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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio Board of Nursing

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Quick look...

- The Board of Nursing licensed or certified over 320,000 professionals, including registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs), advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), dialysis technicians, community health workers, and medication aides at the end of FY 2024.
- The Board's authority consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director.
 - Membership includes eight RNs with at least five years' experience (two must be APRNs), four LPNs with at least five years' experience, and one consumer representative.
- The Board is supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Dedicated Purpose Total	\$11,987,302	\$12,553,514	\$14,383,034	\$14,841,425
% change	--	4.7%	14.6%	3.2%

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

The budget appropriates about \$14.4 million in FY 2026 and \$14.8 million in FY 2027 across both of the Board's appropriation items. These appropriation items are supported by dedicated purpose funds (DPF).

H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly changes the law relating to the Board's authority to discipline licensees. The bill establishes the following as an additional ground for discipline: failure to cooperate with an investigation by not complying with a Board-issued subpoena or failure to truthfully answer questions. The bill clarifies that failure to cooperate does not include failing to comply with a subpoena quashed by a court or withholding evidence or testimony as permitted by court order.

Summary of appropriations

The Board's appropriations for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are discussed below.

Operating Expenses (ALI 884609)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 4K90 ALI 884609, Operating Expenses					
\$11,438,411	\$11,641,655	\$10,803,706	\$11,737,110	\$13,033,034	\$13,491,425
% change	1.8%	-7.2%	8.6%	11.0%	3.5%

This line item is used to pay for most of the Board's operating expenses. To meet its regulatory responsibilities, the Board issues and renews licenses and certificates to those who meet the requirements to practice; approves pre-licensure education programs for nurses and training programs for dialysis technicians, community health workers, and medication aides; establishes regulatory and practice standards for all of those it licenses and certifies; establishes and interprets scopes of practice; investigates complaints; and when necessary, disciplines and monitors the practice of those who violate the laws and rules. Beginning in fall 2024, the Board also became responsible for certifying doulas.

Licenses and fees

Licensing fee revenues collected by the Board are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). Many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions, including the Nursing Board, use Fund 4K90 as an operating account into which receipts are deposited and from which expenses are paid. Each licensing board or commission is generally expected to be self-sufficient, i.e., generating enough revenue to cover its expenses.

The fees for the Board's licenses are included below.

NUR License Fees by Type		
License Type	Initial	Renewal
Registered Nurse	\$75	\$65
Multistate License	\$100	\$75
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$75	\$65
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	\$150	\$135
Certified Dialysis Technician	\$35	\$35
Community Health Worker	\$35	\$35
Certified Doula*	\$35	\$35
Certified Medication Aide	\$50	\$50

*Doula certification began in the fall of 2024 as required by H.B. 101 of the 135th General Assembly. Fees are waived for applicants with a family income less than 300% of the federal poverty level.

The Multistate License (MSL) is issued under the Nurse Licensure Compact agreement, which allows a nurse to practice as a registered or licensed practical nurse in other Compact states without additional licensure.

Nurse Education Grant Program (ALI 884602)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 5AC0 ALI 884602, Nurse Education Grant Program					
\$1,513,000	\$1,513,000	\$1,183,596	\$816,404	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000
% change	0.0%	-21.8%	-31.0%	65.4%	0.0%

This line item is used to support the Nurse Education Grant Program. The Nurse Education Grant Program provides grants to Ohio nurse education programs that have partnerships with health care facilities, community health agencies, or other education programs to establish support partnerships that will increase the enrollment capacity of the programs. Grants are awarded to pre-licensure programs for RNs and LPNs as well as post-graduate programs. Each quarter, the Director of the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) transfers \$10 from each nurse license renewal from Fund 4K90 to the Nurse Education Grant Program Fund (Fund 5AC0). This transfer is scheduled to end December 31, 2033.