

- Board received \$48,000 appropriation increase to support implementation of legislation

## Psychology, State Board of

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### ROLE

The State Board of Psychology was established in 1972 to provide regulatory oversight of psychologists and nonschool-based school psychologists. The State Department of Education regulates school-based school psychologists. The primary mission of the Board is to provide protection to the public through examinations, licensing, monitoring of continuing education, monitoring of unlicensed practice (both supervised practice of extenders and illegal practice), and to investigate complaints and discipline licensees pursuant to Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code. Generally, the Board acts as the enforcement and compliance body for ensuring maintenance of accountability among licensees. Licensees must renew their licenses biannually during the summer of even-numbered years. In FY 2002, the Board licensed approximately 3,550 psychologists and approximately 400 school psychologists. In addition, the Board is charged with monitoring the registration and practice of approximately 2,500 unlicensed supervisees working under the licensed authority of psychologists. The Board has a staff of six FTEs.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
15	\$564,544	\$561,525	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

\*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003. Of the 15 employees, 9 are Board members.

### OVERVIEW

The Board collects license fees, which are deposited in the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K9). License renewal fees plus other revenues generate average annual receipts of approximately \$700,000, allowing the Board to be self-supporting. The enacted budget will allow the Board to maintain FY 2003 service levels in the FY 2004-2005 biennium.

### BUDGET ISSUES

#### ***SUB. S.B. 9 OF THE 124TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY CREATES CHANGE FOR BOARD***

Sub. S.B. 9 of the 124th General Assembly changed the Board's composition and requirements relative to continuing education, Internet access to disciplinary actions, and the Board's responses to sex-related misconduct. Specifically, the bill did the following: (1) increased the number of board members from seven to nine, (2) increased continuing education requirements from 20 to 23 hours, including not less than three hours in "professional conduct and ethics," (3) enacted license summary suspension authority,

and possible revocation authority if there is an “immediate threat to the public,” (4) mandated the Board suspend or permanently revoke the license of a licensee determined to have engaged in sexual misconduct, and (5) required Internet access to the names of all current licensees, and the names of all current and former licensees that have been reprimanded, and/or suspended or revoked and the reason.

These changes produced some costs for the Board. For example, the bill mandated that the two new public members on the Board be nonpsychologist-mental health consumer advocates. As a result, the Board lost a public member who was an attorney. This attorney served as an examiner during hearings. Because of this loss, the Board was required to hire a hearing examiner to conduct hearings and be present with the Board to rule on motions and objections. Additionally, with an increase in the number and intensity of summary suspension hearings, and the addition of two board members, the Board has experienced increased costs for compensation, travel reimbursement expenses, and materials. According to the Board, the estimated annual costs associated with implementing S.B. 9 are \$39,920. The Board received a \$48,000 increase in Fund 4K9 in each fiscal year to handle these expenses. The Board will use the difference to turn an intern position into a full-time position.

With the passage of Sub. S.B. 9, and installation of new licensing software (CAVU) that all occupational boards will use in the next biennium, the Board received funding for replacement of five aging computers to run the new software and replacement of an aging photocopier. 

**FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Group**

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003:</i>	<i>FY 2004 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2003 to 2004:</i>	<i>FY 2005 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2004 to 2005:</i>
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>		<b>Version: Enacted</b>					
<b>PSY Psychology, State Board of</b>							
4K9 882-609 Operating Expenses	\$ 442,831	\$ 408,910	\$464,843	\$ 564,544	21.45%	\$ 561,525	-0.53%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>	<b>\$ 442,831</b>	<b>\$ 408,910</b>	<b>\$ 464,843</b>	<b>\$ 564,544</b>	<b>21.45%</b>	<b>\$ 561,525</b>	<b>-0.53%</b>
<b>Psychology, State Board of Total</b>	<b>\$ 442,831</b>	<b>\$ 408,910</b>	<b>\$ 464,843</b>	<b>\$ 564,544</b>	<b>21.45%</b>	<b>\$ 561,525</b>	<b>-0.53%</b>