

- Total agency funding is increased by 2.7% in FY 2002 and 2.8% in FY 2003

State Employment Relations Board

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ROLE

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) is the neutral quasi-judicial body which administers Ohio’s public employee collective bargaining law by conducting representation elections, certifying exclusive bargaining representatives, monitoring and enforcing statutory dispute resolution procedures, adjudicating unfair labor practice (ULP) charges, and determining unauthorized strike claims. The three board members oversee a staff of about 42. There are five main service divisions, including: (1) the Hearings Section, (2) the Labor Relations Section, (3) the Bureau of Mediation, (4) the Research and Training Section, and (5) the Clerk’s office.

Ever since the Public Employee Collective Bargaining Law of 1983, which established the SERB, the number of public sector strikes has greatly decreased. The SERB reports that between 1978 and 1980, there were approximately 60 public sector strikes in Ohio. During the 1980s, the number of strikes annually averaged in the teens, whereas in the 1990s there have been an average of nine public sector strikes a year.

According to data provided in the agency’s annual report for CY 2000, there were a total of 3,044 separate labor contracts governing 1,418 public workplaces statewide. These agreements covered 426,676 employees in state agencies, local governments, and school boards. Issues stemming from these collective bargaining agreements resulted in 2,344 cases that were filed over the CY 2000 period.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
40	\$3.6 million	\$3.7 million	\$3.6 million	\$3.7 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

OVERVIEW

The SERB’s FY 2002 appropriation, including the 1.5 percent reduction in GRF appropriation required by Am. Sub. H.B. 94, is \$3,642,184, a 2.7 percent increase over actual FY 2001 spending of \$3,548,326. The adjusted FY 2003 appropriation is \$3,743,943, a 2.8 percent increase over FY 2002 funding. A small portion of the agency’s total budget—two percent in each fiscal year—is derived from revenues from the sale of publications and training fees. These revenues are deposited in Fund 572 within the General Services Fund (GSF) group. 

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 1999:</i>	<i>FY 2000:</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted						
ERB Employment Relations Board, State									
GRF	125-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 3,396,524	\$ 3,586,019	\$3,499,301	\$ 3,568,485	1.98%	\$ 3,668,402	2.80%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 3,396,524	\$ 3,586,019	\$ 3,499,301	\$ 3,568,485	1.98%	\$ 3,668,402	2.80%
440	125-601	Transcript & Other	\$ 26,076	\$ 0		\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
572	125-603	Training and Publications	\$ 36,540	\$ 59,098	\$49,025	\$ 73,699	50.33%	\$ 75,541	2.50%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 62,616	\$ 59,098	\$ 49,025	\$ 73,699	50.33%	\$ 75,541	2.50%
Employment Relations Board, State Total			\$ 3,459,140	\$ 3,645,117	\$ 3,548,326	\$ 3,642,184	2.65%	\$ 3,743,943	2.79%