

- Board administered 4,011 licenses in FY 2002

## Optometry, State Board of

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### ROLE

The State Board of Optometry was established to regulate the practice of optometry in the state of Ohio. The Board issues licenses to optometrists and conducts investigations for compliance with rules or regarding complaints received from the public. The Board is also responsible for the revision of policies and guidelines for license renewal and the issuance of new licenses.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
9	\$306,000	\$324,000	\$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 State Board of Optometry is appropriated \$306,140 in FY 2004, which represents an increase of 10.7% over FY 2003 expenditures. For FY 2005, the Board is appropriated \$324,391, an increase of 6% over FY 2004. The appropriations will enable the Board to maintain its current level of service and will cover the increased administrative fees passed on to the Board by other state agencies. The appropriations will also allow the Board to print updated law books and send them to licensees in FY 2005.

### 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 of Optometry will pay DAS an annual fee of \$605 in the current biennium and a monthly fee of \$20 to maintain the system.

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***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 for free such as lock-box services and computer technical support. The Board's appropriations in Am. Sub. H.B. 95 will cover these increased costs. The Board estimates that increased administrative fees will cost the Board approximately \$15,000 in FY 2004 and \$16,500 in FY 2005 for the DAS Central Service Agency fees, computer technical support, and license renewal banking and revenue processing fees. 

**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>OPT Optometry, State Board of</b>							
4K9 885-609 Operating Expenses	\$ 199,279	\$ 251,434	\$276,576	\$ 306,140	10.69%	\$ 324,391	5.96%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>	<b>\$ 199,279</b>	<b>\$ 251,434</b>	<b>\$ 276,576</b>	<b>\$ 306,140</b>	<b>10.69%</b>	<b>\$ 324,391</b>	<b>5.96%</b>
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