

Board of Dietetics

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- The Board received no funding in FY 2007 and will be consolidated into the Department of Health that year.

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Ohio Board of Dietetics, created in 1987, protects and regulates the practice of dietetics in Ohio. The Board is mandated to establish educational, pre-professional training, and examination standards, and issues licenses and limited permits for dietitians who seek to practice in Ohio. The Board is required to set standards of practice for dietitians, investigate complaints, hold administrative hearings, and determine appropriate disciplinary actions. The Board also monitors continuing education compliance.

Fund 4K9

The Ohio Board of Dietetics 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. Prior to the creation of the fund, appropriations for each licensing board were made from the GRF. This created some problems as some boards contributed more revenues than they expended and others had to be subsidized by the GRF since the revenues generated did not meet their expenditures. The 4K9 Fund eliminated these problems. 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.

Licensure

The Board issues two types of licenses: dietitian and limited permit dietitian. The Board issued approximately 3,400 licenses in FY 2004. Revenue is generated from new and renewal license fees, which are collected annually. Expenditures are for operating expenses associated with the licensure, regulation, and enforcement processes. Revenues and expenditures for FY 2004 totaled \$323,512 and \$291,786, respectively. The Board contributed \$31,726 more to Fund 4K9 than it expended during FY 2004.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
3*	\$332,495	\$0	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 66

*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2005.

Summary of FY 2006-2007 Budget Issues

Board Consolidation

In the enacted version of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th General Assembly, 20 of the independent occupational licensing boards are to be consolidated into the departments of Health, Commerce, and Public Safety in FY 2007. As a result, the affected Boards received no funding in FY 2007. In the case of the Board of Dietetics, the Board and its duties will be consolidated into the Department of Health. The specifics of this transfer will be addressed during FY 2006 by a task force consisting of the departments of Commerce, Health, Public Safety, and Administrative Services, and the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), as well as three members selected by the affected boards. According to OBM, current staff will be retained through FY 2006 and a hiring freeze and early retirement incentive will be offered to regulatory board staff. Effective July 1, 2006, all remaining regulatory board staff will be transferred to the relevant agency. Board members will be retained.

Vetoed Provisions

There were no vetoed provisions for the Board of Dietetics.

ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

For budget purposes, as detailed below, the Board of Dietetics is considered a single program series agency and its activities are not subdivided into separate programs.

Program Series 1

Operating Expenses

Purpose: To license and regulate the practice of dietetics.

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

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Services Fund				
4K9	860-609	Operating Expenses	\$332,495	\$0
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$332,495	\$0
Total Funding: Ohio Board of Dietetics			\$332,495	\$0

Program Description: In accordance with Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code, the Ohio Board of Dietetics protects the health and safety of Ohio citizens by regulating the practice of dietetics by setting and enforcing the standards of practice through annual licensure requirements, and investigating complaints against unlawful dietetic practices.

Funding Source: Licensing fees and other assessments deposited into GSF Fund 4K9

Implication of the Enacted Budget: The Board received funding of \$332,495 in FY 2006 and \$0 in FY 2007. The enacted funding for FY 2006 will allow the Board to carry out its mission and allow for the 4% increase in payroll. In FY 2007, the Board will be consolidated into the Department of Health. The specifics of this transfer will be addressed during FY 2006 by a task force consisting of the departments of Commerce, Health, Public Safety, and Administrative Services, and the Office of Budget and Management, as well as three members selected by the affected boards.