



Background Briefing

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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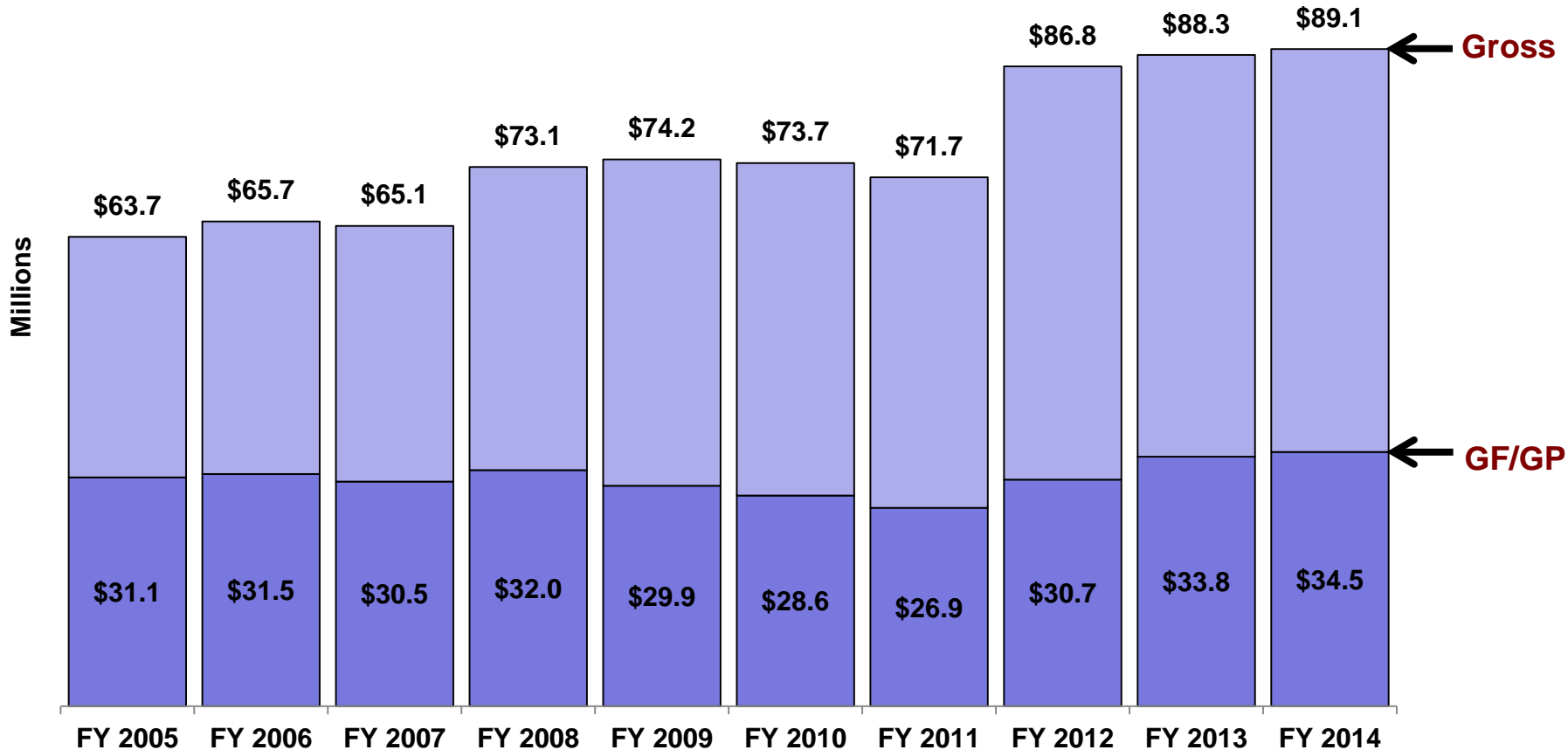
Department of Attorney General

- **The Attorney General's powers are prescribed by the Constitution and further delineated by statute and case law.**

- **The Attorney General:**
 - **Serves as legal counsel for state departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and their officers.**
 - **Defends the state in court.**
 - **Brings actions and intervenes in cases on the state's behalf.**

Attorney General: Gross Appropriations

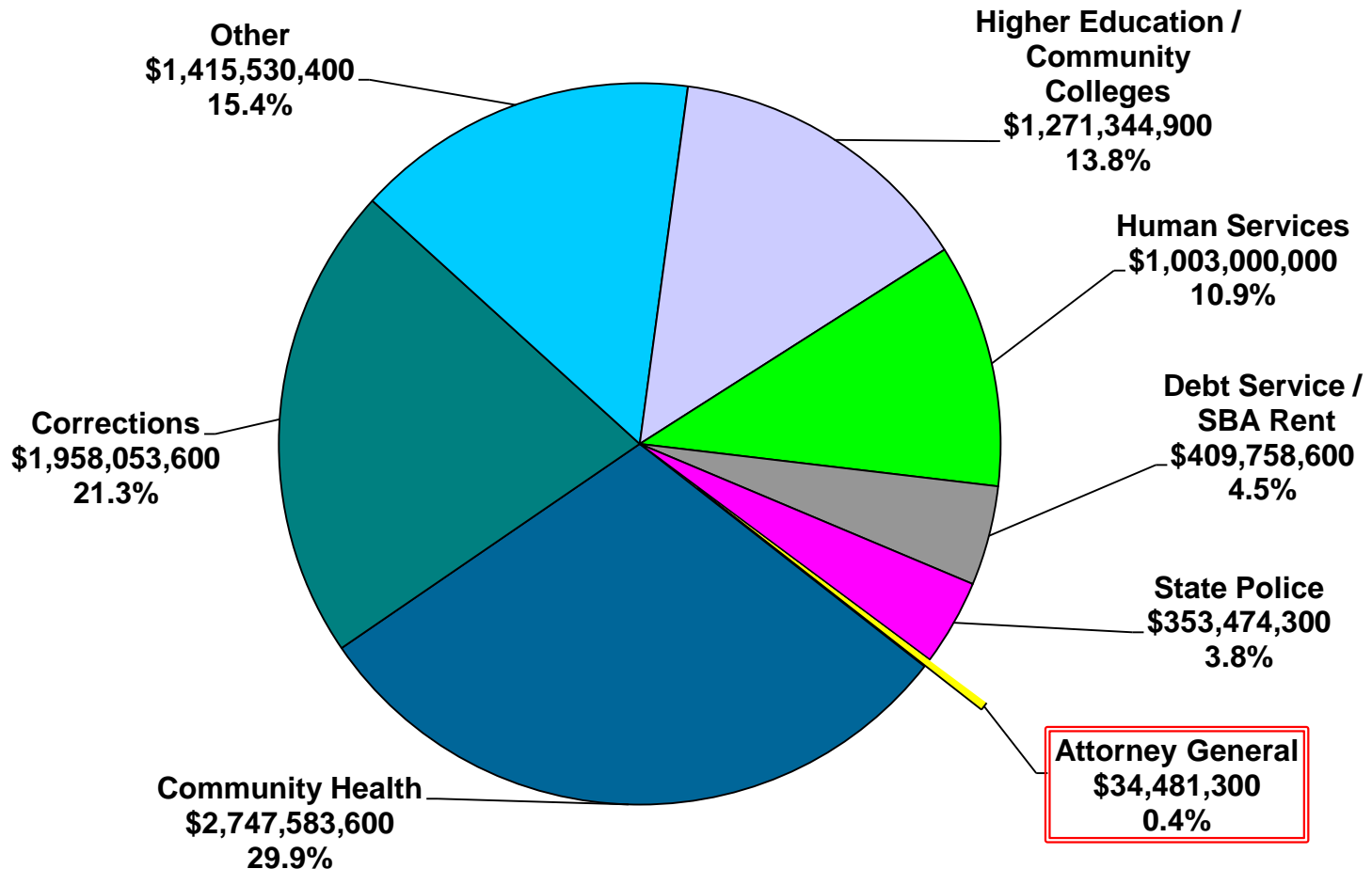
Spending increases have been primarily due to economic adjustments, while decreases have been due to budget reductions. Increase in FY 2008 is due partially to reflecting funding included in the budget which was previously provided by other departments. Increase in FY 2012 is due primarily to the pre-funding of retiree health care and the inclusion of funds awarded to the state under the joint state-federal foreclosure settlement.



Attorney General Share of State GF/GP

Attorney General makes up 0.37% of the total state GF/GP budget

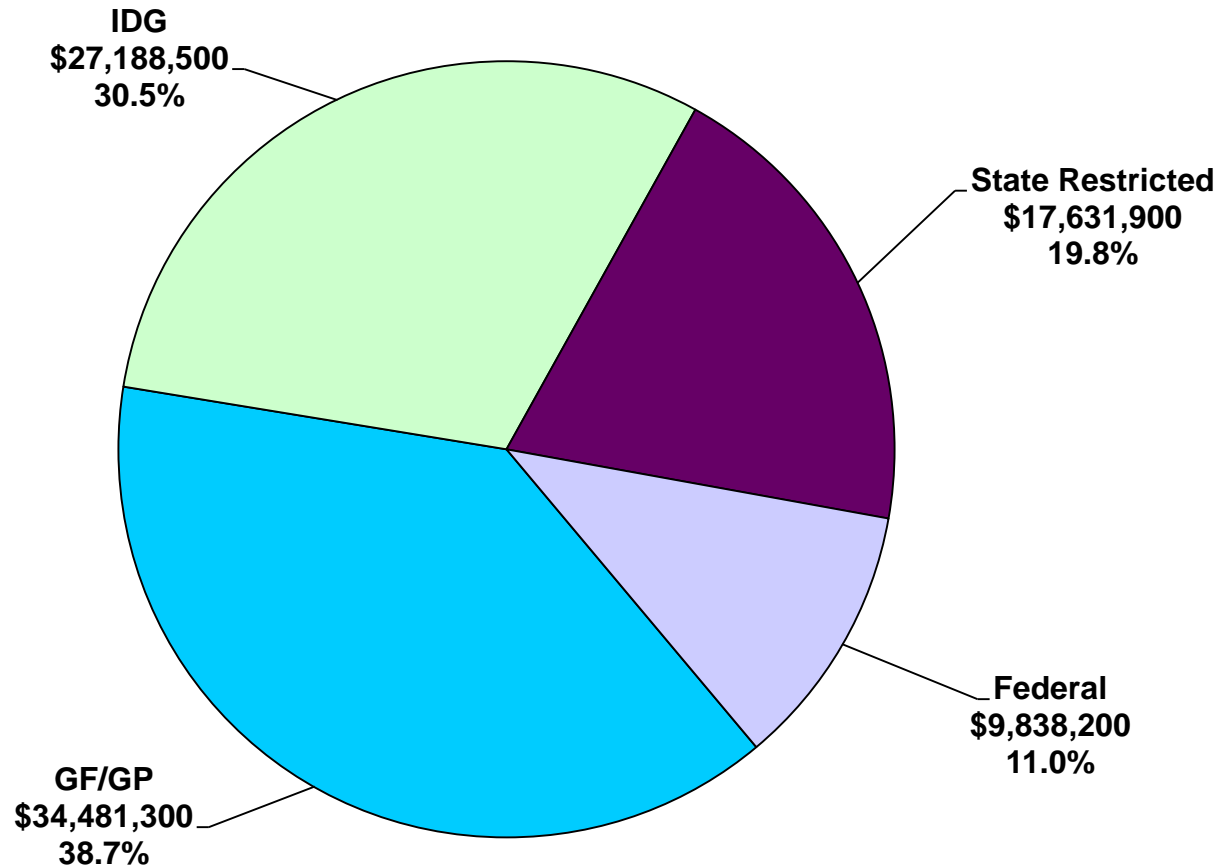
FY 2013-14 GF/GP Total = \$9,193,226,700



SOURCES OF FUNDING

Attorney General Funding Sources

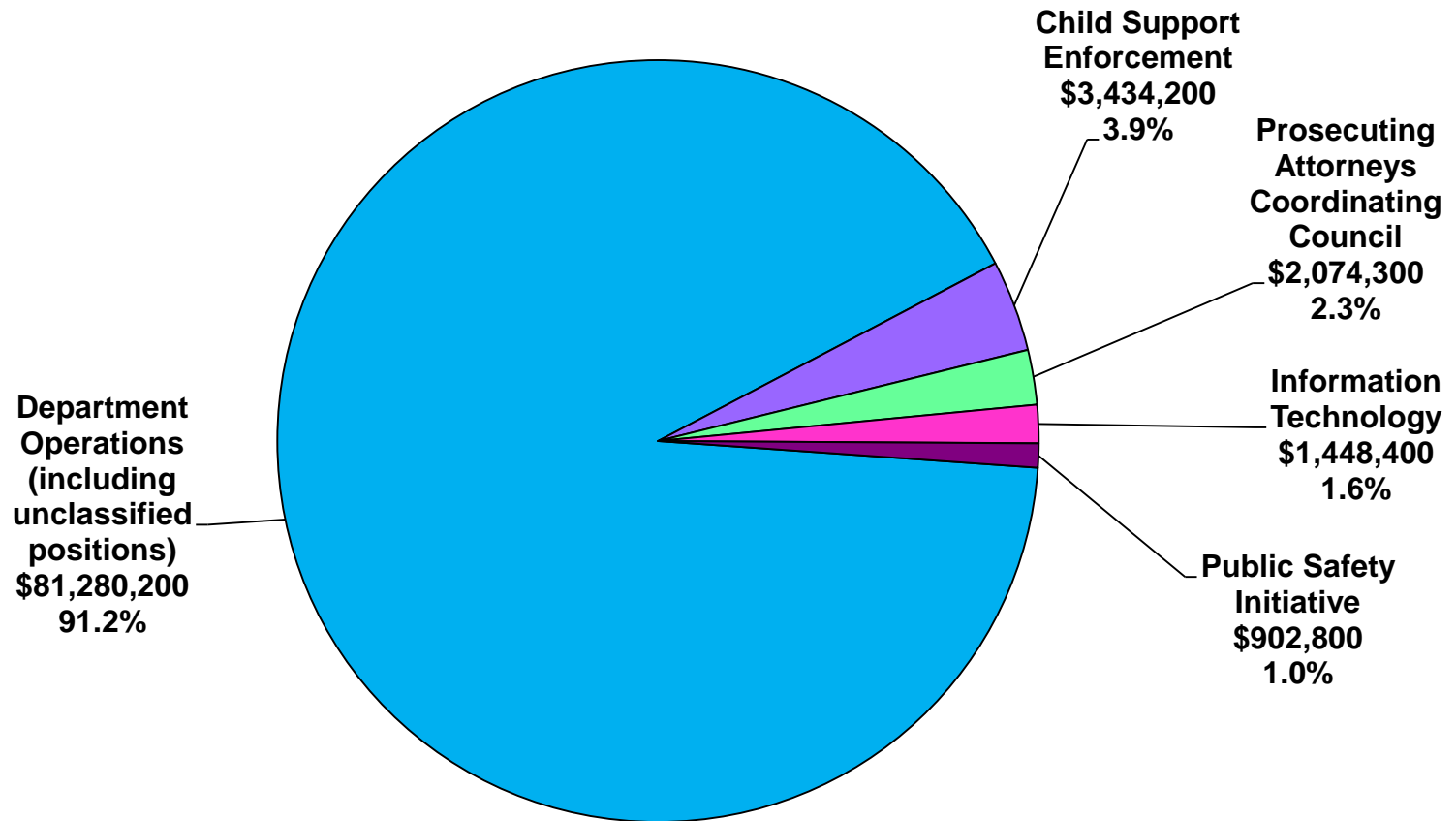
FY 2013-14 Attorney General Budget = \$89,139,900



DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Attorney General Appropriations

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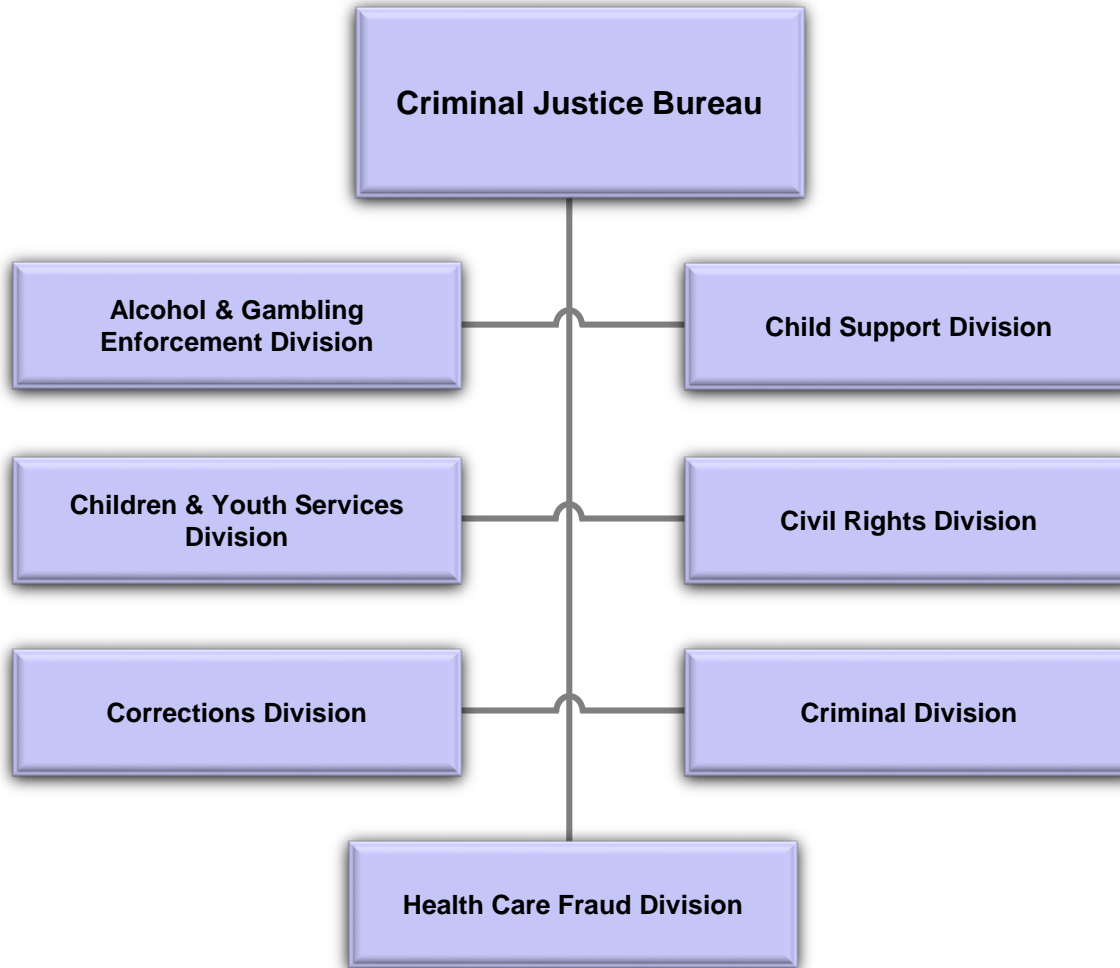
- **Department operations (\$81.3 million, 478.0 FTEs)**
Personnel and operational costs associated with executive administration and providing legal advice and representation for state departments. Funded primarily through interdepartmental grants and restricted fund sources from the departments and programs benefiting from the services.
- **Child Support Division (\$3.4 million, 25.0 FTEs)**
Personnel and operational costs associated with child support enforcement activities. Supported primarily from federal funds.
- **Information technology (\$1.4 million)**
IT-related services and projects that support department activities; administered by the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget.
- **Public Safety Initiative (\$902,800, 1.0 FTE)**
Prosecutorial assistance for selected high-crime areas.

Attorney General Appropriations

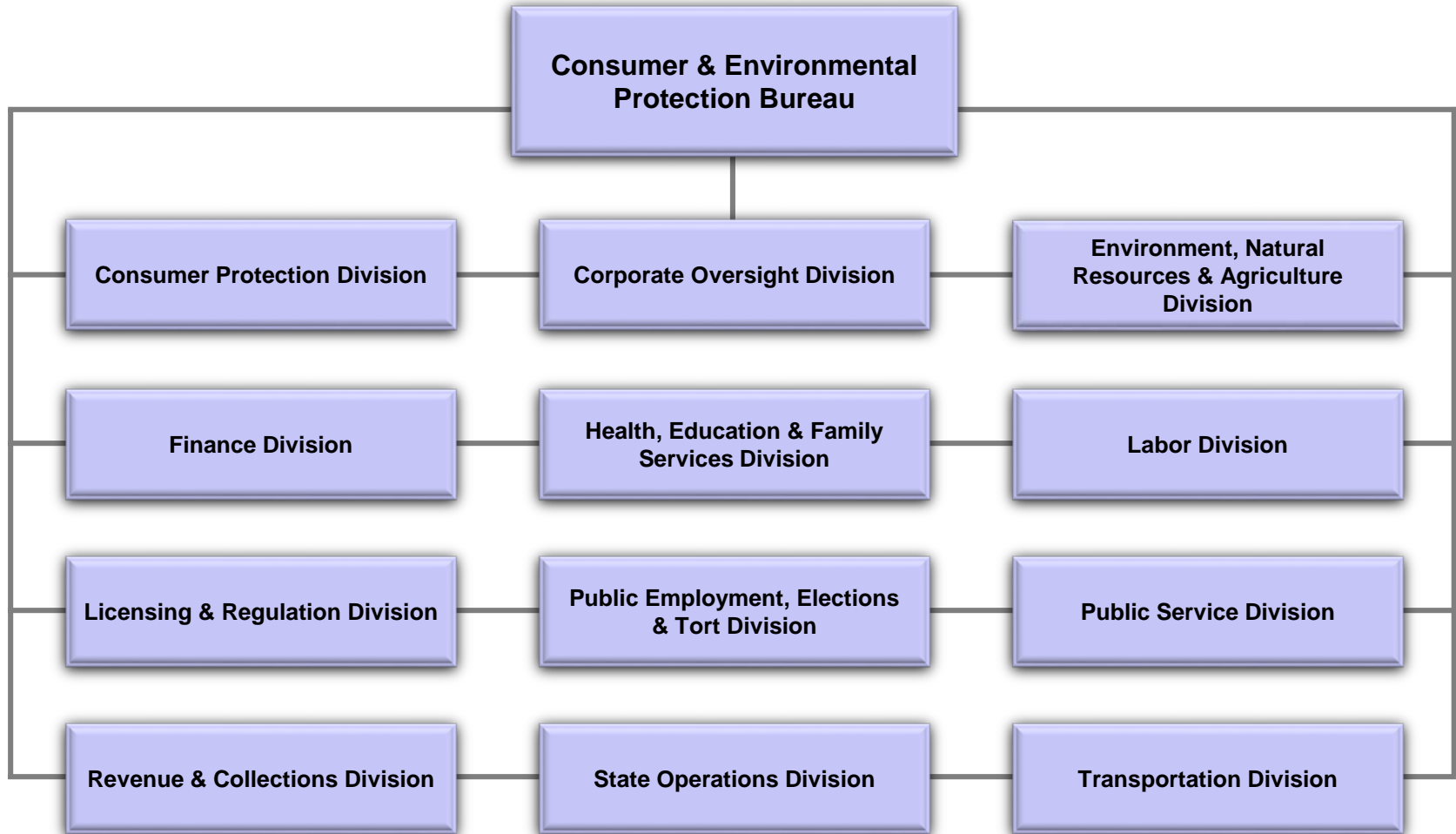
Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council (\$2.1 million, 12.0 FTEs)

- **Autonomous agency responsible for ensuring a uniform system of conduct, duty, and procedure among prosecutors.**
- **Publishes legal documents, manuals, and other materials on criminal prosecution and practices**
- **Provides prosecutors with updates on legislation and court procedure changes**
- **Provides research assistance**
- **Administers grant-funded services**
- **Coordinates statewide prosecution activities and office automation**
- **Provides continuing professional education**

Department Divisions



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