

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) 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019). 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, 2019, the 23 state funds used primarily by the boards and commissions had a combined cash balance of \$86.3 million, compared to a combined cash balance of \$86.2 million as of July 1, 2018. The boards and commissions also encumbered a total of \$7.2 million in FY 2019 funds to be spent in FY 2020, leaving the funds with a combined, unobligated cash balance of \$79.0 million at the end of FY 2019, compared to a combined, unobligated cash balance of \$79.4 million at the end of FY 2018. Collectively, these boards and commissions had sufficient revenues to cover their expenditures and were financially self-supporting in FY 2019.

The report is divided into two sections. Section I provides a simplified cash balance statement for the 23 funds used primarily by the boards and commissions for operations and also summarizes their revenue and expenditure activities for FY 2019. Section II compares the total number of active licenses for each board or commission in FY 2019 to FY 2018. 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).

FY 2018 board abolishments and consolidations

H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, the biennial budget bill, 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, and their license renewal schedules. All of the consolidations took place during FY 2018. The abolished boards that were on an annual renewal schedule are no longer covered in this report. However, those with a biennial licensing schedule are still covered since two years of data is included for these boards. Please note that this report does not reflect a full year's worth of revenue and expenditure data for affected boards on a biennial schedule for FY 2018.

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

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

Access report online

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