

- Licensed 6,133 in FY 2002

## Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Ohio Board of

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### ROLE

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was established by the Ohio General Assembly to protect the health and promote the welfare of Ohioans by licensing and regulating the practices of speech-language pathology and audiology. The Board's primary duties include the initial licensure and renewal of speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and aides; enforcement of continuing education requirements; and investigation of all alleged violations of the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology, pursuant to Chapter 4753. of the Ohio Revised Code.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
12	\$391,000	\$404,000	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

\*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

### OVERVIEW

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is appropriated \$390,966 in FY 2004, which represents an increase of 6.9% over FY 2003 expenditures. For FY 2005, the Board is appropriated \$403,554, which represents a 3.2% increase over FY 2004. The appropriations will allow the Board to maintain current service levels and replace outdated computer equipment, install a new telephone system, purchase a new printer, cover increased administrative costs, publish two newsletters, hire an intermittent customer service assistant, and hire temporary employees in FY 2005 to help with renewal processing.

## **BUDGET ISSUES**

### ***NEW LICENSING SYSTEM***

The occupational licensing boards, in partnership with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), are working to implement a new licensing system. The system will be phased in over the current biennium and each board will pay its share of the costs out of Fund 4K9. The Board will pay an annual fee of \$461 and \$16 monthly during the current biennium to maintain the system.

### ***INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE FEES***

During the previous biennium, occupational licensing boards had to absorb increased administrative costs charged by other state agencies. Many boards contracted for services that were once provided for free such as lock-box services and computer technical support. Increases in the DAS Central Service fees and postage also significantly raised occupational licensing boards' costs.

In FY 2002, the Board paid \$6,107 in Central Service fees. These fees rose by 60.8% in FY 2003 to \$9,818. The Board estimates that contracting with a bank for lock-box services will cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000 per year. This service was provided free of charge by the state Treasurer's office through the FY 2003 renewal cycle. The Board paid \$3,787 in FY 2003 for computer technical support, which was once provided free of charge by DAS. 

**FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Group**

<b>Line Item Detail by Agency</b>	<b>FY 2001:</b>	<b>FY 2002:</b>	<b>FY 2003:</b>	<b>FY 2004 Appropriations:</b>	<b>% Change 2003 to 2004:</b>	<b>FY 2005 Appropriations:</b>	<b>% Change 2004 to 2005:</b>
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>		<b>Version: Enacted</b>					
<b>SPE Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology</b>							
4K9 886-609 Operating Expenses	\$ 315,938	\$ 309,715	\$365,771	\$ 390,966	6.89%	\$ 403,554	3.22%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>	<b>\$ 315,938</b>	<b>\$ 309,715</b>	<b>\$ 365,771</b>	<b>\$ 390,966</b>	<b>6.89%</b>	<b>\$ 403,554</b>	<b>3.22%</b>
<b>Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Total</b>	<b>\$ 315,938</b>	<b>\$ 309,715</b>	<b>\$ 365,771</b>	<b>\$ 390,966</b>	<b>6.89%</b>	<b>\$ 403,554</b>	<b>3.22%</b>