

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

- Licensed 15,180 professionals in FY2000
- 10.3% increase in number of licensees from FY1998 to

OVERVIEW

In 1976, the 111th General Assembly established the Occupational Therapists Board. Chapter 4755 of the Ohio Revised Code was amended in 1977 to include the regulation of physical therapists, which until then had been regulated by the State Medical Board. Athletic trainers were added to the board's scope with the enactment of SB 80 in 1990. Today the Board operates as a consolidated board with sections of the Board regulating each profession and a consolidated administrative staff. The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (OTPTAT) is empowered to license each discipline through examination, hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, and take other actions to address complaints about licensees' performance of professional duties. The board also inspects the practices of licensees and certifies continuing education requirements.

OTPTAT oversees the licensing and regulation of over 15,000 professionals. The board renews its licenses on a biennial basis. Revenues and expenditures for the board for FY1999/2000 renewal cycle totaled \$1,618,964 and \$1,167,709 respectively. The board's net gain for the last renewal cycle was \$451,255.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board Staffing Levels						
Program Series/Division	1998	1999	2000	2001	<i>Estimated</i>	
					2002	2003
Board Members	20	20	20	20	20	20
Administrative Staff	5	5	5	6	6	6
Investigative Staff	3	3	3	3	3	3
Totals	28	28	28	29	29	29

In FY 1999/FY 2000, there were 38 Board meetings.

In FY1999/FY 2000, the Board conducted 161 investigations.

Number of Licensees

<i>License Type</i>	<i>FY1999</i>	<i>FY2000</i>
Occupational Therapists	3,381	3,205
Occupational Therapy Assistants	1,798	1,813
Physical Therapists	5,210	5,337
Physical Therapy Assistants	3,230	3,516
Athletic Trainers	1,241	1,309

Current License Fees

License fees are the same for therapists and assistants. The last fee increase for occupational therapists was in March 1998, for physical therapists – July 1995, and for athletic trainers – June 1996.

PYT- Additional Facts & Figures

	<i>Occupational Therapy</i>	<i>Physical Therapy</i>	<i>Athletic Trainer</i>
Initial	\$100	\$100	\$100
Renewal	\$80	\$80	\$75

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

OTPTAT Board

Purpose License and regulate the professions of occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic training.

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	890-609	Operating	\$681,020	\$703,201
Total funding: OTPTAT Board				

Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (OTPTAT)

Program Description: The OTPTAT Board provides licenses to occupational therapists, physical therapists, and athletic trainers in accordance with Chapter 4755 of the ORC. The Board monitors and approves continuing education for all of the fields except physical therapy. It also investigates allegations of wrongdoing, monitors practice via spot checks of licensees, conducts administrative hearings, and provides informational newsletters for its licensees.

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: 890-609 Operating

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The executive recommends that the FY2002 funding for the OTPTAT Board be decreased by 22.8% or \$201,625 over the estimated FY2001 disbursement level. The Board experienced one-time expenses in FY2001 to conduct two studies that will not be included in the current budget. For FY2003, the Executive is recommending an increase of 3.3% or \$22,181 from FY2002.

The Board requested \$894,139 for FY2002 and \$908,610 for FY2003. The Executive has recommended that the Board will need \$681,020 in FY2002 and \$703,201 in FY2003. The executive recommendation includes additional funding for existing salaries in the amount of \$3,121 over the biennium. The recommendation also funds a supplemental request for \$10,000 so the Board may purchase a new computer, new printer and new software.

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.

There are no permanent or temporary law provisions with fiscal effects on this agency.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

OTPTAT Board						
Fund Line Item	FY 2002 Requested	FY 2002 Recommended	Difference	FY 2003 Requested	FY 2003 Recommended	Difference
PYT 890-609	\$72,000	\$0	(\$72,000)	\$55,000	\$0	(\$55,000)

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainer Board sought additional funding to relocate the Board to a new location. The Board believes that continued growth in licensures is crowding the office space and adversely affecting the ability of the Board to perform its duties effectively.

OTPTAT Board						
Fund Line Item	FY 2002 Requested	FY 2003 Recommended	Difference	FY 2002 Requested	FY 2003 Recommended	Difference
PYT 890-609	\$33,777	\$0	(\$33,777)	\$36,657	\$0	(\$36,657)

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainer Board asked for funding to hire a receptionist/file clerk. The Board believes that continued growth in licensures has increased the workload of current employees so that Board duties are not being performed as efficiently as possible. Specifically, the receptionist/file clerk would be used to answer telephone calls and file incoming data. (The executive recommendation does include \$3,121 in additional funding for existing personnel expenses, but it is not related to this request.)

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

<i>Fund ALI ALI Title</i>	<i>Revised Estimated 2001</i>	<i>As Introduced 2002</i>	<i>House Sub Bill 2002</i>	<i>% Change Est. 2001 to House 2002</i>	<i>As Introduced 2003</i>	<i>House Sub Bill 2003</i>	<i>% Change House 2002 to House 2003</i>
<i>PYT Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board</i>							
4K9 890-609 Operating Expenses	\$882,645	\$ 681,020	\$ 681,020	-22.8%	\$ 703,201	\$ 703,201	3.3%
General Services Fund Group Total	\$ 882,645	\$ 681,020	\$ 681,020	-22.8%	\$ 703,201	\$ 703,201	3.3%
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Total All Budget Fund Groups	\$ 882,645	\$ 681,020	\$ 681,020	-22.8%	\$ 703,201	\$ 703,201	3.3%

General Services Fund Group

4K9 890-609 Operating Expenses

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$579,485	\$539,205	\$594,836	\$882,645	\$681,020	\$703,201
	-7.0%	10.3%	48.4%	-22.8%	3.3%

Source: GSF: License fees received by the occupational licensing boards are deposited into Fund 4K9.

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

Purpose: This appropriation supports the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board. Funds in this line item are used for general operating expenses, including payroll, supplies, and equipment. The Board licenses and regulates the professions of occupational and physical therapy and athletic training. \$150,000 in FY 2000 was earmarked for a physical therapy clinical outcome study and \$100,000 in FY 2001 was earmarked for an occupational therapy clinical outcome study.