

Ohio State Board of Optometry

OVERVIEW

The Ohio 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.

The Board licenses approximately 2000 professionals, over 85% of these professionals also hold a secondary license (either Therapeutic license or Diagnostic license). The Board lost around 400 to 450 licensees due to a change in law allowing out-of-state doctors to put their licenses on inactive status rather than renewing.

Revenues and expenditures for FY2000 totaled \$284,188 and \$267,672 respectively. The Board renews its licenses annually. The Board's net gain for the last renewal cycle was \$16,516.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Program Series/Division	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Board Members	6	6	6	6	6	6
Administrative Staff	3	3	3	3	3	3
Investigators	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	9	9	9	9	9

The Board's administrative assistant performs investigations.

Number of Licensees

License Type	FY1999	FY2000
Optometrist	2,076	2,039
Optometrist (military)	33	32
Therapeutic (secondary license)	1,721	1,711
Diagnostic (secondary license)	129	100

Current License Fees

The Board issues licenses annually. License fees were last increased in May 1992.

	Fees
Optometrist	\$110
Therapeutic endorsement	\$25
Diagnostic endorsement	\$25
Military Optometrist	No fee

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

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Purpose Licensure and regulation of Ohio's optometrists

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this program series, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
4K9	885-609	Operating Expenses	\$289,600	\$306,051
Total funding: Ohio State Board of Optometry				

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Program Description: The Ohio State Board of Optometry assures that the optometrists operating in the state are professionally competent by regulating examinations, enforcing continuing education compliance, monitoring continuing education quality, and issuance and renewal of licensure, and enforcement of Chapter 4725 of the ORC.

Funding Source: GSF Fund 4K9 – Currently, all revenue from the 22 occupational licensing boards is placed in Fund 4K9 and then reallocated to each board. Each board must raise enough revenue through its license fees to cover its expenses.

Line Items: 885-609 Operating Expenses

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive Recommendation for the Ohio State Board of Optometry is \$289,600 in FY2002, an increase of 8.8% over the FY2001 appropriation, and \$306,051 for FY2003, an increase of 5.7% from FY2002. The Executive Recommendation includes full funding for the Board's current level of personnel. This amount includes funding for all available annual and step pay increases.

The Executive Recommendation includes a rent adjustment of \$984 in FY2002 and \$722 in FY2003. The recommendation also includes \$400 in FY2002 and \$100 in FY2003 for training. Travel expenses of \$900 in FY2002 and \$1300 in FY2003 are also included.

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

This section describes permanent and temporary law provisions contained in the executive budget that will affect the department's activities and spending decisions during the next biennium.

The Executive recommendation includes no law changes.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

Ohio State Board of Optometry – Total Request						
Fund Line Item	FY 2002 Requested	FY 2002 Recommended	Difference	FY 2003 Requested	FY 2003 Recommended	Difference
OPT 885-609	\$291,250	\$289,600	(\$1,650)	\$309,757	\$306,051	(\$3,706)

The State Board of Optometry included four supplemental requests in their budget request. These included requests for new equipment, additional training, travel expenses and a new temporary employee. The Governor's Recommendation does not include full funding for these requests. The Office of Budget and Management believes the Board will be able to fund their equipment needs within the Core Budget Level. The Board requested \$1000 in both FY2002 and FY2003 for training. The recommendation includes \$400 for training in FY2002 and \$100 for training in FY2003. The supplemental request for travel was for \$1700 in FY2002 and \$2300 in FY2003. The recommendation includes funds of \$900 in FY2002 and \$1300 in FY2003. The supplemental request for payroll was for \$1000 in FY2002 and \$2500 in FY2003. The Executive recommendation did not fund this request at all.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2002 - FY 2003

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>Estimated 2001</i>	<i>Executive 2002</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002</i>	<i>Executive 2003</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003</i>
<i>OPT Optometry, State Board of</i>								
4K9	885-609	Operating Expenses	\$ 257,697	\$266,294	\$ 289,600	8.8%	\$ 306,051	5.7%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 257,697	\$ 266,294	\$ 289,600	8.8%	\$ 306,051	5.7%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 257,697	\$ 266,294	\$ 289,600	8.8%	\$ 306,051	5.7%

General Services Fund Group

4K9 885-609 Operating Expenses

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$225,461	\$234,213	\$257,697	\$266,294	\$289,600	\$306,051
	3.9%	10.0%	3.3%	8.8%	5.7%

Source: GSF: Revenue received by the occupational licensing boards is deposited into Fund 4K9.

Legal Basis: Originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th G.A.

Purpose: This appropriation supports the general operating expenses, including payroll, supplies, and equipment for the Ohio State Optometry Board. The Board sets standards for licensure and registration for Ohio's optometrists.