broken out to show the portion paid for active versus retired employees.  
 This is where payments for the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) can be found.

1.

Personal Services	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Recommended
Salaries	\$34,025,435	\$38,416,542	\$42,392,704	\$43,977,208
Other Compensation	\$2,106,131	\$1,512,030	\$2,956,689	\$2,956,689
Related Benefits	\$19,618,755	\$19,400,493	\$20,656,457	\$21,503,241
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$55,750,321</b>	<b>\$59,329,065</b>	<b>\$66,005,850</b>	<b>\$68,437,138</b>

Average T.O. Salary = \$83,127

Examples of Other Compensation include pay for WAE employees, part-time employees, student workers, etc.

2.

Related Benefits FY27 Recommended	Total Funding	%
Total Related Benefits	\$21,503,241	
UAL payments	\$10,502,039	49%
Retiree Health Benefits	\$1,528,812	
Remaining Benefits*	\$9,472,390	
Means of Finance	General Fund = 28%	Other = 72%

Department Demographics	Total	%
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	376	63
Male	221	37
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	438	73
Black	127	22
Other	32	5
<b>Currently in DROP or Eligible to Retire</b>	63	11

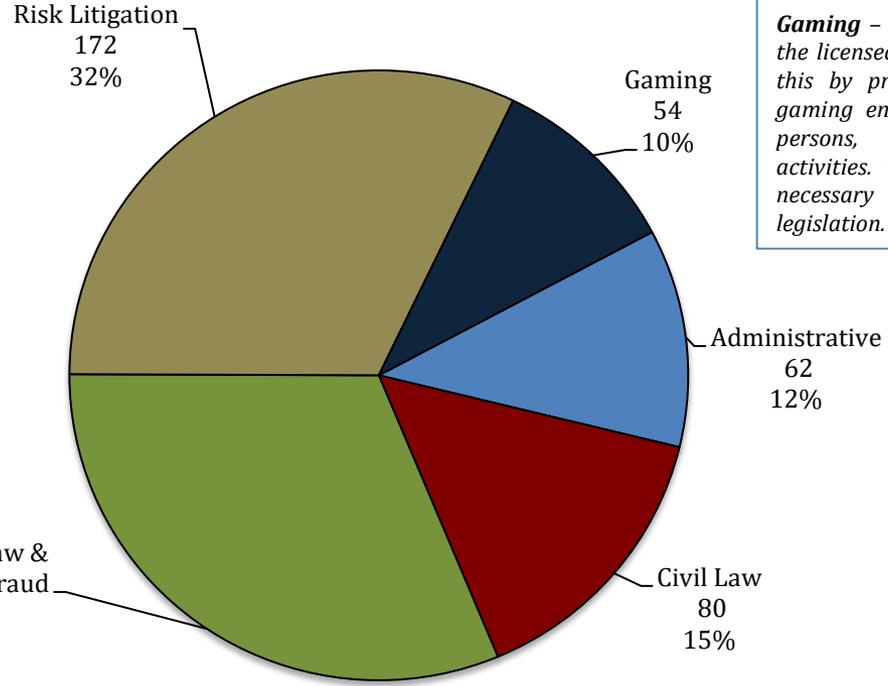
\* Remaining Benefits include employer contribution to authorized positions' retirement, health, Medicare, FICA, Emoluments etc. The authorized positions include authorized T.O. positions and authorized other charges positions, both filled and vacant.

Other Charges Benefits  
\$0



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## FY27 Recommended Total Authorized Positions by Agency



**Risk Litigation** - These positions provide legal representation for the Office of Risk Management, the Self-insurance Fund, the State of Louisiana and its departments, agencies, boards, and commissions and their officers, officials, employees, and agents in all claims covered by the State Self-Insurance Fund, and in all tort claims whether or not covered by the Self-Insurance Fund.

**Gaming** - These positions work to regulate the licensed gaming industry. They achieve this by providing oversight to individual gaming entities through the regulation of persons, practices, associations, and activities. They also support and administer necessary corrective rulemaking and legislation.

**Administrative** - These positions administer the Executive Office of the Attorney General, the First Assistant Attorney General, and the Administrative Services Division.

**Criminal Law & Medicaid Fraud** - These positions engage in prosecution of criminal cases, investigate violations of criminal laws, including Medicaid fraud, and protect the integrity of the state's gaming industry.

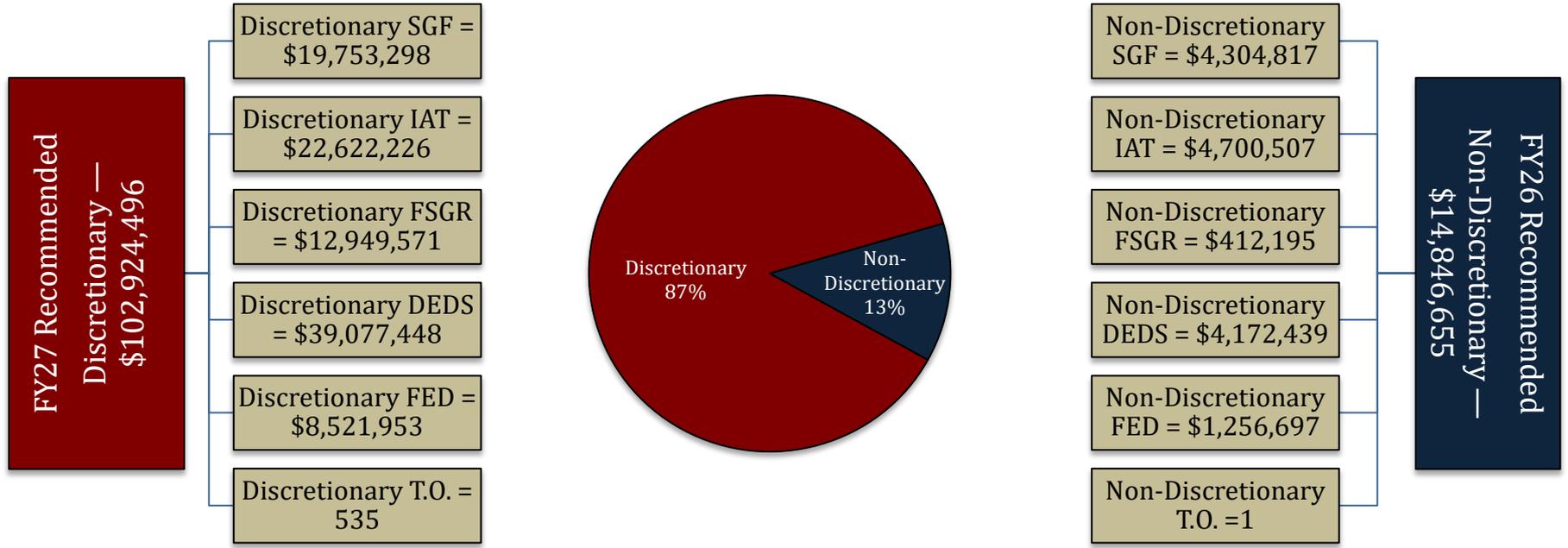
**Civil Law** - These positions provide legal services in defense of the state's constitution and statutory laws, as well as advocate on behalf of the citizens and businesses of Louisiana against unfair trade practices and fraud.

FY27 Recommended Department of Justice	
Administrative	62
Civil Law	80
Criminal Law & Medicaid Fraud	168
Risk Litigation	172
Gaming	54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>536</b>



# Department of Justice

## FY27 Discretionary/Non-Discretionary Comparison



Total Discretionary Funding by Office		
Administrative	\$ 6,420,016	6%
Civil Law	\$ 33,801,529	33%
Criminal Law & Medicaid Fraud	\$ 37,005,266	36%
Risk Litigation	\$ 19,458,888	19%
Gaming	\$ 6,238,797	6%
<b>Total Discretionary</b>	<b>\$ 102,924,496</b>	<b>100%</b>

Total Non-Discretionary Funding by Type		
Needed for Debt Service	\$ 2,569,457	17%
Constitutional Requirements	\$ 10,684,116	72%
Unavoidable Obligations	\$ 1,593,082	11%
<b>Total Non-Discretionary</b>	<b>\$ 14,846,655</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Debt Service = Rent in State-owned Buildings*  
*Unavoidable Obligations = Retirees Group Insurance; Maintenance in State-owned Buildings; and Legislative Auditor Fees.*  
*Constitutional Requirements = Salary and related benefits of the Attorney General and UAL contributions.*



# Department of Justice

## Budget Highlights:

- Replacement of 25 vehicles for a total of \$1.1 million. The funding includes \$102,500 in Statutory Dedications out of the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund; \$722,036 of State General Fund (Direct); and \$307,500 in Federal Funds.
- Means of finance substitution of \$2.26 million decreasing Fees and Self-generated Revenues and increasing Statutory Dedications out of the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund for the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in accordance with Act 401 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature.