

STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND GROUP

555 820-605 EXAMINATION

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$3,912,345	\$4,250,902	\$4,096,713	\$4,502,678	\$5,537,374	\$5,678,223
	8.7%	-3.6%	9.9%	23.0%	2.5%

Source: insurance company fees

Legal Basis: ORC 3901.071 (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 1267 of the 111th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item receives payments from insurance companies for the services of state examiners. The receipts are used to pay the salaries and fringe benefits of the examiners. This line item became effective May 21, 1976.

554 820-606 OPERATING EXPENSES

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$9,555,611	\$11,783,343	\$12,716,050	\$13,165,677	\$14,576,639	\$15,029,623
	23.3%	7.9%	3.5%	10.7%	3.1%

Source: CFDA 93.779, Health Care Financing Research, Demonstrations, and Evaluations; various fees

Legal Basis: ORC 3901.021 (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 694 of the 114th G.A.)

Purpose: This appropriation line item became effective November 15, 1981. The fund receives up to \$15 of the \$20 fee assessed for the licensing of insurance agents, charges for continuing education of insurance agents, and fees for a variety of services or transactions performed by the Department for the regulation of insurance companies. These fees were first temporarily authorized by Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th G.A., which enacted Section 3901.043 of the Revised Code, and are now permanently authorized by Am. Sub. H.B. 117 of the 121st G.A. The remaining \$5 of the agent licensing fee is deposited in the GRF. In addition, Sub. S.B. 375 of the 120th G.A., effective January 1st 1994, established the Insurance Agent Continuing Education program for which fees are charged and used to administer the program, which is estimated to cost \$1,320,000 in FY 1998, and \$880,000 in FY 1999. The Controlling Board on September 29, 1997, increased appropriation authority to this line item to cover these costs. The program costs are not included in the appropriation levels shown in the table.

Operating, 820-606, also receives a federal grant to fund a portion of the Ohio Seniors Health Insurance Information Program. In the past, this grant has been approximately \$280,000 per fiscal year.