

Greenbook
LSC Analysis of Enacted Budget

**State Speech and Hearing
Professionals Board**

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State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board

- New agency created to oversee speech and hearing professionals
- Non-GRF agency; to be funded by fee revenues
- Will regulate approximately 9,400 licensees

OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

H.B. 49 consolidates the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and the Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board into the new State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board, effective January 21, 2018. The Board will oversee activities relating to the licensing of almost 9,400 audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and hearing aid fitters.

The Board's governing authority will consist of nine members appointed by the Governor. Board members' terms of office will be for three years and members will receive a per diem for performing official duties and reimbursements for actual expenses. The Board's daily operations will be the responsibility of an executive director. The budget specifies that the employees of the two boards to be abolished will be transferred to the State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board subject to continuing law layoff provisions. Currently, the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has four employees and the Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board has one. The Board will receive no General Revenue Fund (GRF) dollars; it will be entirely supported by fee revenue.

Appropriation Overview

H.B. 49 appropriates \$279,708 in FY 2018 and \$615,704 in FY 2019 for the new board. Since the consolidation will occur on January 21, 2018, the abolished boards receive an appropriation in FY 2018 for expenditures made before this date, while the State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board receives an appropriation for expenditures after this date. The FY 2019 appropriation is for a full year of operations.

**Table 1. Agency Appropriation by Fund Group, FY 2018-FY 2019
(Am. Sub. H.B. 49)**

Fund Group	FY 2017*	FY 2018	% change	FY 2019	% change
Dedicated Purpose	\$0	\$279,708	N/A	\$615,704	120.1%

*FY 2017 figures represent actual expenditures

Fee Revenues and Fund 4K90

The Board will issue and renew a variety of licenses relating to speech and hearing professionals. The licenses issued prior to January 21, 2018 by the abolished boards will continue in effect as if issued by the State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board. The table below shows the licenses that will be issued by the Board, as well as the renewal period (e.g., annual or biennial) of each license and the fee currently charged.

Table 2. Licenses to be Issued by State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board		
License Type	Renewal Period	Fee
Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters		
Hearing Aid Dealer and Fitter Initial License	Annual	\$262
License Renewal on or before February 1	Annual	\$157
License Renewal on or before March 1	Annual	\$183
License Renewal after March 1	Annual	\$210
Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists		
Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist Initial License	Biennial	\$200
License Renewal	Biennial	\$120
Conditional License	Biennial	\$210
Dual (Speech-Language and Audiologist) Initial License	Biennial	\$400
License Renewal	Biennial	\$170
Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist Aide	Biennial	\$50
Speech-Language Pathology Student Permit	Biennial	\$50
Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist Inactive License	Biennial	\$25

Fee revenues collected by the Board will be deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90).¹ Many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions use Fund 4K90 as an operating account into which receipts are deposited and from which expenses are paid. Each licensing board or commission is generally expected to be self-sufficient, i.e., generating enough revenues to cover its expenses.

¹ License revenues from the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology are currently deposited into Fund 4K90. However, revenues from the Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board are currently deposited into the General Operations Fund (Fund 4700), which is used by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). The Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board is currently under ODH.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

The Board's operations are funded by a single line item appropriation from the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group. The table below shows the appropriation for the line item.

Appropriation for the State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board				
Fund	ALI	Name	FY 2018	FY 2019
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
4K90	123609	Operating Expenses	\$279,708	\$615,704

Through this one line item, the Board will pay all of its expenses. H.B. 49 appropriates \$279,708 in FY 2018 and \$615,704 in FY 2019. The appropriation for FY 2018 is for a partial year since the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and the Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board will continue their operations until they are consolidated into the State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board on January 21, 2018.

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FY 2018 - FY 2019 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

			Appropriation	FY 2017 to FY 2018	Appropriation	FY 2018 to FY 2019
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	% Change
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	% Change
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	% Change
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	% Change
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: As Enacted			
SHP State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board						
4K90	123609	Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$ 279,708	N/A
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total			\$0	\$0	\$ 279,708	N/A
State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board Total			\$0	\$0	\$ 279,708	N/A