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- Licensed 17,113 professionals in FY 2002
- 12.7% increase in number of licensees from FY 2000 to FY 2002

OVERVIEW

In 1976, the 111th General Assembly established the Occupational Therapists Board. Chapter 4755. of the 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 S.B. 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.

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board oversees the licensing and regulation of over 17,000 professionals. The Board renews its licenses on a biennial basis. Revenues and expenditures for the Board for the FY 2001-2002 renewal cycle totaled \$1,664,564 and \$1,541,321, respectively. The Board's net gain for the last renewal cycle was \$123,243.

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 2004	FY 2005
4K9	890-609	Operating	\$771,391	\$801,480
Total funding: The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers 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 Revised Code. 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 24 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 Item: 890-609 Operating

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Executive recommends that the FY 2004 funding for the OTPTAT Board be increased by 4.1% or \$30,314 over the estimated FY 2003 disbursement level of \$741,077. For FY 2005, the Executive is recommending an increase of 3.9% or \$30,089 from FY 2004.

The Board requested \$770,000 for FY 2004 and \$847,000 for FY 2005. The Executive has recommended that the Board will need \$771,391 in FY 2004 and \$801,480 in FY 2005. This funding level will allow the Board to purchase a new printer, new filing units, and begin an update of the computer system.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board Staffing Levels						
Program Series/Division	2000	2001	2002	2003	<i>Estimated</i>	
					2004	2005
Board Members	20	20	20	20	20	20
Administrative Staff	5	6	6	6	6	6
Investigative Staff	3	3	3	3	3	3
Totals	28	29	29	29	29	29

In FYs 2001-2002, there were a total of 67 meetings held by the 3 boards, including 6 joint board meetings.

In FYs 2001-2002, the Board conducted 160 investigations.

Number of Licensees

License Type	FY 2001	FY 2002
Occupational Therapists	3,186	3,702
Occupational Therapy Assistants	1,831	2,161
Physical Therapists	5,599	5,871
Physical Therapy Assistants	3,762	3,923
Athletic Trainers	1,385	1,456

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 – March 1999.

	Occupational Therapy	Physical Therapy	Athletic Trainer
Initial	\$100	\$100	\$100
Renewal	\$80	\$80	\$80

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

This section describes permanent and temporary law provisions contained in the executive budget that will affect the Board'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

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board – Core Request						
Fund Line Item	FY 2004 Requested	FY 2004 Recommended	Difference	FY 2005 Requested	FY 2005 Recommended	Difference
PYT 890-609	\$703,201	\$729,864	\$26,663	\$703,201	\$742,953	\$39,752

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board asked for core funding to carry out the official duties of the Board. Funding at this level will insure that the Board meets its statutory obligations of licensing its professionals. Also included in this core request is the expansion of the Board's filing system and the replacement of the Board's information technology system through the purchase of a new printer and new computers. The printer and new filing system will be purchased with the core funding. A portion of the computer system will be implemented over the biennium, but at this reduced level of funding, the Board will be unable to purchase all of the computers that are needed. The Executive also shifted a portion of the maintenance funding from FY 2005 to FY 2004.

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board – Supplemental Request						
Fund Line Item	FY 2004 Requested	FY 2004 Recommended	Difference	FY 2005 Requested	FY 2005 Recommended	Difference
PYT 890-609	\$66,799	\$41,527	(\$25,272)	\$143,799	\$58,527	(\$85,272)

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board asked for additional funding to cover rent, postage, computer service, telecommunications, central services, fleet management, printing, and other operational obligations. These services will be met with the level of funding provided. Some core funding may also be used to pay for these services in lieu of computer purchases. The Board also included a new licensing system in its supplemental request; implementation of this has been delayed, and the Executive did not provide funding for it.

General Services Fund Group

4K9 890-609 Operating Expenses

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$594,836	\$821,818	\$730,883	\$741,077	\$771,391	\$801,480
	38.2%	-11.1%	1.4%	4.1%	3.9%

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

Legal Basis: Section 80 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th G.A. (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 therapy, physical therapy and athletic training.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2004 - FY 2005

<i>Fund ALI ALI Title</i>	<i>Estimated 2003</i>	<i>As Introduced 2004</i>	<i>House Sub Bill 2004</i>	<i>% Change Est. 2003 to House 2004</i>	<i>As Introduced 2005</i>	<i>House Sub Bill 2005</i>	<i>% Change House 2004 to House 2005</i>
<i>PYT Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board</i>							
4K9 890-609 Operating Expenses	\$741,077	\$ 771,391	\$ 771,391	4.1%	\$ 801,480	\$ 801,480	3.9%
General Services Fund Group Total	\$ 741,077	\$ 771,391	\$ 771,391	4.1%	\$ 801,480	\$ 801,480	3.9%
<i>Total All Budget Fund Groups</i>							
	\$ 741,077	\$ 771,391	\$ 771,391	4.1%	\$ 801,480	\$ 801,480	3.9%