

Greenbook
LSC Analysis of Enacted Budget

**State Board of Career
Colleges and Schools**

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State Board of Career Colleges and Schools

- Non-GRF agency; funding is entirely provided by fee revenue
- Funding of \$540,260 in each fiscal year

OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

The State Board of Career Colleges and Schools (SCR) monitors and regulates Ohio's private, for-profit, post-secondary career colleges and schools in order to ensure compliance with state law. SCR establishes the rules for the registration and operation of the schools, including standards to ensure a school's financial stability, sound business practices, and adequate programs and curricula. It also investigates and resolves consumer complaints and maintains funds and records to assist students when schools close. All of SCR's operations are funded through fee revenue generated through its registrations; the Board receives no General Revenue Fund (GRF) funding.

SCR's governing authority consists of eight members: the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee, the Chancellor of Higher Education or designee, and six members appointed by the Governor, one of whom (the member representing students) is nonvoting. The day-to-day operations of SCR are the responsibility of an executive director, who is appointed by the eight-member governing authority. Including the Executive Director, SCR has three full-time staff members. In addition, SCR contracts with four part-time school evaluators who are based around the state and perform SCR's fieldwork and onsite visits.

Appropriation Overview

Agency Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2018-FY 2019 (Am. Sub. H.B. 49)					
Fund Group	FY 2017*	FY 2018	% change, FY 2017-FY 2018	FY 2019	% change, FY 2018-FY 2019
Dedicated Purpose	\$495,892	\$540,260	9.0%	\$540,260	0.0%
TOTAL	\$495,892	\$540,260	9.0%	\$540,260	0.0%

*FY 2017 figures represent actual expenditures.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

The following table shows the appropriation levels for the appropriation item in SCR's budget in each fiscal year of the biennium.

Funding for State Board of Career Colleges and Schools				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2018	FY 2019
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
4K90	233601	Operating Expenses	\$540,260	\$540,260
<i>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal</i>			\$540,260	\$540,260
Total Funding: State Board of Career Colleges and Schools			\$540,260	\$540,260

Operating Expenses (233601)

SCR has one line item that funds its activities, which include the registration and approval of schools, programs, degrees, and majors; onsite visits and investigative inquiries by part-time paid consultants and staff; and the provision of permits for school agents. In FY 2017, approximately 250 career colleges and schools were registered with SCR. These schools offered nearly 1,800 programs and enrolled over 40,000 students. SCR is also responsible for responding to complaints about schools and for maintaining the Ohio Student Tuition Recovery Fund. SCR is a non-GRF supported entity, with all of its operations funded through fee revenue generated through school and program registrations.

In January 2017, SCR established an online Student Consumer Information Course to meet a student disclosure requirement that was previously met using a paper form. The fee for the course is \$25, which was assessed to the student. The budget, instead, requires a registered college or school to pay the disclosure fee for new students, and prohibits it from charging a student for that fee, either directly or through any increase in fees or tuition charged to a student to pay the disclosure fee. It also requires SCR to refund all student disclosure fees it collected from the colleges and schools since January 2017 for purposes of refunding that money to students who were charged that fee by the college or school.

The budget also requires the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare a transferability strategy plan that enables students to transfer credits from a for-profit career college or school to a state institution of higher education without unnecessary duplication or institutional barriers. The Chancellor is required to submit an interim strategy plan by July 1, 2018, and a final strategy plan by January 1, 2019, to the Governor, President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and Speaker and Minority Leader of the House.

FY 2018 - FY 2019 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

			Appropriation	FY 2017 to FY 2018	Appropriation	FY 2018 to FY 2019		
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019		
					% Change	% Change		
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: As Enacted					
SCR State Board of Career Colleges and Schools								
4K90	233601	Operating Expenses	\$ 480,560	\$ 495,892	\$ 540,260	8.95%	\$ 540,260	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total			\$ 480,560	\$ 495,892	\$ 540,260	8.95%	\$ 540,260	0.00%
State Board of Career Colleges and Schools Total			\$ 480,560	\$ 495,892	\$ 540,260	8.95%	\$ 540,260	0.00%