

- 3,322 licensees in FY 2002
- Various fee changes will generate approximately \$48,000 in additional revenue beginning in FY 2005 and annually thereafter

## Dietetics, Board of

*Clay Weidner, Budget Analyst*

### ROLE

The Ohio Board of Dietetics, created in 1987, protects and regulates the practice of dietetics in Ohio. The Board consists of five members and has three full-time employees.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
9**	\$335,000	\$330,000	\$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.

\*\*Number of employees includes an intermittent clerk budgeted for 1,000 hours per year hired to assist with annual license renewal.

### OVERVIEW

The Ohio Board of Dietetics is appropriated \$334,917 in FY 2004, which represents an 18.6% increase over FY 2003 expenditures. For FY 2005, the Board is appropriated \$329,687, which represents a 1.6% decrease from FY 2004. The appropriations will allow the Board to continue current service levels and cover the Board's increased administrative fees. No new initiatives are planned with the recommended funding. The Board will be able to replace two computers and print approximately 4,000 revised law books in FY 2004, and can purchase file stacks in FY 2005.

### BUDGET ISSUES

#### *FEE CHANGES*

Since 1993, the Board has brought in enough revenue to offset expenditures. However, the Board expects that when FY 2003 revenues are finalized, expenditures will outweigh revenues by approximately \$14,000. Originally, the Board sought fee increases for the FY 2004 renewal cycle. However, the Board received notification that the American Dietetic Association, to which approximately 3,000 of the 3,100 dietitian licensees in Ohio belong, will increase its member dues in FY 2004. The Board feels that raising licensure fees in FY 2004 would produce a severe economic hardship on Ohio's dietitians. After reevaluating the Board's Fund 4K9 reserves, the Board believes that there will be enough reserve revenue to cover FY 2004 expenditures. However, the Board will institute the following fee increases for the FY 2005 renewal cycle: reactivation of an inactive license, \$125 (from \$110); reinstatement of a license that has been suspended, revoked, or lapsed, \$180 (from \$165); license renewal, \$95 (from \$80); and

limited permit, \$65 (from \$55). The fee increases will generate approximately \$48,000 in additional revenue beginning in FY 2005 and annually thereafter.

### ***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 of Dietetics will pay DAS an annual fee of approximately \$3,000 during the current biennium and a monthly fee of approximately \$1,000 to maintain the system.

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

During the previous biennium, occupational licensing boards absorbed increased administrative costs charged by other state agencies. Many boards contracted for services that were once provided by other state agencies. The Board estimates that increased administrative fees will cost the Board approximately \$15,500 in FY 2004 and \$16,000 in FY 2005 for DAS Central Service Agency fees, computer technical support, license renewal banking and revenue processing fees, and risk management fees to administer the Board's public employee fidelity bond in the current biennium. The Board's appropriations in Am. Sub. H.B. 95 will cover these increased costs. 

**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>OBD Dietetics, Board of</b>							
4K9 860-609 Operating Expenses	\$ 248,912	\$ 262,124	\$282,506	\$ 334,917	18.55%	\$ 329,687	-1.56%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>	<b>\$ 248,912</b>	<b>\$ 262,124</b>	<b>\$ 282,506</b>	<b>\$ 334,917</b>	<b>18.55%</b>	<b>\$ 329,687</b>	<b>-1.56%</b>
<b>Dietetics, Board of Total</b>	<b>\$ 248,912</b>	<b>\$ 262,124</b>	<b>\$ 282,506</b>	<b>\$ 334,917</b>	<b>18.55%</b>	<b>\$ 329,687</b>	<b>-1.56%</b>