

State Board of Psychology

- Psychology Board licenses over 3,700 professionals
- Executive recommendation \$459,382 in FY2002; \$486,184 in FY2003

OVERVIEW

The State Board of Psychology oversees the licensure and regulation of the professions of psychology and school psychology. In FY2000 the Board licensed 3,398 psychologists and 349 school psychologists. These figures represent a decrease of 5.6% over FY1999 figures. In the opinion of the Board, these changes were a result of an increase of fees. Many persons out-of-state decided the fees were too high to pay. The Board has also stated that fewer persons are sitting for the examination than in the past, indicating that the field of psychology is not as popular as it used to be.

The Board renews its licenses on a biennial cycle. Revenues and expenditures from the FY1999/2000 renewal cycle were \$794,919 and \$862,950 respectively. The Board's net loss at the end of this time period was \$68,031.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

State Board of Psychology Staffing Levels						
Program Series/Division	1998	1999	2000	2001	<i>Estimated</i>	
					2002	2003
Board Members	7	7	7	7	7	7
Administrative Staff	3	3	4	4	4	4
Investigative Staff	3	3	2	2	2	2
Totals	13	13	13	13	13	13

Number of Licensees

License Type	FY1999	FY2000
Psychologist	3,589	3,398
School Psychologist	382	349

Current License Fees

Fees for the initial license were last increased in February 1998. Renewal fees were last increased in January 1996. The renewal is required on a biennial basis.

	Initial	Renewal
Psychologist	\$125	\$200
School Psychologist	\$125	\$200

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

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Purpose License and regulate the professions of psychology and school psychology.

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	882-609	Operating Expenses	\$459,382	\$486,184
Total funding: State Board of Psychology				

State Board of Psychology

Program Description: In accordance with Chapter 4732 of the ORC, the State Board of Psychology tests, licenses, and regulates all psychologists and school psychologists who practice in Ohio.

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: 882-609 Operating Expenses

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive recommends that the FY2002 funding for the State Board of Psychology increase by 3.6 percent (or \$15,757). The Executive recommends a 5.8 percent increase for FY2003, which equates to \$26,802.

The Executive recommendation will allow the Board to meet its payroll needs for the next biennium. It also includes a rent increase of \$1,576 in FY2002 and \$1,157 in FY2003 for rent in the Riffe Center and funding for two new computers.

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 affecting the State Board of Psychology.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

Psychology Board – Total Request						
Fund Line Item	FY 2002 Requested	FY 2002 Recommended	Difference	FY 2003 Requested	FY 2003 Recommended	Difference
PSY 882-609	\$487,909	\$459,382	(\$28,527)	\$517,446	\$459,382	(\$58,064)

The Governor's recommendation includes an adjustment in payroll projections due to the fact that two persons at the Board will retire, including its highest paid employee. This will lead to less payroll than calculated under the Core Budget Level. The Board made a supplemental request for two new computers. The Office of Budget and Management believes these can be funded within the Core Budget Level.

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

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	Revised Estimated 2001	As Introduced 2002	House Sub Bill 2002	% Change Est. 2001 to House 2002	As Introduced 2003	House Sub Bill 2003	% Change House 2002 to House 2003
PSY Psychology, State Board of									
4K9	882-609	Operating Expenses	\$443,625	\$ 459,382	\$ 459,382	3.6%	\$ 486,184	\$ 486,184	5.8%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 443,625	\$ 459,382	\$ 459,382	3.6%	\$ 486,184	\$ 486,184	5.8%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 443,625	\$ 459,382	\$ 459,382	3.6%	\$ 486,184	\$ 486,184	5.8%

General Services Fund Group

4K9 882-609 Operating Expenses

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$394,674	\$412,850	\$420,899	\$443,625	\$459,382	\$486,184
	4.6%	1.9%	5.4%	3.6%	5.8%

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: Funds are used for general operating expenses, including payroll and supplies for the State Board of Psychology. The Board licenses and regulates psychologists and school psychologists who practice in Ohio.