



## **Background Briefing**

# **LEGISLATURE**

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**The fiscal information in this background briefing is based on data through January 1, 2010.**

# Legislature

- Enacts laws of Michigan, levies taxes, and appropriates funding from revenue collected for the support of public institutions and the affairs of state government
- Initiates and considers amendments to the State Constitution, considers legislation proposed by petitions signed by voters, and considers proposed amendments to the U.S. Constitution
- Exercises legislative oversight over the Executive branch of government through the administrative rules and audit processes and through committees and the budget
- Legislative branch of state government includes:
  - House of Representatives
  - Senate
  - Legislative Council and agencies it governs
  - Legislative Retirement System
  - Property Management

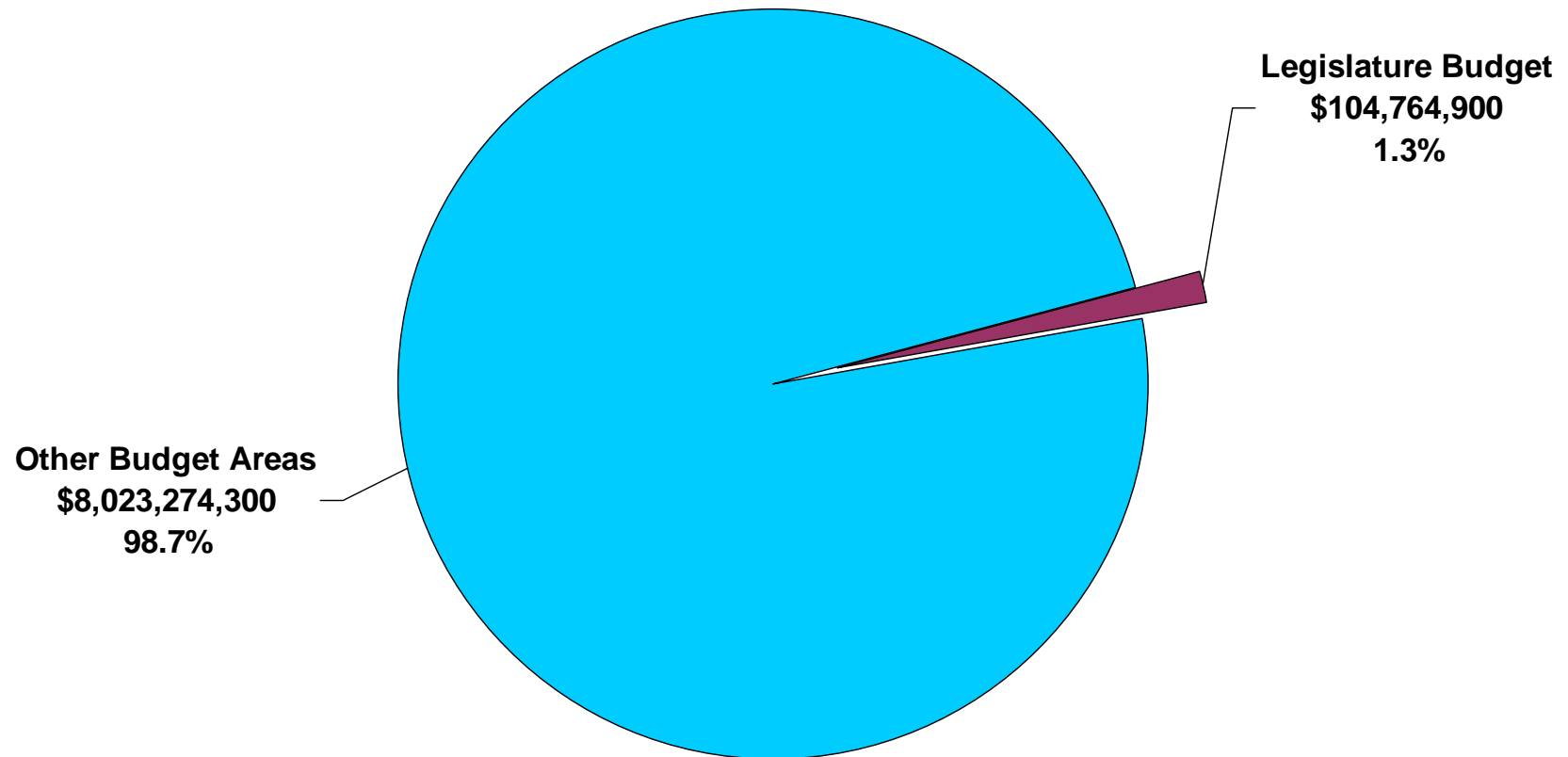
# Legislature Budget

Legislature spending increases due primarily to inflation; decreases due to budget reductions.



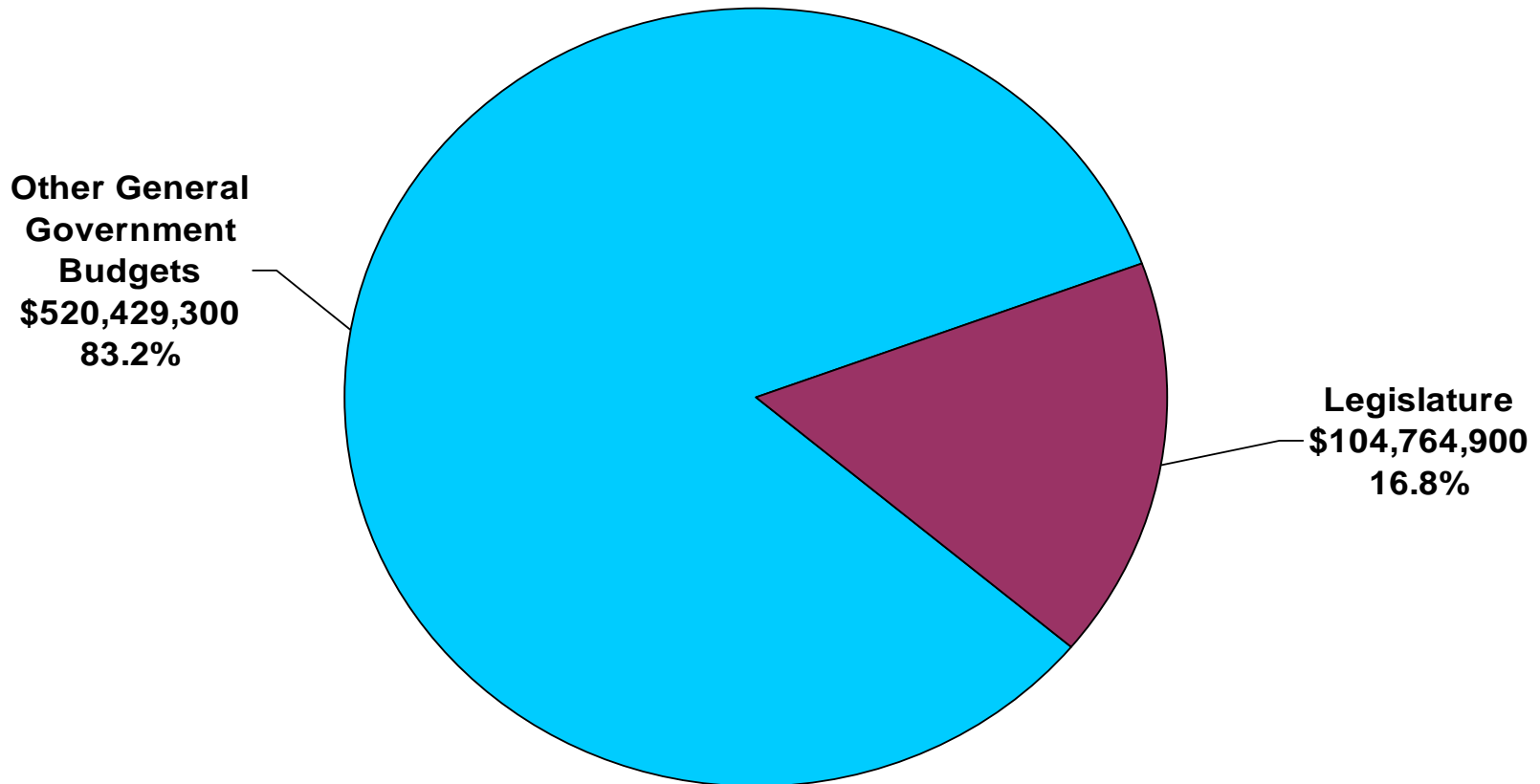
# Legislature Share of State GF/GP

FY 2009-10 Total State GF/GP = \$8,128,039,200



# Legislature Share of General Government GF/GP

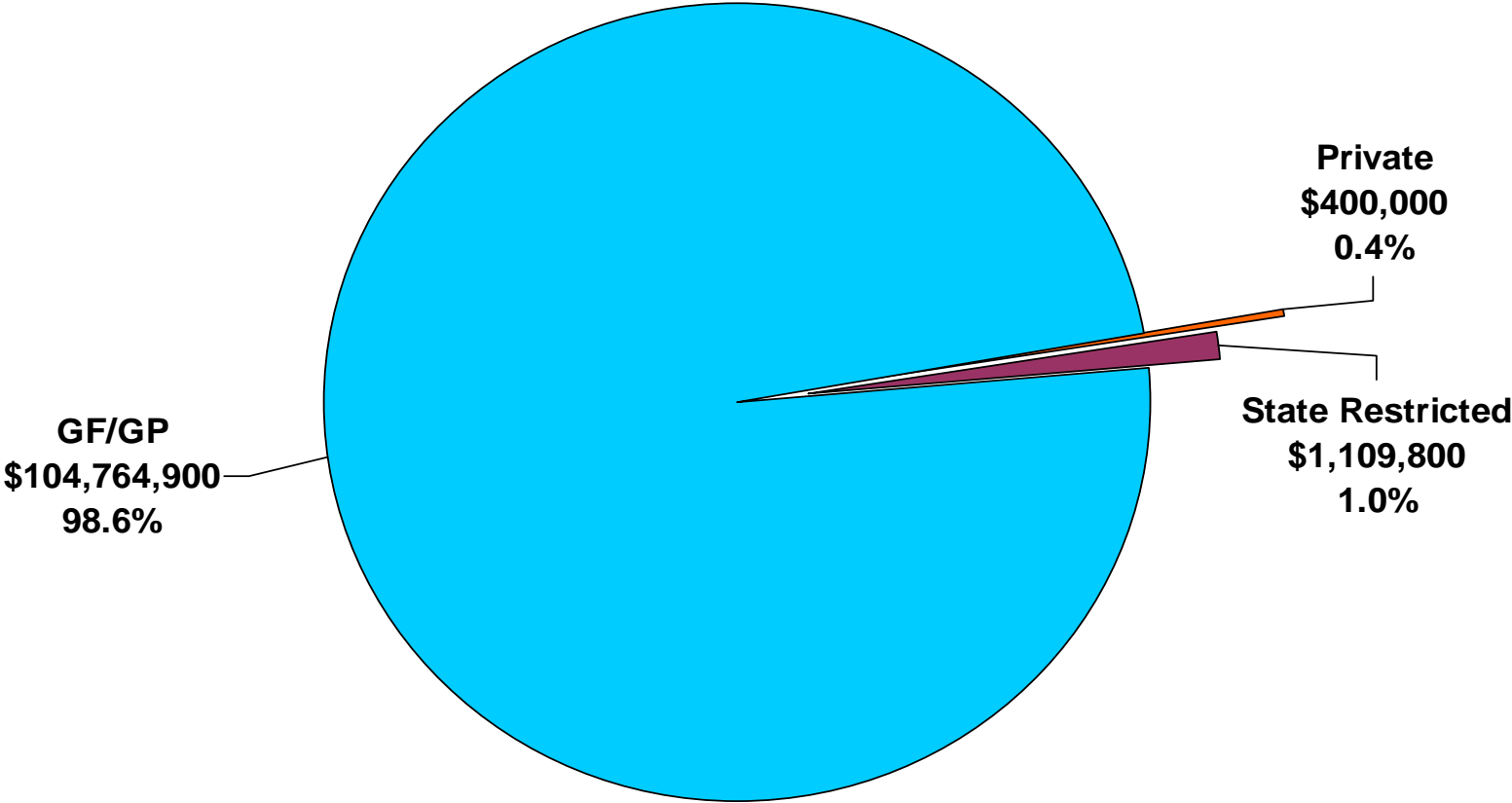
FY 2009-10 GF/GP = \$625,194,200



# **SOURCES OF FUNDING**

# Legislature Appropriations by Revenue Source

FY 2009-10 Gross = \$106,274,700



# **STATE SPENDING**



# Legislature Budget

- **Legislature: \$78,919,400 Gross**
  - 100% state GF/GP funding for day-to-day operations of:
    - House of Representatives
    - Senate
    - House and Senate Fiscal Agencies
    - House and Senate computer systems
  
- **Legislative Council: \$11,028,100 Gross**
  - 96.4% state GF/GP and 3.6% private funds for day-to-day operations of:
    - Legislative Service Bureau
    - Legislative Council Facilities Agency
    - Legislative Internet Technology Team
    - Legislative Corrections Ombudsman
    - Michigan Capitol Committee
    - Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
    - Michigan Law Revision Commission
    - Michigan Commission on Uniform State Laws
    - State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee
  - Provides essential services, such as bill drafting and research, to legislative members and staff
  - Pays Legislature's dues for national associations and worker's compensation premiums

# Legislature Budget

- **Legislative retirement: \$4,533,900 Gross**
  - 75.5% state GF/GP and 24.5% court filing fees
  - Membership in system limited to legislators employed before March 31, 1997; legislators employed after that date are members of the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan
  - Health insurance costs for deferred and retiree members of the system; retirement allowances, survivors' allowances, and other benefits for legislators, their spouses, dependents, survivors, and beneficiaries
  
- **Property management: \$11,793,300 Gross**
  - 100% state GF/GP funding for operation, maintenance, and repair of the Cora B. Anderson Building (House property) and the Billie S. Farnum Building (Senate property)
  - Under authority of the Michigan Capitol Committee, Legislative Council Facility staff manage, operate, develop, construct, maintain, renovate, and repair the Capitol Building and grounds

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