

# State Board of Psychology

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- Two Board staff members were reclassified, increasing payroll costs in the biennium
- The Board hired one employee in the second half of FY 2007, increasing payroll costs

## OVERVIEW

### Duties and Responsibilities

Formed in 1972, the State Board of Psychology provides regulatory oversight of psychologists and licensed school psychologists (the state Department of Education regulates school-based school psychologists). The Board's primary mission is to provide protection to the public through examinations, licensing, monitoring continuing education requirements, monitoring unlicensed practice, (both supervised practice of extenders and illegal practice), and to investigate complaints and discipline licensees pursuant to Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code.

### Fund 4K9

The Psychology Board is part of Fund 4K9 (Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund), a General Services Fund. The fund is a repository for license fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards. Each board must generate enough revenues to cover its expenses. Some boards develop a surplus to cover unforeseen economic hardships.

### Operational Changes

In the next biennium, the Board will need to upgrade the current computer system to continue to support the e-Licensing software. The Board instituted a bank-based lock box to increase efficiency and is currently considering utilizing web-based biennial license registration in FY 2009. In addition, the Board will work with the Office of Budget and Management and other partners to establish a performance contract during future budget cycles to support the Governor's TurnAround Ohio initiatives.

### Agency in Brief

| Agency In Brief      |                                |           |                    |      |                       |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------|-----------------------|
| Number of Employees* | Total Appropriations-All Funds |           | GRF Appropriations |      | Appropriation Bill(s) |
|                      | 2008                           | 2009      | 2008               | 2009 |                       |
| 6                    | \$586,565                      | \$586,565 | \$0                | \$0  | Am. Sub. H.B. 119     |

\*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2007.

## ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET

### Single Program Series

### Operating Expenses

**Purpose:** To ensure the health, safety, and general welfare of citizens of the state through oversight of the regulated profession.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the State Board of Psychology, as well as the budget funding levels.

| Fund                                   | ALI | Title              | FY 2008          | FY 2009          |
|--|-----|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>General Services Fund</b>           |     |                    |                  |                  |
| GSF                                    | 4K9 | Operating Expenses | \$586,565        | \$586,565        |
| <b>General Services Fund Subtotal</b>  |     |                    | <b>\$586,565</b> | <b>\$586,565</b> |
| <b>Total Funding: Psychology Board</b> |     |                    | <b>\$586,565</b> | <b>\$586,565</b> |

**Program Description:** In accordance with Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code, the State Board of Psychology tests, licenses, and regulates all psychologists and licensed school psychologists who practice in Ohio.

**Funding Source:** GSF Fund 4K9 – license fees and other assessments

**Implication of the Budget:** The budget funding level will allow the Board to maintain staffing levels and daily functions required of the licensing, monitoring of unlicensed supervised practice, and enforcement of the psychology profession; support administrative hearings; and reimburse Board members for attending meetings and hearings. In addition, the budget funding level allows the Board to work with partners to support the Governor's initiatives and update the current computer system to support e-Licensing required by the Department of Administrative Services.

**FY 2008 - 2009 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Groups**

| <i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>                     | <i>FY 2005:</i>   | <i>FY 2006:</i>         | <i>FY 2007 Adj. Appropriations:</i> | <i>FY 2008 Appropriations:</i> | <i>% Change 2007 to 2008:</i> | <i>FY 2009 Appropriations:</i> | <i>% Change 2008 to 2009:</i> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b> |                   | <b>Version: Enacted</b> |                                     |                                |                               |                                |                               |
| <b>PSY Psychology, State Board of</b>                 |                   |                         |                                     |                                |                               |                                |                               |
| 4K9 882-609 Operating Expenses                        | \$ 485,686        | \$ 461,456              | \$ 586,565                          | \$ 586,565                     | 0.00%                         | \$ 586,565                     | 0.00%                         |
| <b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>              | <b>\$ 485,686</b> | <b>\$ 461,456</b>       | <b>\$ 586,565</b>                   | <b>\$ 586,565</b>              | <b>0.00%</b>                  | <b>\$ 586,565</b>              | <b>0.00%</b>                  |
| <b>Psychology, State Board of Total</b>               | <b>\$ 485,686</b> | <b>\$ 461,456</b>       | <b>\$ 586,565</b>                   | <b>\$ 586,565</b>              | <b>0.00%</b>                  | <b>\$ 586,565</b>              | <b>0.00%</b>                  |