

Dental Board

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OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Ohio State Dental Board regulates the dental profession under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code. The Board protects the health and welfare of the public by mandating appropriate training, ethical standards, and competency levels for its licensees. The Board meets its responsibilities through management of the licensure process, overseeing regulation of the industry, and enforcement through surveillance of licensees and investigation of complaints.

Fund 4K9

The Ohio State Dental Board is part of the 4K9 Fund group. The 4K9 Fund (Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund) is a General Services Fund that is a repository for license fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards. The 4K9 Fund was established by Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th General Assembly. Prior to the creation of the fund, appropriations for each licensing board were made from the GRF. This created some problems as some boards contributed more revenues than they expended and others had to be subsidized by the GRF since the revenues generated did not meet their expenditures. The 4K9 Fund eliminated these problems. The philosophy of the fund is that each board must generate enough revenues to cover their expenses. It is also quite common for the boards to develop a surplus in the fund to cover unforeseen economic hardships.

Licensure

In fiscal year (FY) 2004, the Board licensed 6,848 dentists, 6,772 dental hygienists, and 7,168 dental radiographers. Revenue is generated from new and renewal license fees, which are collected biennially. Expenditures are for operating expenses associated with the licensure, regulation, and enforcement processes. Expenditures and revenue for the FY 2003-2004 two-year renewal cycle were \$2,514,517 and \$2,717,212, respectively. Thus, the Board contributed \$202,695 more to Fund 4K9 than it expended during the two-year licensing cycle.

Agency in Brief

| Agency In Brief | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------|-----------------------|
| Number of Employees* | Total Appropriations-All Funds | | GRF Appropriations | | Appropriation Bill(s) |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | |
| 14* | \$1.42 million | \$1.42 million | \$0 | \$0 | Am. Sub. H.B. 66 |

*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2005.

Vetoed Provisions

There were no vetoed provisions for the Dental Board.

ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

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

Program Series 1**Operating Expenses**

Purpose: To license and regulate the dentistry profession.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Ohio State Dental Board, as well as the enacted funding levels.

| Fund | ALI | Title | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| General Services Fund | | | | |
| 4K9 | 880-609 | Operating Expenses | \$1,424,791 | \$1,424,791 |
| General Services Fund Subtotal | | | \$1,424,791 | \$1,424,791 |
| Total Funding: Dental Board | | | \$1,424,791 | \$1,424,791 |

Ohio State Dental Board

Program Description: In accordance with Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code, the Ohio State Dental Board regulates the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assistant radiography by setting and enforcing standards of practice through licensure, regulation, and enforcement.

Funding Source: Licensing fees and other assessments deposited into GSF Fund 4K9

Implication of the Enacted Budget: The Board received funding of \$1,424,791 in both FY 2006 and FY 2007. The funding will maintain current service levels.