

Board of Speech- Language Pathology and Audiology

- In FY 2006, the Board licensed 6,200 professionals
- The Board had revenues of \$905,000 in FY 2005 and \$89,000 in FY 2006

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OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology 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.

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was established by the Ohio General Assembly to protect the health and promote the welfare of Ohioans by licensing and regulating the practices of speech-language pathology and audiology. The Board's primary duties include the initial licensure and renewal of speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and aides, enforcement of continuing education requirements, and investigation of all alleged violations of the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology, pursuant to Chapter 4753. of the Ohio Revised Code.

As of June 30, 2006, the Board licensed 6,652 professionals, most of which were speech-language pathologists (5,501). 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. The Board contributed \$207,761 more to Fund 4K9 than it expended during the FY 2005-2006 two-year licensing 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. The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board paid \$1,598 in FY 2005 and \$1,711 in FY 2006. In FY 2008, estimated costs are \$3,419 and \$3,919 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	
12	\$430,600	\$453,000	\$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: License and regulate the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Services Fund				
4K9	886-609	Operating Expenses	\$430,600	\$453,000
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$430,600	\$453,000
Total Funding: Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology			\$430,600	\$453,000

Program Description: The Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology licenses and regulates the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology in accordance with Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code.

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

Implication of the Budget: The Board received funding of \$430,600 in FY 2008 and \$453,000 in FY 2009. The recommended funding should allow the Board to maintain service levels.

Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions

In FY 2006, the governing statute of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board was amended to require a doctoral degree in audiology for licensure as an audiologist in Ohio. This law applies only to those that obtained an audiology degree after December 31, 2005.

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					
SPE Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology							
4K9 886-609 Operating Expenses	\$ 410,289	\$ 375,950	\$ 415,000	\$ 430,600	3.76%	\$ 453,000	5.20%
General Services Fund Group Total	\$ 410,289	\$ 375,950	\$ 415,000	\$ 430,600	3.76%	\$ 453,000	5.20%
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Total	\$ 410,289	\$ 375,950	\$ 415,000	\$ 430,600	3.76%	\$ 453,000	5.20%