

# **Greenbook**

## **LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget**

### **State Board of Psychology**

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## State Board of Psychology

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### Quick look...

- The Ohio State Board of Psychology licensed about 4,700 psychologists and behavior analysts at the end of FY 2024.
- The Board is governed by ten members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director.
- The Board is entirely supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.
- Appropriations total about \$2.0 million over the biennium.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
<b>Fund 4K90 ALI 882609, Operating Expenses</b>					
\$702,994	\$628,150	\$661,137	\$793,502	\$975,010	\$1,011,722
% change	-10.6%	5.3%	20.0%	22.9%	3.8%

### Agency overview

The Ohio State Board of Psychology was established in 1972. The Board is responsible for licensing psychologists and school psychologists who engage in private practice outside of school-based settings (referred to as “independent school psychologists” hereafter) and as of January 1, 2025, school psychologists who practice only in school-based settings (referred to as “school psychologists” hereafter).<sup>1</sup> The Board also certifies applied behavior analysts. The Board establishes standards of practice, education, pre-professional training, and examination for psychologists, school psychologists, and applied behavior analysts. The Board also investigates complaints, holds administrative hearings, determines appropriate disciplinary actions, and monitors continuing education compliance among licensees and certificate holders. About 4,700 licenses and certificates issued by the Board were active at the end of FY 2024.

The Board’s governing authority consists of ten members appointed by the Governor, including six psychologists, independent school psychologists, or school psychologists; one certified Ohio behavior analyst; and three patient advocates who are either parents or relatives of a recipient of mental health services or representatives of organizations that represent recipients of mental health services. Members are appointed for five-year terms. In addition to

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<sup>1</sup> These psychologists were previously regulated by the Department of Education and Workforce. However, H.B. 509 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly required the State Board of Education and the Psychology Board to transition this license to the Psychology Board by January 1, 2025.

reimbursements for necessary expenses, board members also receive compensation for conducting official board business.

The Board's daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director appointed by the ten-member governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Board has five full-time staff members. The Board receives no General Revenue Fund (GRF) money; it is entirely supported by fees.

## Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

The Board's operations are funded by a single appropriation item within Fund 4K90 – item 882609, Operating Expenses. The budget appropriates \$975,010 in FY 2026 and \$1.0 million in FY 2027.

Fee revenues collected by the Board are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). The table below shows the Board's current license fees. Licenses for psychologists and independent school psychologists are required to be renewed biennially, as well as certificates for behavioral analysts. However, licensed school psychologists are required to be licensed quinquennially.

License Fees by Type	
License Type	Fee
Psychologist – License Application	\$300
Psychologist – License Renewal	\$365
Independent School Psychologist – License Application	\$300
Independent School Psychologist – License Renewal	\$365
School Psychologist – License Application	\$300
School Psychologist – License Renewal	\$300
Applied Behavior Analyst – Certificate Application	\$125
Applied Behavior Analyst – Certificate Renewal	\$150