

- Enacted budget allows Board to maintain current staffing and service levels

Pharmacy, State Board of

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ROLE

The State Board of Pharmacy is responsible for administering and enforcing the Pharmacy Practice Act and Dangerous Drug Distribution Act (Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code), the Controlled Substances Act (Chapter 3719. of the Revised Code), the Pure Food and Drug Act (Chapter 3715. of the Revised Code), and the Criminal Drug Law (Chapter 2925. of the Revised Code).

The Board is a nine-member panel composed of eight pharmacists and one person representing the public who is at least 60 years old. Each member may be re-appointed one time at the Governor's discretion. In addition to the nine-member panel, the Board carries enough annual funding to employ a staff of 48 full-time equivalents (FTEs) to perform licensure and enforcement activities. Of the 48 FTEs, 23 (10 pharmacists and 15 former law enforcement officers) are investigative field agents.

The Board's activities can be divided into the following two functions:

1. **Licensure.** The licensure activities of the Board include the testing and certification of pharmacists and pharmacy interns entering the profession in Ohio, as well as renewing the licenses of practicing pharmacists annually. In addition, the Board licenses sites where dangerous drugs (primarily those requiring a prescription) are purchased and stored prior to the delivery to a patient. The site licenses are issued by the Board as either a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (mainly retail type settings) or a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs. Terminal distributor sites include, but are not limited to, retail pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes, prisons and jails, emergency medical squads, clinics, medical gas distributors, and so forth.
2. **Drug law enforcement.** The Board is the only state agency that has statewide jurisdiction to enforce the criminal drug laws, and as a result is sometimes responsible for criminal investigations of doctors, nurses, dentists, veterinarians, or other individuals. By enforcing the laws and rules regulating drugs and pharmacists, the Board may deny, suspend, or revoke a license and place a practitioner on probation. Such action may be taken for reasons that include: conviction of a misdemeanor committed in the practice of pharmacy, or any felony; dishonesty or unprofessional conduct in the practice of pharmacy; drug or alcohol addiction that causes a practitioner to be unfit for practice; and any violation of provisions under Chapters 2925., 3719., or 4729. of the Revised Code.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
57	\$4.8 million	\$5.0 million	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003. Of the 57 employees, nine are board members.

OVERVIEW

The Board's annual operating expenses are supported almost entirely by moneys appropriated from Fund 4K9, the occupational licensing and regulatory board fund that receives fees and other assessments collected by 24 of the state's independent professional and occupational licensing boards and in turn finances the annual operating expenses of those 24 boards.

The amount of funding that the Board requested in each of FYs 2004 and 2005 reflected its calculation of the future cost of maintaining current service and staffing levels. The enacted budget provided a level of funding that is slightly less than the amounts that the Board requested in each of FYs 2004 and 2005. According to the Board, the reduced funding levels should not generate any negative effects on its mission and responsibilities as a licensing, regulatory, and drug law enforcement agency, and it will operate within those funding constraints by cutting travel and maintenance expenses. 

FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Group

Line Item Detail by Agency			FY 2001:	FY 2002:	FY 2003:	FY 2004 Appropriations:	% Change 2003 to 2004:	FY 2005 Appropriations:	% Change 2004 to 2005:
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted						
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4A5	887-605	Drug Law Enforcement	\$ 61,422	\$ 23,151	\$72,709	\$ 72,900	0.26%	\$ 75,550	3.64%
4K9	887-609	Operating Expenses	\$ 3,928,323	\$ 4,183,947	\$4,472,980	\$ 4,733,987	5.84%	\$ 4,914,594	3.82%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 3,989,744	\$ 4,207,099	\$ 4,545,689	\$ 4,806,887	5.75%	\$ 4,990,144	3.81%
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