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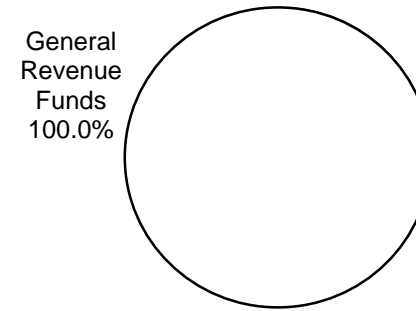
**State Commission on Judicial Conduct
Summary of Recommendations- House**

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Method of Financing	2012-13 Base	2014-15 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change
General Revenue Funds	\$1,894,312	\$1,894,312	\$0	0.0%
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
<i>Total GR-Related Funds</i>	<i>\$1,894,312</i>	<i>\$1,894,312</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
All Funds	\$1,894,312	\$1,894,312	\$0	0.0%

RECOMMENDED FUNDING
BY METHOD OF FINANCING

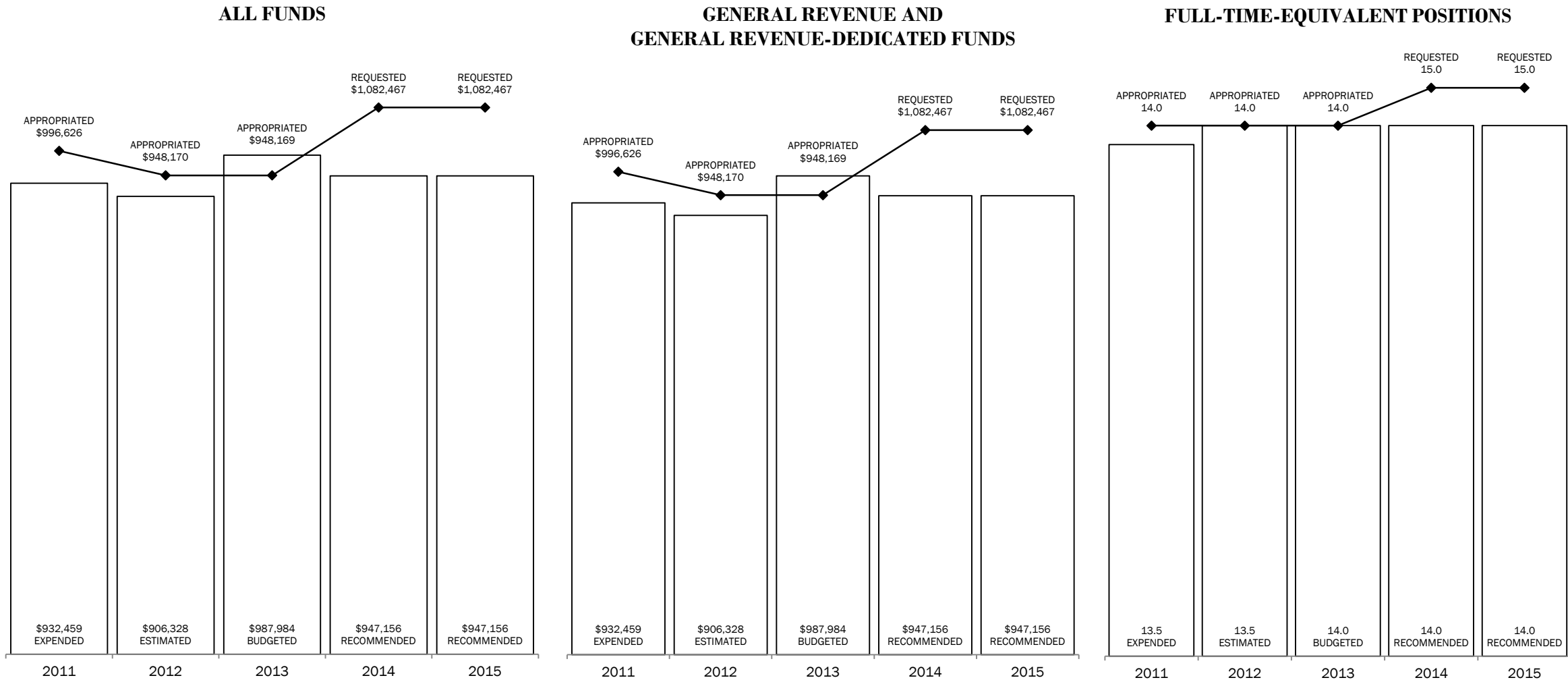


	FY 2013 Budgeted	FY 2015 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change
FTEs	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0%

The bill pattern for this agency (2014-15 Recommended) represents an estimated 100% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2014-15 biennium.

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State Commission on Judicial Conduct
 2014-2015 BIENNIUM

TOTAL= \$1.9 million



Note: Estimated amounts in fiscal year 2013 exceed appropriated amounts due to unexpended balance authority from fiscal year 2012 into 2013.

Section 2

**State Commission on Judicial Conduct
Summary of Recommendations- House, By Method of Finance -- ALL FUNDS**

Strategy/Goal	2012-13 Base	2014-15 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT A.1.1	\$1,894,312	\$1,894,312	\$0	0.0%	Recommendations provide \$1.9 million in General Revenue for the Administration and Enforcement strategy and equal 2012-13 funding levels.
Total, Goal A, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT	\$1,894,312	\$1,894,312	\$0	0.0%	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$1,894,312	\$1,894,312	\$0	0.0%	

Section 3

State Commission on Judicial Conduct Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues

1. **State Commission on Judicial Conduct Sunset Review.** Agency underwent Sunset Commission review in 2012. Since the SCJC is established by the Texas Constitution, it is subject to sunset review, but not subject to Sunset abolishment. Some of the more significant recommendations adopted by the Sunset Commission for SCJC are listed below:
 - Constitutionally authorize the Commission to use its full range of sanctions following formal proceedings.
 - Statutorily authorize a Court of Review to hear appeals of sanctions following formal proceedings, in the same manner as it hears appeals of censures.
 - Require the Commission on Judicial Conduct to report to the Supreme Court as needed on suggested changes to update its procedural rules.
 - Require the Commission to provide Sunset staff with access to observe its closed meetings and review its confidential records to ensure a complete and thorough evaluation of the Commission's activities.
 - Review the Commission in six years, rather than the standard 12-year period.
 - Maintain in law the requirement for the Commission to distribute an annual report on its activities to protect the public from judicial misconduct.

Section 3

**State Commission on Judicial Conduct
FTE Highlights**

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2011	Estimated 2012	Budgeted 2013	Recommended 2014	Recommended 2015
Cap	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
Actual/Budgeted	13.5	13.5	14.0	NA	NA
Schedule of Exempt Positions (Cap)					
Executive Director, Group 3	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000

Section 3

**State Commission on Judicial Conduct
Performance Measure Highlights**

	Expended 2011	Estimated 2012	Estimated 2013	Recommended 2014	Recommended 2015
• <i>Percentage of Cases Disposed</i>	106	87	98	95	95

Section 4

**State Commission on Judicial Conduct
Performance Review and Policy Report Highlights**

Reports & Recommendations	Report Page	Savings/ (Cost)	Gain/ (Loss)	Fund Type	Included in Introduced Bill	Action Required During Session
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NO RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS

Section 5

State Commission on Judicial Conduct Rider Highlights

3. **Formal Proceedings and Appeals.** Rider updated to include removal of last sentence relating to purchase of Case Management Software, but continues allocation of \$21,375 per fiscal year for formal proceedings.
4. **Investigator Travel.** Continue allocation of \$5,000 per fiscal year of travel funds for investigator travel.

Section 6

**State Commission on Judicial Conduct
Items not Included in Recommendations- House**

In Agency Priority Order:

1. Additional Staff Attorney

One additional staff attorney (\$80,000 per fiscal year) for the purposes of not only lowering the time a case takes for resolution, but also reducing case backlog.

2. Increase Attorney Salaries

Staff Attorney (4 attorneys) salary increases (\$55,311 per fiscal year). Requested increases range from \$13,050 to \$17,500 per attorney and would bring each attorney's salary to \$80,000 per fiscal year.

Total, Items Not Included in the Recommendations

2014-15 Biennial Total	
GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
\$ 110,622	\$ 110,622
\$ 270,622	\$ 270,622