

# Redbook

## LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

### State Board of Psychology

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### Quick look...

- The Ohio State Board of Psychology currently licenses about 4,100 psychologists and behavior analysts with a staff of five employees.
- The Board is governed by nine members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director.
- The Board is entirely supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.
- There are no proposed fee changes for the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium.

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Estimate	FY 2020 Introduced	FY 2021 Introduced
<b>Fund 4K90 ALI 882609, Operating Expenses</b>					
\$549,380	\$589,650	\$600,643	\$665,390	\$665,390	\$696,615
% change	7.3%	1.9%	10.8%	0.0%	4.7%

### Agency overview

The Ohio State Board of Psychology was established in 1972. The Board is responsible for licensing psychologists and school psychologists who may also engage in restrictive private practice.<sup>1</sup> The Board also certifies applied behavior analysts. The Board establishes standards of practice, education, preprofessional training, and examination for psychologists, school psychologists, and applied behavior analysts. The Board also investigates complaints, holds administrative hearings, determines appropriate disciplinary actions, and monitors continuing education compliance among licensees and certificate holders. About 4,100 licenses and certificates issued by the Board are currently active.

The Board's governing authority consists of nine members appointed by the Governor, including six psychologists or school psychologists and three patient advocates who are either parents or relatives of a recipient of mental health services or representatives of organizations that represent recipients of mental health services. Members are appointed for five-year terms. In addition to travel reimbursement, Board members also receive annual compensation of about \$10,479 in FY 2018 for conducting official Board business.

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<sup>1</sup> School psychologists who practice only in school-based settings are regulated by the Department of Education.

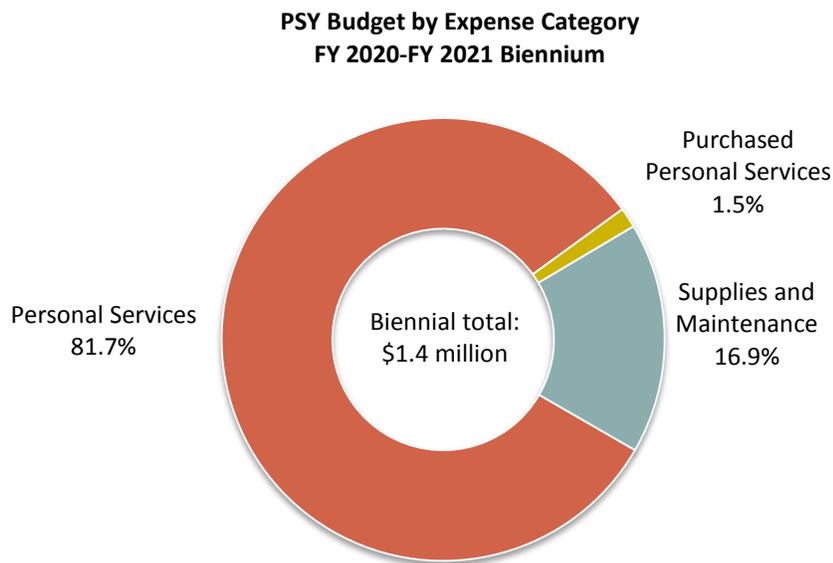
The Board's daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director appointed by the nine-member governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Board has five full-time staff members and an annual budget of \$665,390 in FY 2019. The Board receives no General Revenue Fund (GRF) money; it is entirely supported by fees.

## Analysis of FY 2020-FY 2021 budget proposal

The Board's operations are funded by a single appropriation item within Fund 4K90 – item 882609, Operating Expenses. The executive budget recommends \$665,390 in FY 2020, which is the same amount estimated to be expended in FY 2019, and \$696,615 in FY 2021, which is a 4.7% increase over FY 2020. The Board states that with this funding, it will maintain current operations.

### Executive recommendations by expense category

As a regulatory agency, personal services is the largest expense category for the Board. As seen in the chart below, 81.7% of the proposed budget recommendations for the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium are for personal services, 16.9% are for supplies and maintenance, and 1.5% for purchased personal services.



### Operating revenues and expenses

Table 1 shows the Board's annual revenues and expenditures from FY 2013 through FY 2018 as well as the net revenues less expenditures. The Board collects fee revenue in odd-numbered fiscal years. As a result, the revenues in even-numbered years are far below expenditures.

	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
Revenue	\$1,257,057	\$34,145	\$1,265,610	\$73,149	\$1,376,257	\$95,957
Expenses	\$516,139	\$524,257	\$550,759	\$549,381	\$589,650	\$600,643
Net	\$740,918	-\$490,112	\$714,851	-\$476,232	\$786,607	-\$504,686

Fee revenues collected by the Board are deposited into the Occupational Licensing Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). Table 2 shows the Board's current license fees. On July 1, 2020, the fees for the psychologist license renewal and the school psychologist license renewal will increase to \$365, per section 4732.14 of the Revised Code.

<b>License Type</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Psychologist – License Application	\$300
Psychologist – License renewal	\$360
School Psychologist – License Application	\$300
School Psychologist – License Renewal	\$360
Applied Behavior Analyst – Certificate Application	\$125
Applied Behavior Analyst – Certificate Renewal	\$150

## Licensure

To carry out its regulatory responsibility, the Board licenses and establishes standards of practice for psychologists, school psychologists, and certified behavior analysts. A psychology license is available for individuals who have met the academic, preprofessional, and examination requirements. A school psychologist license is available for individuals who have met the academic and preprofessional requirements, and have four years of school psychology experience as a Department of Education licensed school psychologist. A behavior analyst certificate is available for individuals who have met the academic and preprofessional requirements. Licenses issued by the Board are required to be renewed biennially. As shown in Table 3, from FY 2017 to FY 2018, the total number of active licenses increased by 5.0%.

Table 3. Active Licenses by Type, FY 2016-FY 2018

License Type	FY 2016	FY 2017	Percent Change	FY 2018	Percent Change
Psychologist	3,545	3,395	-4.2%	3,492	2.9%
School Psychologist	255	217	-14.9%	224	3.2%
Certified Ohio Behavior Analyst	259	325	25.5%	418	28.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,059</b>	<b>3,937</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>	<b>4,134</b>	<b>5.0%</b>

The Board utilizes the online eLicensing system, which is administered through the Central Service Agency (CSA). All participating licensing boards share the cost of the system. The Board expended \$2,881 in FY 2018 and estimates that it will expend \$17,702 in FY 2019 for using this system.

## Investigation and enforcement

The Board's regulatory obligations also include investigating complaints about issues of incompetent, unethical, and impaired practitioners. The Board received 78 formal complaints in FY 2018. The Board issued eight disciplinary actions for licensees who were found to be in violation of the Board's laws or rules, including two reprimands, one license suspension, and one license revocation.

## Continuing education

The Board contracts with the Ohio Psychological Association, the Ohio School Psychology Association, and the Behavior Analyst Certification Board to ensure each licensee completes mandatory continuing education (MCE) requirements, on a biennial basis prior to license renewal. The associations forward continuing education information to the Board for licensees who have fulfilled the MCE requirements. The Board reviewed approximately 3,600 continuing education verification records in FY 2018.