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FY20 Executive Budget

04-141 – Department of Justice

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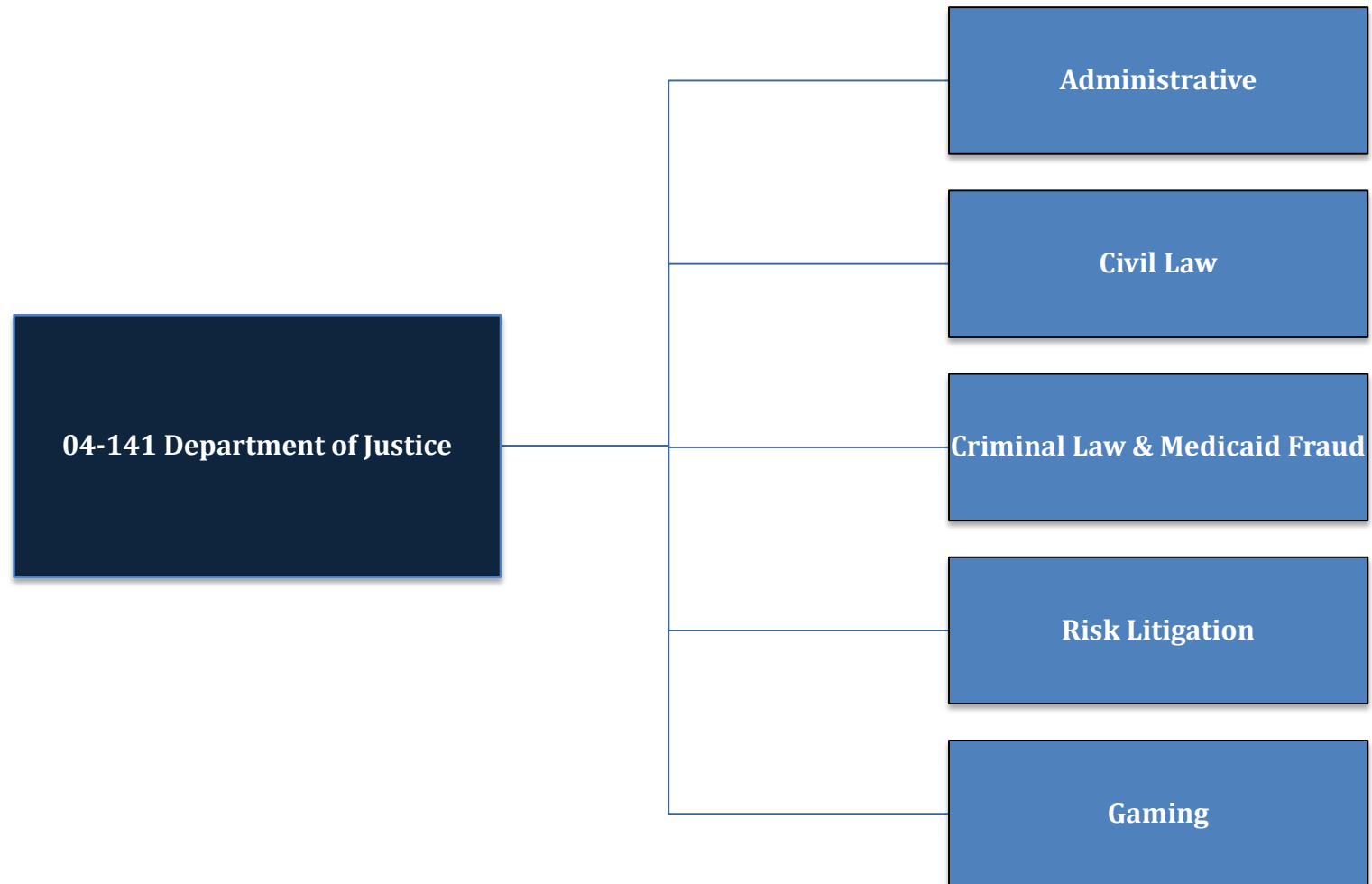
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FY20 Proposed Budget

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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.





Dept. of Justice

FY20 Proposed Means of Finance by Agency

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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.
Civil Law	Provides professional 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.
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.
Risk Litigation	Provides 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	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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FY18, FY19, and FY20 Comparison

Total Funding — All Means of Finance

Total Funding	FY18 Actual	FY19 Enacted	FY19 EOB as of 12-1-18	FY20 Proposed	Difference FY19 EOB HB1 vs. FY20 Proposed
Administrative	\$ 5,794,158	\$ 7,859,277	\$ 7,942,603	\$ 7,640,742	\$ (301,861)
Civil Law	\$ 15,908,026	\$ 21,996,218	\$ 23,767,183	\$ 23,268,108	\$ (499,075)
Crim. Law & Medicaid Fraud	\$ 15,916,210	\$ 15,231,295	\$ 15,306,839	\$ 16,254,197	\$ 947,358
Risk Litigation	\$ 18,069,574	\$ 18,358,948	\$ 18,358,948	\$ 18,919,108	\$ 560,160
Gaming	\$ 5,559,669	\$ 6,581,644	\$ 6,581,644	\$ 6,745,256	\$ 163,612
TOTAL	\$ 61,247,637	\$ 70,027,382	\$ 71,957,217	\$ 72,827,411	\$ 870,194
Total Authorized FTEs	483	482	482	478	(4)

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FY20 Proposed Means of Financing by Agency

Total MOF by Agency	SGF	IAT	FSGR	Stat Deds	Federal	Total
Administrative	\$2,992,608	\$0	\$0	\$3,918,466	\$729,668	\$7,640,742
Civil Law	\$9,038,525	\$3,991,840	\$6,592,842	\$3,043,808	\$601,093	\$23,268,108
Criminal Law & Medicaid Fraud	\$5,323,381	\$851,048	\$111,766	\$3,789,659	\$6,178,343	\$25,664,364
Risk Litigation	\$0	\$18,919,108	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,919,108
Gaming	\$0	\$318,461	\$112,106	\$6,314,689	\$0	\$6,745,256
Dept. of Justice	\$17,354,514	\$24,080,457	\$6,816,714	\$17,066,622	\$7,509,104	\$72,827,411

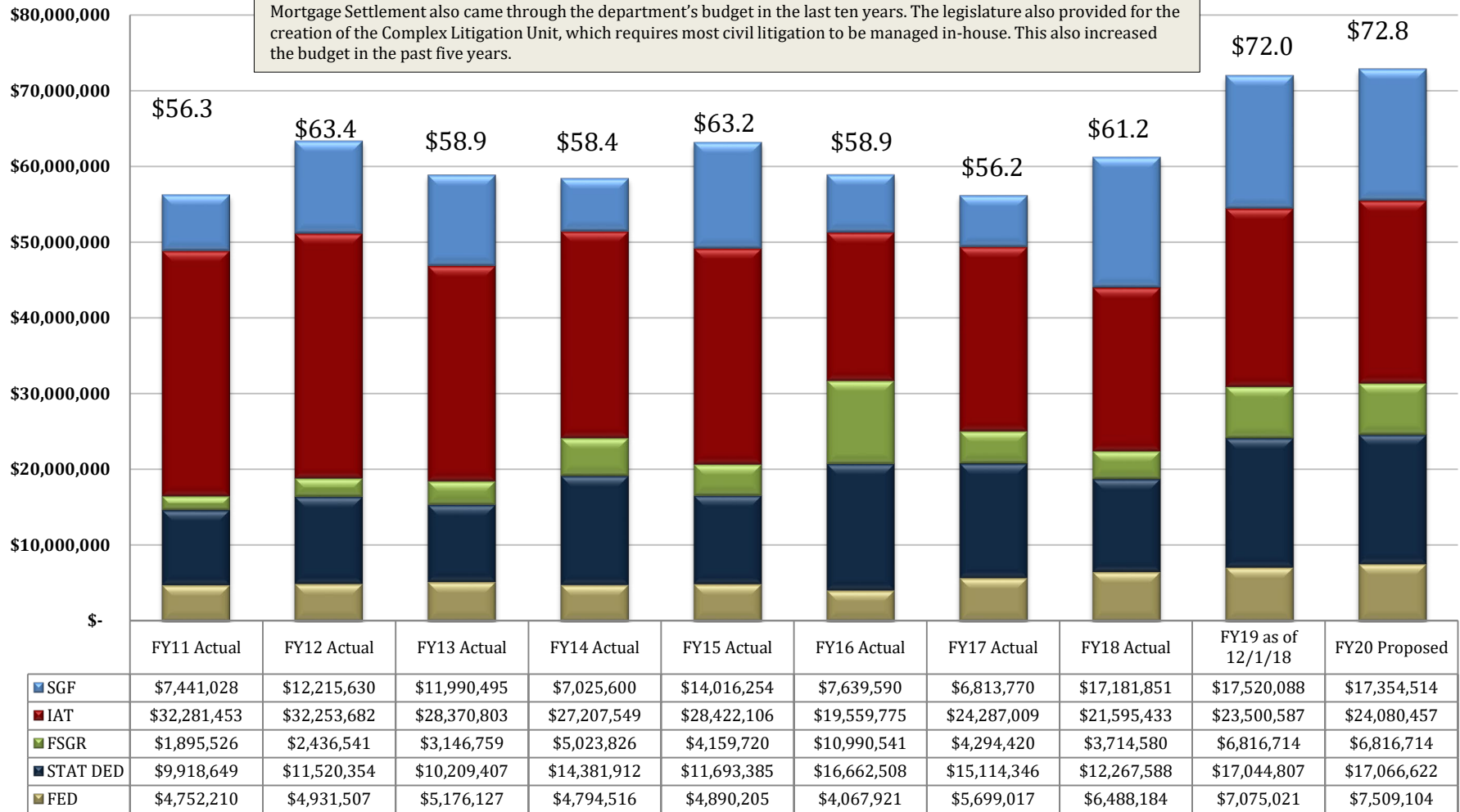


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Changes in Funding since FY11

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

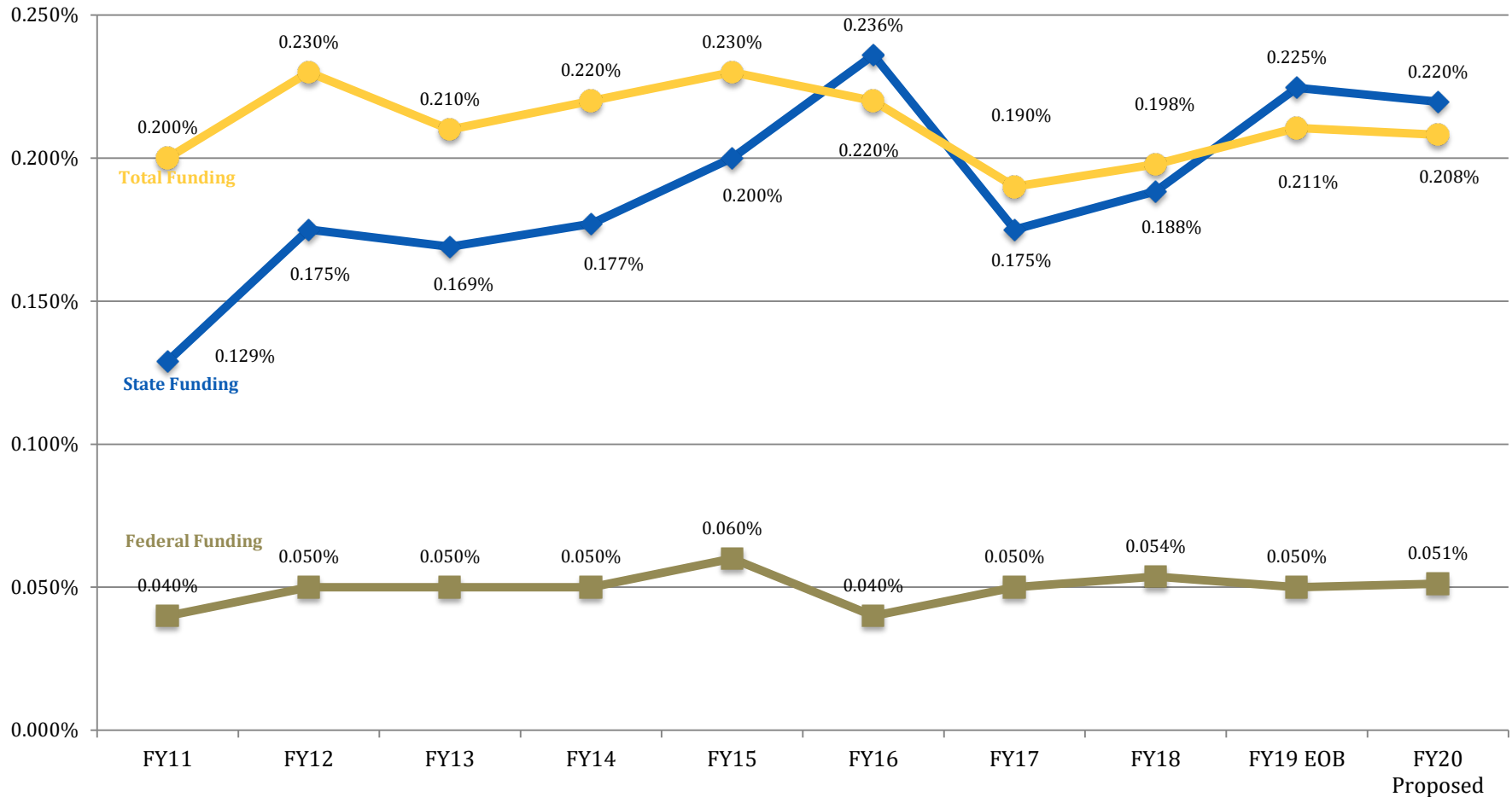
Change from FY11 to FY20 is +29.3%.





Dept. of Justice Changes in Funding since FY11

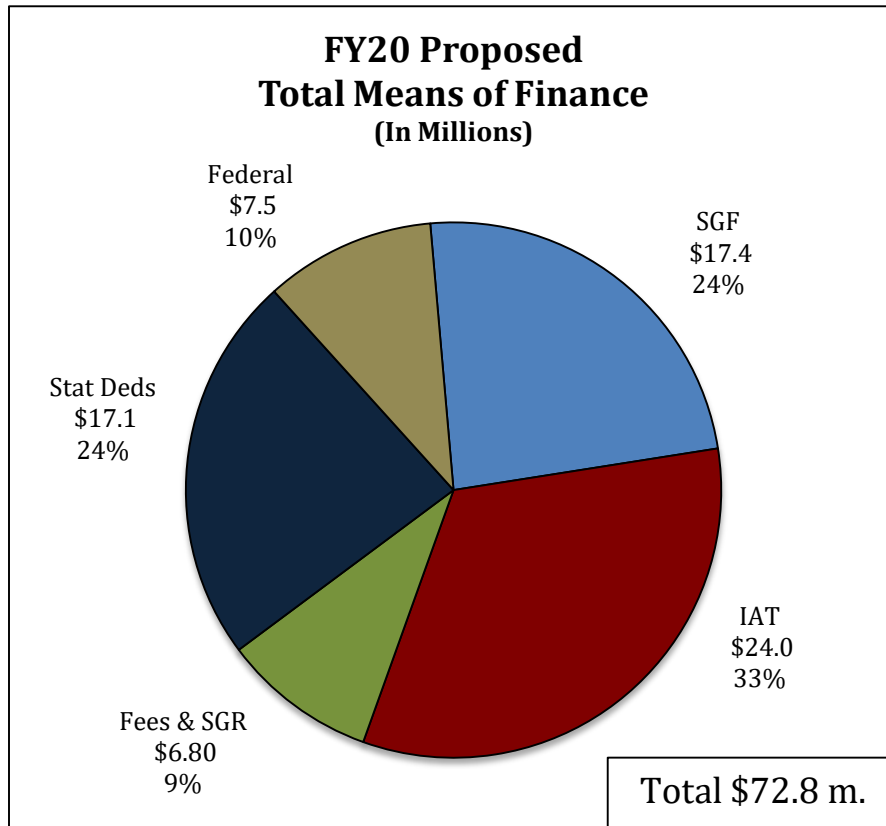
Dept. of Justice's Budget as a Portion of the Total State Budget





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FY20 Proposed Means of Finance



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), and the Video Draw Poker Device 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, and also from legal services for boards and commissions.

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 FY18, FY19, and FY20

Dedicated Funds	Source of Funding	FY18 Actual	FY19 EOB	FY20 Recommended
Dept. of Justice Debt Collection Fund	Up to 25% of collected debt	\$2,458,070	\$2,492,347	\$2,509,774
Dept. of Justice Legal Support Fund	Settlements & judgments	\$662,298	\$1,923,602	\$1,600,000
Insurance Fraud Investigation Fund	Premium assessments	\$662,854	\$740,065	\$936,252
Louisiana Fund	Tobacco settlement funds	\$302,397	\$2,615,000	\$2,437,500
Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund	Settlements & judgments from fraud abuse cases	\$1,677,980	\$1,760,225	\$1,904,918
Pari-mutuel Live Racing Fac. Gaming Control Fund	Gaming taxes	\$752,919	\$834,658	\$834,658
Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund	Gaming taxes	\$1,632,992	\$2,158,833	\$2,158,833
Sex Offender Registry Technology Fund	Fees on sex offenders	\$841,491	\$927,781	\$948,489
Tobacco Control Special Fund	Fees on stamping agents	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Tobacco Settlement Enforcement Fund	State general fund for enforcement of the Tobacco Settlement	\$399,691	\$400,000	\$400,000
Video Draw Poker Device Fund	Gaming taxes	\$2,876,896	\$3,177,296	\$3,321,198
TOTALS		\$12,267,588	\$17,044,807	\$17,066,622

Dedicated Fund Review Subcommittee recommendation FY2018 Review – Act 612 of 2018:
Sex Offender Registry Technology Fund = Reclassify as Fees and Self-generated Revenues



Department of Justice Dedicated Funds

Statutory Dedication Use and Balances

Dedicated Funds	Source of Funding	Expenditure Purposes	FY19 Budget Authority	DOJ Fund Balance as of 05/01/2019	Total Fund Balance as of 05/01/2019
Dept. of Justice Debt Collection Fund	Up to 25% of collected debt	Monies in the fund shall be used to supplement the budget of the Attorney General solely for expenses related to debt collection activities. Monies shall be appropriated annually. Any unencumbered and unexpended monies in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the fund. Monies appropriated to the Attorney General from the fund shall not be used to displace, replace, or supplant appropriations from the state general fund for operations of the department. (LRS 49:257)	\$2,492,347	\$7,992,854	\$7,992,854
Dept. of Justice Legal Support Fund	Settlements & judgments made by the Office of the Attorney General on behalf of the state	The monies in the fund shall be annually appropriated to the Department of Justice solely for the purposes of defraying the costs of expert witnesses, consultants, contract legal counsel, technology, specialized employee training and education, and public education initiatives. Monies in the fund may also be used to defray the expense of employees hired, including attorneys and support staff, and to pay related expenses to represent the state. Once the balance in the fund reaches \$10 million, any excess shall be deposited into the state general fund(LRS 49:259)	\$1,923,602	\$8,199,474	\$8,199,474



Department of Justice Dedicated Funds

Statutory Dedication Use and Balances

Dedicated Funds	Source of Funding	Expenditure Purposes	FY19 Budget Authority	DOJ Fund Balance as of 05/01/2019	Total Fund Balance as of 05/01/2019
Insurance Fraud Investigation Fund	Premium assessments	Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to support expenses of the DOJ Insurance Fraud Support Unit. Monies in this fund are also appropriated to the Dept. of Insurance and State Police (LRS 40:1428)	\$740,065	\$166,328	\$1,461,605
Louisiana Fund	Tobacco settlement funds	Monies appropriated to the DOJ from the fund shall be used for enforcement of the requirements of the Master Settlement. Monies in this fund are also appropriated to LDH - Med. Vendor and the Office of Public Health. (LRS 39:98.4; ART. VII, SECT. 10.8, 10.9, 10.10; LRS 39:99.1; LRS 39:99.12; LRS 40:1299.90.2)	\$2,615,000	\$2,392,480	\$13,887,804
Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund	Settlements & judgments from fraud abuse cases	Monies shall be appropriated to pay for costs or expenses incurred by LDH or the Attorney General relative to fraud and abuse detection and prevention; to enhance fraud and abuse detection and prevention activities related to the medical assistance programs. Monies in this fund are also appropriated to LDH - Med. Vendor Admin. & LDH - Office of the Secretary. (LRS 46:440.1)	\$1,760,225	\$356,925	\$4,677,391



Department of Justice Dedicated Funds

Statutory Dedication Use and Balances

Dedicated Funds	Source of Funding	Expenditure Purposes	FY19 Budget Authority	DOJ Fund Balance as of 05/01/2019	Total Fund Balance as of 05/01/2019
Pari-mutuel Live Racing Fac. Gaming Control Fund	Gaming taxes	Monies shall be appropriated for expenses related to gaming enforcement. Monies in this fund are also appropriated to the La. State Racing Commission, State Police, La. Gaming Control Board, SU System, & District Attorneys & ADAs. (LRS 27:392; LRS 27:392(C)(1),(2); LRS 33:9551; LRS 33:9571; LRS 27:392(B)(2)(b))	\$834,658	\$275,535	\$13,359,619
Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund	Gaming taxes	Monies may be appropriated to the DOJ for regulatory, administrative, investigative, enforcement, legal, and such other expenses as are necessary. Monies in this fund are also appropriated to Public Safety - Office of Mngmt & Finance, State Police, La. Gaming Control Board, & Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission (LRS 27:92 ; LRS 27:92(B)(2)(c))	\$2,158,833	\$597,091	\$6,250,803
Sex Offender Registry Technology Fund	Fees on convicted sex offenders	Monies shall be appropriated for the administration of programs for the registration of sex offenders in compliance with federal and state laws. Monies in this fund are also appropriated to Adult Probation & Parole and State Police. (CODE OF CRIMINAL PROC. ART 895.1(F)(3); ART 895.1(F)(4); ART 895.1(F)(4)C)	\$927,781	\$524,126	\$648,810



Department of Justice Dedicated Funds

Statutory Dedication Use and Balances

Dedicated Funds	Source of Funding	Expenditure Purposes	FY19 Budget Authority	DOJ Fund Balance as of 05/01/2019	Total Fund Balance as of 05/01/2019
Tobacco Control Special Fund	Fees on stamping agents	The tobacco control special fund shall be used by the attorney general for tobacco enforcement and control matters. (LRS 13:5077(F))	\$15,000	\$21,500	\$21,500
Tobacco Settlement Enforcement Fund	State general fund for enforcement of the Tobacco Settlement	The State Treasurer shall transfer \$400,000 annually from the general fund to this fund to be used solely and exclusively for purposes of enforcement of the Master Settlement. (LRS 39:98.7)	\$400,000	\$524,881	\$524,881
Video Draw Poker Device Fund	Gaming taxes	Monies shall be appropriated for regulatory, administrative, investigative, enforcement, legal, and such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter. Monies in this fund are also appropriated to Public Safety - Office of Mngmt & Finance, State Police, La. Gaming Control Board, & Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission. (LRS 27:437)	\$3,177,296	\$446,650	\$112,172,896
TOTALS			\$17,044,807	\$21,497,844	\$169,197,637



Dept. of Justice Categorical Expenditures FY18, FY19, and FY20

Expenditure Category	FY18 Actual	FY19 EOB (as of 12-01-18)	FY20		Difference FY19 to FY20
			Proposed Budget	Category as Percent of Total	
Personal Services:	\$44,812,590	\$45,535,066	\$48,475,050	66.56%	\$2,939,984
Salaries	\$27,569,473	\$28,093,780	\$29,035,941	39.87%	\$942,161
Other Compensation	\$2,312,153	\$2,281,689	\$2,281,689	3.13%	\$0
Related Benefits	\$14,930,964	\$15,159,597	\$17,157,420	23.56%	\$1,997,823
Operating Expenses:	\$2,892,775	\$4,226,554	\$4,310,814	5.92%	\$84,260
Travel	\$823,978	\$1,197,056	\$1,202,551	1.65%	\$5,495
Operating Services	\$1,564,199	\$2,267,325	\$2,307,325	3.17%	\$40,000
Supplies	\$504,598	\$762,173	\$800,938	1.10%	\$38,765
Professional Services	\$2,951,163	\$6,876,256	\$5,947,359	8.17%	(\$928,897)
Other Charges:	\$7,448,238	\$12,703,476	\$13,099,567	17.99%	\$396,091
Other Charges	\$1,787,517	\$7,652,959	\$7,787,186	10.69%	\$134,227
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Interagency Transfers	\$5,660,721	\$5,050,517	\$5,312,381	7.29%	\$261,864
Acquisitions & Major Repairs:	\$3,142,871	\$2,615,865	\$994,621	1.37%	(\$1,621,244)
Acquisitions	\$3,142,871	\$2,615,865	\$994,621	1.37%	(\$1,621,244)
Major Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$61,247,637	\$71,957,217	\$72,827,411	100.00%	\$870,194



Significant Budget Adjustments Proposed for FY20

Statewide Adjustments to the Department of Justice Budget

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$821,203	\$475,203	\$0	\$254,133	\$181,433	\$1,731,972	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$500,882	\$304,161	\$0	\$98,556	\$0	\$903,599	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$46,584	\$31,154	\$0	\$9,962	\$0	\$87,700	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$20,769	\$5,858	\$0	\$6,218	\$0	\$32,845	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$996,453	\$991,589	\$0	\$97,257	\$252,650	\$2,337,949	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$615,296)	(\$1,181,765)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,797,061)	0	Attrition Adjustment
(\$133,973)	(\$49,681)	\$0	(\$171,774)	\$0	(\$355,428)	(4)	Personnel Reductions
\$0	\$125,128	\$68,511	\$581,893	\$219,089	\$994,621	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$125,128)	(\$68,511)	(\$2,131,266)	(\$219,089)	(\$2,543,994)	0	Non-recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$1,606,233)	\$0	\$0	(\$323,602)	\$0	(\$1,929,835)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
(\$12,676)	(\$16,359)	\$0	(\$5,757)	\$0	(\$34,792)	0	Risk Management
\$24,043	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,043	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$249,857	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$249,857	0	Rent in State-owned Buildings
\$11,069	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,069	0	Maintenance in State-Owned Buildings
\$1,788	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,788	0	UPS Fees
\$23,710	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,710	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
(\$13,811)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$13,811)	0	Office of State Procurement
(\$479,943)	\$19,710	\$0	\$1,606,195	\$0	\$1,145,962	0	TOTAL OTHER ADJUSTMENTS ADJUSTMENT
(\$165,574)	\$579,870	\$0	\$21,815	\$434,083	\$870,194	(4)	Total Statewide Adjustments



Department of Justice

Significant Increases and Decreases for FY20

Significant Increases for FY20

Increase	Source	T.O.	Agency	Description
\$1.4m	SD	---	Civil Law	Provides funding from the Louisiana Fund to continue upgrading hardware and implementing software which will improve the efficiency and accuracy of reporting Louisiana tax stamp data to the Department of Justice.
\$196,187	SD	---	Criminal Law & Medicaid Fraud	Increase in funding from the Insurance Fraud Investigation Fund to utilize the full amount allotted from the fund to the Office of the Attorney General for the Insurance Fraud Support Unit.

Significant Decreases for FY20

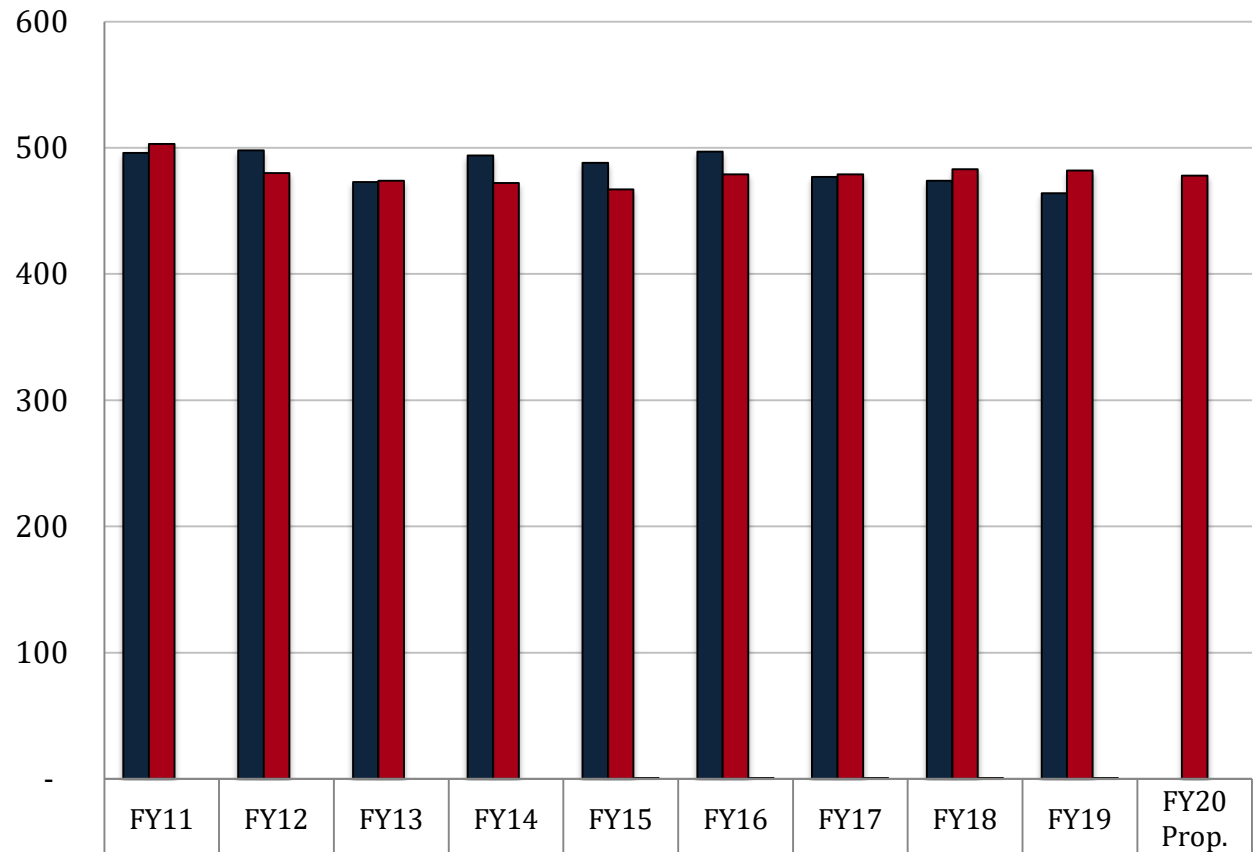
Decrease	Source	T.O.	Agency	Description
(\$479,943)	SGF	---	Civil Law	Reduction of state general fund expenditures for civil litigation.



Department of Justice

FTEs, Authorized Positions, and Other Charges Positions

Total FY20 Proposed Authorized Positions of 478 are 1.42% of Total State FY20 Proposed Authorized Positions of 33,675.



■ Total FTEs (as of July 1 of each fiscal year)	496	498	473	494	488	497	477	474	464	-
■ Total Authorized Positions (Enacted)	503	480	474	472	467	479	479	483	482	478
■ Authorized Other Charges Positions	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-

Notes:

Data for Total FTEs uses the first weekly employment report published by State Civil Service in July at the start of the named fiscal year.

Data for Total Authorized Positions uses fiscal year enacted levels, except for FY20 Proposed.

Data for Other Charges Positions are reflected in the Executive Budget per Act 377 of the 2013 Regular Legislative Session (beginning in FY15).



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FY20 Proposed 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.

Risk Litigation
171
35.8%

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.

Gaming
49
10.3%

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

Administrative
56
11.7%

Criminal Law &
Medicaid Fraud
129
26.9%

Civil Law
73
15.3

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.

Department of Justice	
Administrative	56
Civil Law	73
Criminal Law & Medicaid Fraud	129
Risk Litigation	171
Gaming	49
TOTAL	478



Comparison Adjustments to the State General Fund in the FY20 Continuation, Standstill and Proposed Budgets

JUSTICE	FY19 EOB	FY20 Proposed Budget	FY 20 Continuation Budget	FY20 Standstill Budget	DIFFERENCE					
					CONTINUATION OVER/(UNDER) FY19 EOB	STANDSTILL OVER/(UNDER) FY19 EOB	CONTINUATION OVER/(UNDER) STANDSTILL	PROPOSED OVER/(UNDER) CONTINUATION	PROPOSED OVER/(UNDER) STANDSTILL	PROPOSED OVER/(UNDER) FY19 EOB
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$17,520,088	\$17,354,514	\$18,558,503	\$18,558,503	\$1,038,415	\$1,038,415	\$0	(\$1,203,989)	(\$1,203,989)	(\$165,574)

Continuation Budget, Standstill Budget, and Proposed Budget

Adjustments for the Continuation Budget and the Standstill Budget are identical. The difference between the Proposed Budget and the Continuation and Standstill Budgets results from variations to both statewide and agency-specific adjustments.. The majority of the difference is due to a \$480,000 reduction in state general fund expenditures for Civil Litigation in the Proposed Budget, a \$615,000 reduction in state general fund expenditures due to an attrition adjustment, and a \$133,000 reduction in state general fund expenditures due to personnel reductions.

Difference between the Governor's Proposed Budget (HB 103 by Rep. Leger) and House Bill No. 105 by Rep. Henry

For this agency, there is no difference between the FY20 budget proposed by the governor and the amount contained in HB 105.

DEPARTMENT	EOB AS OF 12/01/2018	HB 103 REP. LEGER	HB 105 REP. HENRY	HB 105 OVER/(UNDER) HB 103
Justice	\$17,520,088	\$17,354,514	\$17,354,514	\$0



House Appropriations Committee and House Floor Changes to HB105 and Comparison to the Proposed FY20 Budget

House Amendments to HB105 - Department of Justice

HB 105	State General Fund	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal	TOTAL
Original	\$17,354,514	\$24,080,457	\$6,816,714	\$17,066,622	\$7,509,104	\$72,827,411
Appropriations Amendments:	State General Fund	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal	TOTAL
Provides for authorized position increases for Civil Law(1), Risk Litigation (1), and Gaming(2).	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Authorizes the commissioner of administration to reduce the Interagency Transfers due to excess budget authority	\$0	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,000,000)
Provides additional SGF to the Civil Law Program for complex litigation including (4) authorized positions	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
House Floor amendments increase funding by statutory dedications out of the DOJ Legal Support Fund gby \$1,300,000. Amendments provide \$700,000 to the Civil Law Program and \$600,000 to the Criminal Law & Medicaid Fraud Program.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$1,300,000
House Floor language amendments provide that the Dept. of Justice may use interagency transfers and fees & self-generated revenues from current and prior years.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reengrossed	\$17,854,514	\$22,080,457	\$6,816,714	\$18,366,622	\$7,509,104	\$72,627,411
Difference HB105 Original to HB105 Reengrossed	\$500,000	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	\$1,300,000	\$0	(\$200,000)
FY20 Proposed	\$17,354,514	\$24,080,457	\$6,816,714	\$17,066,622	\$7,509,104	\$72,827,411
Difference HB105 Original to FY20 Proposed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Difference HB105 Reengrossed to FY20 Proposed	\$500,000	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	\$1,300,000	\$0	(\$200,000)



Department of Justice

Major Initiatives: Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

- The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) within the Office of the Attorney General has existed since 1978. The Unit investigates and prosecutes Medicaid fraud and nursing home abuse. It has been recognized three times as the top state MFCU in the nation.
- For FY20, the MFCU is funded with \$1.9 million from the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund and \$5.7 million of matching Federal Funds. The MFCU opens over 375 investigations of Medicaid Fraud annually and provides training programs for law enforcement, health care providers, and professional and community organizations.
- **Medicaid Fraud** is the intentional submission of a false or fraudulent claim to the Louisiana Medicaid program. The most common types of Medicaid fraud include:
 1. Billing for services not rendered
 2. Billing for more expensive services than were actually performed
 3. Making illegal payments to third parties in exchange for business or referrals billed to Medicaid.
- Penalties for Medicaid fraud include imprisonment, fines, civil penalties, and exclusion from Medicaid.
- **Abuse and neglect of the elderly and disabled** residents of health care facilities falls into four general categories including:
 1. Physical abuse
 2. Financial abuse
 3. Sexual abuse
 4. Verbal abuse
- Penalties for abuse and neglect of the elderly and disabled include imprisonment, fines, and prohibition from working in a health care facility for a minimum of 5 years.