

# **LSC Redbook**

**Analysis of the Executive Budget Proposal**

## **Ohio Medical Transportation Board**

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- Catalog of Budget Line Items
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# Ohio Medical Transportation Board

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- Executive proposes to merge the Board with EMS in the Department of Public Safety

## OVERVIEW

### Duties and Responsibilities

The Ohio Medical Transportation Board is currently charged with the duty of administering and enforcing the state's ambulance, ambulette (wheelchair van), and air ambulance licensing programs. This regulatory authority covers all private, hospital-based commercial ambulances, ambulettes, mobile intensive care units (MoICUs), medical helicopters, and fixed wing medical aircraft operating within the boundaries of the state of Ohio. The services and activities performed by the Board in support of its duties and responsibilities include:

- Licensing private ambulance service organizations, private nonemergency medical service organizations, and private air medical service organizations;
- Permitting ambulances, nontransport vehicles, rotorcraft (e.g., helicopters), and fixed wing medical aircraft;
- Establishing minimum standards for the operation of these vehicles, including basic equipment loads, vehicle types, staffing, maintenance, communications, recordkeeping, sanitation, insurance, and roadworthiness; and
- Enforcing the regulatory scheme described in the preceding dot points, including mandatory annual physical inspections of headquarter facilities, satellite offices, and transportation vehicles.

### Snapshot of Regulated Service Provider Community

Highlighted below are some of the more notable features of the Board's service provider community that constitutes the Board's regulatory environment. These numbers are based on the Board's budget request as submitted in September 2012.

- 473 ambulette and air medical service providers;
- Nearly 750 total service locations; and
- Nearly 3,500 medical transport and nontransport vehicles.

## Revenue Sources

The Board is a non-GRF entity that draws its financing from license, permit, and inspection fees collected from the regulated community and civil penalties of up to \$1,500 imposed for each violation of R.C. Chapter 4766. Those two revenue sources, summarized in Table 1 immediately below, are estimated to generate a total of approximately \$535,000 annually.

<b>Table 1. Estimated Annual Revenue Stream</b>	
<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Revenues</b>
Fees (license, permit, inspect)	\$525,000
Civil Penalties	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$535,000</b>

All of this revenue is deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). The Medical Transportation Board is one of more than 20 occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions that use Fund 4K90 as an operating account into which receipts are deposited and from which expenses are paid. Each licensing board or commission is expected to be self-sufficient.

## Proposed Merger of the Medical Transportation Board and Public Safety

Under the executive recommended budget, the Board will be merged with the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board within the Department of Public Safety. As such, the Board will receive no appropriation in the FY 2014-FY 2015 budget. The duties currently performed by the Board will be transferred to EMS, along with the appropriation and the revenues collected by the Board.

## Simplified Cash Balance Statement

Table 2 below shows a simplified cash balance statement for the Board from FY 2000 through FY 2012. Over the course of those 13 years, the Board has generated \$870,000 more in revenue than it expended on operating expenses (payroll, personal services contracts, maintenance and supplies, and equipment).

Subsequent to the enactment of H.B. 85 of the 125th General Assembly, effective in calendar year 2004, the Board began licensing air medical organizations and ambulette organizations, as well as issuing permits to ambulettes and air ambulances (both rotor and fixed wing). This resulted in the generation of additional license, permit, and inspection fees and a related increase in the Board's regulatory workload and annual operating expenses.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Net</b>
2000	\$178,720	\$215,895	-\$37,175
2001	\$259,597	\$222,488	\$37,109
2002	\$333,774	\$192,508	\$141,266
2003	\$296,953	\$273,801	\$23,152
2004	\$256,823	\$362,562	-\$105,739
2005	\$276,283	\$371,213	-\$94,930
2006	\$423,375	\$394,401	\$28,974
2007	\$490,362	\$413,171	\$77,191
2008	\$574,025	\$452,955	\$121,070
2009	\$692,272	\$521,553	\$170,719
2010	\$629,412	\$491,215	\$138,197
2011	\$666,394	\$483,182	\$183,212
2012	\$709,298	\$519,528	\$189,770

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### General Services Fund Group

#### **4K90 915604    Operating Expenses**

FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Estimate	FY 2014 Introduced	FY 2015 Introduced
\$478,466	\$483,182	\$519,528	\$513,856	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	1.0%	7.5%	-1.1%	<b>-100%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Source:** General Services Fund Group: License, permit, and inspection fees; civil penalty money collected pursuant to disciplinary actions taken by the Board

**Legal Basis:** Discontinued line item (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th G.A.)

**Purpose:** This line item was used to pay the Ohio Medical Transportation Board's operating expenses. The Board inspects, certifies, and licenses medical service organizations regulated by ORC Chapter 4766.  
The executive proposes merging the Board with the Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Medical Services in H.B. 35 of the 130th G.A., the transportation budget.

**FY 2014 - FY 2015 Introduced Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Groups**

Line Item Detail by Agency			FY 2012	Estimate FY 2013	Introduced FY 2014	FY 2013 to FY 2014 % Change	Introduced FY 2015	FY 2014 to FY 2015 % Change
<b>Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>			<b>Version: As Introduced</b>					
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4K90	915604	Operating Expenses	\$ 519,528	\$ 513,856	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 519,528</b>	<b>\$ 513,856</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>-100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Ohio Medical Transportation Board Total</b>			<b>\$ 519,528</b>	<b>\$ 513,856</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>-100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>N/A</b>