

# Ohio Board of Speech- Language Pathology and Audiology Overview

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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 the citizens of Ohio by licensing and regulating the practices of speech-language pathology and audiology. The Board's primary duties include the initial licensure and biennial renewal of approximately 4,800 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.

The Board renews its licenses on a biennial basis. Revenues and expenditures for the Board for the FY1999/2000 cycle totaled \$706,550 and \$632,164 respectively. The Board's net gain for the last renewal cycle was \$74,386.

The Board expects no major operational changes to its programming for the FY 2002-2003 biennium; however, the Board does expect some changes during the 2002-2003 biennium as a result of Am. Sub. SB 96 of the 122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. The Board will begin to license teachers who practice speech-language pathology beginning in January 2002. Currently the members of this group only need an educator license from the State Board of Education. Am. Sub. SB 96 requires these people to have licenses from both the State Board of Education and the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board. It is estimated that slightly less than 500 licenses of this type may be added.

## ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

<b>Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Staffing Levels</b>						
<b>Program Series/Division</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<i>Estimated</i>	
					<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Board Members	8	8	8	8	8	8
Administrative Staff	3	3	3	3	3	3
Investigators	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

Board members are budgeted to attend nine meetings per year for FY 2002 and FY2003. The approximate cost per Board member per meeting is \$350. Each meeting costs approximately \$2,800 in board member costs plus variable administrative costs; and the Board's total annual expenses for nine meetings equals approximately \$34,200 (\$25,200 in board member costs plus variable administrative costs).

### Number of Licensees

<b>License Type</b>	<b>FY2000</b>
(New) Speech-Language Pathologist	211
(New) Audiologist	50
(Conditional) Speech-Language Pathologist	172
(Conditional) Audiologist	32
(Renewal) Speech-Language Paths and Audiologists	4255
<b>TOTAL Speech-Lang Pathologists and Audiologists</b>	<b>4720</b>
Speech-Language Pathology AIDE	20
Audiology AIDE	75
<b>TOTAL AIDES</b>	<b>95</b>

### **Current License Fees**

License fees have remained the same since 1992.

	<i>Speech-Language Pathology</i>	<i>Audiology</i>
Initial license	\$200	\$200
Renewal	\$150	\$150
Conditional	\$10	\$10
Aide – Initial	\$100	\$100
Aide –Renewal	\$50	\$50

### **New License Type**

Beginning in January 2001, the Board will issue licenses as required by Am Sub SB 96 of the 122nd General Assembly to teachers who are also practicing speech therapy in schools. In the past only a teaching license was required by the Department of Education; but with the enactment of Am Sub SB 96, these individuals will also be required to hold a license from the Ohio Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board. Slightly less than 500 of these new licenses are expected to be processed by the Board. This requirement will increase the Board’s revenue beginning in 2002, but should not increase the Board’s costs.

### **Overall Performance**

A summary of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board’s performance in the past biennium can be outlined as follows:

- Completed 18 meetings.
- Completed 250 audits for renewal applicants associated with continuing education.
- Completed 70 investigations.
- Completed 15 consent agreements.
- Held 13 hearings.
- Brought about 2 court convictions.
- Reviewed ~2000 business filings.
- Made presentations regarding licensure requirements and the licensure process to students at several universities.
- Amended Administrative Rules.

## ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

### Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

**Purpose** License and regulate the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology.

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	886-609	Operating Expenses	\$352,727	\$372,348
<b>Total funding: Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology</b>				

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

**Program Description:** The Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology licenses and regulates the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology in accordance with Chapter 4753 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Funding Source: GSF Fund 4K9** – 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:** 886-609 Operating Expenses

**Implication of the Executive Recommendation:** The Executive recommends that the FY2002 funding for the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology be increased by 8.3% or \$27,042 over the estimated FY2001 disbursement level. For FY2003, the Executive is recommending an increase of 5.6% or \$19,621 from FY2002.

The use of *consent agreements* has helped reduce red tape and costs associated with potential hearings because these agreements serve to inform individuals charged with violations of the infraction. Using the *consent agreement*, the charged party may elect to make the required corrections and avoid a hearing. As a result, costs associated with hearings, such as hearing officer fees, are held down.

The Board has not requested any funding for purchased services for the upcoming biennium. Should the Board need additional funding to hold any administrative hearings, it will need to seek Controlling Board authority.

## PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW SECTION

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.

There are no permanent or temporary law sections affecting the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

## REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

This agency did not request any supplemental funding.

## 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>
<b><i>SPE Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology</i></b>								
4K9	886-609	Operating Expenses	\$ 316,518	\$325,685	\$ 352,727	8.3%	\$ 372,348	5.6%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 316,518</b>	<b>\$ 325,685</b>	<b>\$ 352,727</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>\$ 372,348</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
<b>Total All Budget Fund Groups</b>			<b>\$ 316,518</b>	<b>\$ 325,685</b>	<b>\$ 352,727</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>\$ 372,348</b>	<b>5.6%</b>

## General Services Fund Group

### 4K9 886-609 Operating Expenses

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$307,084	\$315,646	\$316,518	\$325,685	<b>\$352,727</b>	<b>\$372,348</b>
	2.8%	0.3%	2.9%	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>

**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 Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. The Board licenses and regulates the practices of speech-language pathology and audiology.