

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

- The Board licenses and regulates over 19,000 professionals
- The Board is composed of 20 Board members and 9 staff members

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OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (OTPTAT) 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. 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.

In 1976, the 111th General Assembly established the Occupational Therapists Board. Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code was amended in 1977 to include the regulation of physical therapists, which until then had been regulated by the State Medical Board. Athletic trainers were added to the Board's scope with the enactment of S.B. 80 in 1990. Today, the Board operates as a consolidated board with sections of the Board regulating each profession and a consolidated administrative staff. OTPTAT is empowered to license each discipline through examination, hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, and take other actions to address complaints about licensees' performance of professional duties. The Board also inspects the practices of licensees and certifies continuing education requirements.

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board oversees the licensing and regulation of over 19,000 professionals as of June 15, 2007. The Board renews its licenses on a biennial basis. Revenues and expenditures for the Board for FY 2005 totaled \$852,019 and \$705,273, respectively. For FY 2006, revenues and expenditures were \$705,273 and \$696,365, respectively. The Board contributed \$111,443 more to Fund 4K9 than it expended in the FY 2005-2006 renewal cycle.

Licensing System

The Board, in partnership with the Department of Administrative Services, implemented a new web-based multi-board licensing system. Each board pays its share of the costs out of Fund 4K9. In FY 2008, estimated costs are \$8,904, and \$10,208 in FY 2009 for this system and for the computer firewall protection.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
28	\$892,241	\$963,984	\$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: The OTPTAT Board regulates the professions of occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic training to promote and protect the health of Ohio's citizens. The Board issues licenses to qualified applicants and renews licenses of existing practitioners. The Board also investigates complaints of practice against licensees and unlicensed practitioners.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board program series.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Services Fund				
4K9	890-609	Operating Expenses	\$892,241	\$963,984
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$892,241	\$963,984
Total Funding: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board			\$892,241	\$963,984

Program Description: In accordance with Chapter 4775. of the Revised Code, the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board regulates the professions of occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic training by properly qualified applicants, acts on complaints filed with the Board, and monitors continuing education compliance.

Funding Source: General Services Fund Group (Fund 4K9). Currently, all revenue from 27 occupational licensing boards is placed in Fund 4K9 and reallocated to each board. Each board must raise enough revenue through its license fees to cover its expenses.

Implication of the Budget: The Board received \$892,241 in FY 2008 and \$963,984 in FY 2009. The funding will allow the Board to carry out its mission and allow for an increase in payroll expenses anticipated by the Board.

Operationally, the Board is a single program series agency that licenses and enforces the three practice acts. However, the executive recommendation divides the Board into three programs: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers. The following analysis will examine the Governor's recommended funding levels for each program.

Program 1.01 Occupational Therapy

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Services Fund				
4K9	890-609	Operating Expenses	\$303,361	\$327,755
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$303,361	\$327,755
Total Funding: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board			\$303,361	\$327,755

Purpose: This program includes the operations of regulating the occupational therapy profession, including issuing and renewing licenses, monitoring continuing education requirements, and investigating complaints filed with the Board.

Implication of the Budget: In addition to supporting the activities of the Board as a whole, the funding for this program will support the regulation of over 3,900 occupational therapists and 2,400 therapy assistants, including the renewal of approximately 3,100 licensees per fiscal year and the issuance of approximately 200 initial licenses to occupational therapists and 160 initial licenses to occupational therapy assistants.

Program 1.02 Physical Therapy

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Services Fund				
4K9	890-609	Operating Expenses	\$508,578	\$549,470
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$508,578	\$549,470
Total Funding: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board			\$508,578	\$549,470

Purpose: This program includes the operations of regulating the physical therapy profession including issuing and renewing licenses, monitoring continuing education requirements, and investigating complaints filed with the Board.

Implication of the Budget: In addition to supporting the activities of the Board as a whole, the funding for this program will support the regulation of over 6,500 physical therapists and 4,600 physical therapist assistants, including the renewal of approximately 5,600 licensees per fiscal year and the issuance of approximately 300 initial licenses to physical therapists and 280 initial licenses to physical therapist assistants.

Program 1.03 Athletic Trainers Board

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Services Fund				
4K9	890-609	Operating Expenses	\$80,302	\$86,759
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$80,302	\$86,759
Total Funding: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board			\$80,302	\$86,759

Purpose: This program includes the operations of regulating the athletic training profession including issuing and renewing licenses, monitoring continuing education requirements, and investigating complaints filed with the Board.

Implication of the Budget: In addition to supporting the activities of the Board as a whole, the funding for this program will support the regulation of over 1,700 athletic trainers, including the renewal of approximately 850 licensees per fiscal year and the issuance of approximately 160 initial licenses to athletic trainers.

Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions

Deposit of fines collected under the Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, and Athletic Trainer Law (R.C. 4755.09). Requires that all fines collected by the appropriate section of the Ohio Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, and Athletic Trainers Board except for those collected for specified violations of the law be deposited in the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund.

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>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill		Version: Enacted					
<i>PYT Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board</i>							
4K9 890-609 Operating Expenses	\$ 705,274	\$ 696,365	\$ 836,573	\$ 892,241	6.65%	\$ 963,984	8.04%
General Services Fund Group Total	\$ 705,274	\$ 696,365	\$ 836,573	\$ 892,241	6.65%	\$ 963,984	8.04%
<i>Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic</i>	\$ 705,274	\$ 696,365	\$ 836,573	\$ 892,241	6.65%	\$ 963,984	8.04%