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Controlling Board

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ROLE

The Controlling Board consists of seven members: six legislators (three members of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate) and the director of Budget and Management (OBM), or the director's designee, who serves as the president of the board. The board meets every two-to-three weeks to consider and vote on requests for action that are submitted to it by various state agencies. Although the board has a number of different powers and duties, it most commonly takes action on matters related to: waiving competitive selection requirements for purchases and leases, transferring and releasing capital appropriations, transferring operating appropriations, increasing or establishing operating appropriations, creating a new fund, and acquiring real estate.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
N/A	\$13.5 million	\$11.5 million	\$5.5 million	\$7.5 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

OVERVIEW

From amongst the Controlling Board's disparate mix of appropriations and temporary law contained in the FY 2002-2003 biennial budget, three factors deserve special note. First, when compared to the previous FY 2000/01, budget, no funding was appropriated for the board's GRF line item 911-401, Emergency Purposes/Contingencies. In prior years, these funds were used to assist state agencies and political subdivisions in responding to disasters and emergency situations. To replace this source of funding, a temporary law provision in the FY 2002-2003 biennial budget permits the director of OBM, with the approval of the Controlling Board, to transfer up to \$5 million in each fiscal year from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the non-GRF Emergency Purposes Fund (Fund 5S4). Second, \$7.9 million is appropriated over the FY 2002-2003 biennium for the 2003 celebration of Ohio's statehood. Third, \$5.1 million in GRF money is provided over the FY 2002-2003 biennium to assist various local governments with the costs of certain state mandates (ballot advertising, felony prosecutions, child abuse detection, firefighter training and equipment).

Unlike other state agencies, the Controlling Board does not spend any of the funds appropriated to it. All funds appropriated to the Controlling Board are either transferred to other state agencies or they lapse.

BUDGET ISSUES

Displayed below the reader will find a basic description of the purpose of the appropriations and related temporary law contained within the Controlling Board's FY 2002-2003 biennial budget. Unless otherwise specified, temporary law references are to provisions in Section 34 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94, the main biennial operating budget act of the 124th General Assembly.

EMERGENCY PURPOSES/CONTINGENCIES

Section 143 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 permits the director of OBM, with approval of the Controlling Board, to transfer up to \$5 million in each fiscal year from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the Emergency Purposes Fund (Fund 5S4) to assist state agencies and political subdivisions in the event of disasters or emergencies. Associated temporary law in Section 34 of the act makes specific reference to the availability of moneys from the Emergency Purposes Fund for transfer to: (1) the Department of Public Safety to provide funding for assistance to political subdivisions made necessary by natural disasters or emergencies, and (2) the Office of Criminal Justice Services and the Public Defender Commission for costs related to the disturbance that occurred on April 11, 1993, at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, Ohio.

In prior fiscal years, funding of this sort intended to assist various state agencies and political subdivisions with disasters, emergency situations, or other unforeseen events was appropriated to the Controlling Board's GRF line item 911-401, Emergency Purposes/Contingencies. No funding was appropriated for line item 911-401 in the FY 2002-2003 biennium; the non-GRF Emergency Purposes Fund in effect replaces that revenue stream.

MANDATE ASSISTANCE (GRF LINE ITEM 911-404)

Temporary law specifies that this line item's appropriations (nearly \$2 million in each fiscal year) must be used to provide financial assistance to local units of government, school districts, and fire departments for a portion of the costs associated with three "unfunded state mandates". These include: (1) the cost to county prosecutors for 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, (2) the cost, primarily to small villages and townships, of providing firefighter training and equipment, and (3) the cost to school districts of in-service training for child abuse detection. Any amounts that are not needed for these purposes can, upon request of the Department of Education and approval of the Controlling Board, also be distributed to boards of county commissioners to provide reimbursement for office space, equipment, and related expenses that are mandated for educational service centers.


BALLOT ADVERTISING COSTS (GRF LINE ITEM 911-441)

Temporary law states that the \$591,000 appropriated to this line item in each fiscal year is for the purpose of reimbursing county boards of elections for the cost of public notices associated with statewide ballot initiatives. OBM is also authorized to transfer any amounts not needed for that purpose to the Controlling Board's GRF line item 911-404, Mandate Assistance.

OHIO'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (GRF LINE ITEM 911-408)

Temporary law states that the \$7.9 million appropriated to this line item over the FY 2002-2003 biennium is to be distributed according to a plan approved by the Ohio Bicentennial Commission. In addition, in each fiscal year, \$100,000 of the line item's appropriation, is earmarked for Inventing Flight 2003, \$75,000 is earmarked for the North Ridgeville Historical Society, and \$62,500 is earmarked for the Gallia County Historical Society.

DISASTER SERVICES (FUND 5E2)

Temporary law provides that this non-GRF fund (Fund 5E2), and its accompanying biennial appropriation totaling \$12.0 million, is to be used for the payment of state agency program expenses associated with certain floods, tornados, and storms, as well as other disasters declared by the Governor, and can also be used to provide financial assistance to political subdivisions made necessary by natural disasters or emergencies. 

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>				<i>FY 1999:</i>	<i>FY 2000:</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill				Version: Enacted						
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GRF	911-404	Mandate Assistance		\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 1,970,000	N/A	\$ 1,970,000	0.00%
GRF	911-408	Ohio's Bicentennial Celebration		----	----		\$ 2,955,000	N/A	\$ 4,925,000	66.67%
GRF	911-441	Ballot Advertising Costs		----	\$ 0		\$ 591,000	N/A	\$ 591,000	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total				\$ 0	\$ 0	----	\$ 5,516,000	N/A	\$ 7,486,000	35.71%
5E2	911-601	Disaster Services		----	----		\$ 8,000,000	N/A	\$ 4,000,000	-50.00%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total				----	----	----	\$ 8,000,000	N/A	\$ 4,000,000	-50.00%
Controlling Board Total				\$ 0	\$ 0	----	\$ 13,516,000	N/A	\$ 11,486,000	-15.02%