

Introduction

Summary

Section 103.13(H) of the Revised Code requires the Legislative Service Commission (LSC) to prepare a report each year evaluating the extent to which Ohio's various occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions are financially self-supporting. This report summarizes the year-end cash balances for funds used by such boards and commissions in fiscal year (FY) 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018). These boards and commissions use a number of different funds as operating accounts into which their receipts are deposited and from which their expenses are paid. As of June 30, 2018, the 24 state funds used primarily by the boards and commissions had a combined cash balance of \$86.2 million, compared to a combined cash balance of \$84.2 million as of July 1, 2017. The boards and commissions also encumbered a total of \$6.8 million in FY 2018 funds to be spent in FY 2019, leaving the funds with a combined, unobligated cash balance of \$79.4 million at the end of FY 2018, compared to a combined unobligated cash balance of \$78.8 million at the end of FY 2017. Collectively, these boards and commissions had sufficient revenues to cover their expenditures and were financially self-supporting in FY 2018.

The report is divided into two sections. Section I provides a simplified cash balance statement for the 24 funds used primarily by the boards and commissions for operations and also summarizes their revenue and expenditure activities for FY 2018. Section II compares the total number of active licenses for each board or commission in FY 2018 to FY 2017. The financial and licensing data presented in this report was compiled from information provided by the boards and commissions and data from the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS).

Board abolishments and consolidations

H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly abolished several boards typically covered in this report. The duties of these abolished boards were placed under one of several existing boards or one of two newly created boards.¹ However, the duties with regard to the Ohio Respiratory Care Board were divided in the following manner: respiratory care regulation was merged into the State Medical Board and home medical equipment regulation was merged into the State Board of Pharmacy. The table below shows the abolished boards, as well as the new or existing board that absorbed their duties. All of the consolidations except one were effective January 21, 2018. The exception was the consolidation of the State Board of Sanitarian Registration into the Ohio Department of Health, which was effective on September 29, 2017. Thus, it is important to note that this report does not reflect a full year's worth of revenue and expenditure data for affected boards.

¹ The State Vision Professionals Board and the State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board were created by H.B. 49.

Board Consolidations	
Abolished Board	New or Existing Board Responsible for Regulation
State Board of Optometry Ohio Optical Dispensers Board	State Vision Professionals Board
Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	
Ohio Board of Dietetics	State Medical Board
State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics	Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
Ohio Respiratory Care Board duties	
<i>Respiratory care</i>	State Medical Board
<i>Home medical equipment</i>	State Board of Pharmacy
Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission	Ohio Department of Commerce
State Board of Sanitarian Registration	Ohio Department of Health
Ohio State Barber Board	State Cosmetology and Barber Board

Access report online

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