

Controlling Board

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- Up to \$50 million in funding for the unexpected
- \$1.9 million to assist with local costs of certain state mandates

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Controlling Board consists of seven members: six legislators (three from the House of Representatives and three from the Senate) and the Director of Budget and Management, or the Director's designee, who serves as the President of the Board. The Board meets every two or three weeks to consider requests for action that are submitted to it by various state agencies. Although the Board has numerous duties, it most commonly takes action on matters related to: (1) the waiver of competitive selection for the purchase of goods and services, including real estate leases, (2) the transfer and release of capital appropriations, (3) the transfer of operating appropriations, (4) the increase or establishment of operating appropriations, (5) the creation of a new fund, and (6) the acquisition of real estate.

Unlike other state agencies, the Controlling Board does not spend any of the funds appropriated to it. Instead, the appropriations are transferred to other state agencies, carried forward to the next fiscal year, or allowed to lapse back into the available cash balance of the General Revenue Fund. In general, Controlling Board appropriations are used to cover costs related to unexpected events such as natural disasters, and to reimburse political subdivisions for the cost of carrying out certain state mandates.

Agency in Brief

The table below summarizes the Controlling Board's FYs 2006 and 2007 appropriations.

Controlling Board In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
N/A	\$5.95 million	\$5.95 million	\$5.95 million	\$5.95 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 66

*The Controlling Board staff consists of the President and the Secretary, who are employed by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) and thus included in the OBM employee count.

Vetoed Provisions

The Controlling Board is not directly affected by any of the items contained in Am. Sub. H.B. 66 that were vetoed by the Governor.

ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

For budget purposes, as detailed below, the Controlling Board activities are considered a single program series and are not subdivided into separate programs.

Program Series 1

Appropriations and Spending Oversight

Purpose: To provide appropriation authority and/or funding to state agencies and to oversee certain state agency expenditure decisions.

The following table shows the three GRF line items used by the Controlling Board to assist various state agencies and political subdivisions, as well as their enacted funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	911-401	Emergency Purposes/Contingencies	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
GRF	911-404	Mandate Assistance	\$650,000	\$650,000
GRF	911-441	Ballot Advertising Costs	\$300,000	\$300,000
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$5,950,000	\$5,950,000
Total Funding: Appropriations and Spending Oversight			\$5,950,000	\$5,950,000

Program Description: This program provides: (1) appropriation authority and funding to state agencies for the costs of emergencies and unplanned contingencies, and (2) reimbursement funding to certain political subdivisions for all or a portion of their costs incurred in complying with certain unfunded state mandates.

Funding Source: GRF

Implication of the Enacted Budget: The enacted budget provides: (1) \$10 million in GRF funding over the biennium to provide assistance made necessary by disasters and emergency situations, (2) a temporary law provision specifying the circumstances under which up to \$40 million would be transferred to the Controlling Board's Disaster Services Fund (Fund 5E2), and (3) nearly \$1 million in GRF funding over the biennium to provide certain political subdivisions with funding related to the costs of statewide ballot initiative advertising, child abuse detection training, and certain felony prosecutions.

Temporary Law: Disaster Assistance (Section 203.81). Temporary law related to line item 911-401, Emergency Purposes/Contingencies, permits the Department of Public Safety to request transfers from line item 911-401 to provide funding for assistance to political subdivisions and individuals made necessary by natural disasters or emergencies.

Disaster Services Fund (Section 203.81). Section 312.01 of the enacted budget stipulates that, with regard to FY 2005 surplus GRF revenue, after the first \$60 million is transferred to the Public Assistance Reconciliation Fund (Fund 5AX), the next \$40 million is to be transferred to the Controlling Board's Disaster Services Fund (Fund 5E2). (The transfer of that cash to Fund 5E2 was made in July 2005.) Related temporary law in Section 203.81 of the enacted budget stipulates that the money: (1) may be transferred to the Department of Public Safety to provide assistance to political subdivisions made

necessary by natural disasters or emergencies and that meets the Ohio Emergency Management Agency's criteria for assistance, and (2) shall be transferred to state agencies for the payment of state agency program expenses for certain floods, tornados, or storms, or other disasters declared by the Governor.

Southern Ohio Correctional Facility Cost (Section 203.81). Temporary law related to line item 911-401, Emergency Purposes/Contingencies, permits the Division of Criminal Justice Services in the Department of Public Safety and the Public Defender Commission, upon approval of the Director of OBM, to request appropriations from line item 911-401 for costs related to the disturbance that occurred on April 11, 1993, at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, Ohio.

Mandate Assistance (Section 203.81). The enacted budget contains funding of \$650,000 in each of FYs 2006 and 2007 for GRF line item 911-404, Mandate Assistance. Related temporary law requires that these appropriations be used to provide financial assistance to: (1) county prosecutors for the cost of prosecuting certain felonies that occur on the grounds of state institutions operated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and the Department of Youth Services, and (2) school districts for the cost of in-service training related to child abuse detection. Any moneys allocated within line item 911-411 not fully utilized may, upon application of the Ohio Public Defender Commission, be disbursed to county commissioners to provide additional reimbursement for the costs incurred by counties in providing defense to indigent defendants in criminal matters.

Ballot Advertising Costs (Section 203.81). The enacted budget includes funding of \$300,000 in each of FYs 2006 and 2007 for GRF line item 911-441, Ballot Advertising Costs. Related temporary law authorizes the Controlling Board to transfer appropriations from line item 911-411 to the Ohio Ballot Board in order to reimburse county boards of elections for the cost of providing public notices associated with statewide ballot initiatives.