

State Board of Sanitarian Registration

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- The Board received no funding in FY 2007 and will be consolidated into the Department of Commerce that year
- Fees increased for sanitarian professionals as of July 1, 2005

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The State Board of Sanitarian Registration was created in 1977 to ensure sanitarians in the field of environmental health possess and maintain specialized knowledge and skills that pertain to the field of environmental health science. Environmental health is an aspect of public health that deals with the following topics: air quality, food quality and protection, hazardous and toxic substances, consumer product safety, housing, institutional health and safety, community noise control, radiation protection, recreational facilities, solid and liquid waste management, vector control, drinking water quality, milk sanitation, and rabies control.

Fund 4K9

The State Board of Sanitarian Registration 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

A large majority of the Board's licensees are government employees who must be licensed per government mandate. Most of these government employees work for city or county health departments. The Board currently licenses 1,570 sanitarians and sanitarians-in-training. The Board renews its licenses annually. In FY 2004, the Board had expenditures and revenues of \$133,127 and \$124,726, respectively. The Board contributed \$8,401 more to Fund 4K9 than it expended for 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	
1.3*	\$134,279	\$0	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 66

*Employee count obtained from the State Board of Sanitarian Registration.

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 State Board of Sanitarian Registration, the Board and its duties will be consolidated into the Department of Commerce. 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.

Fee Increases

A 7% increase in fees regulated by the Board took place July 1, 2005. The previous and current fees are listed in the table below.

Fee Type	Previous Fee	Current Fee (as of July 1, 2005)	Estimated Licensees for FY 2006
Registered Sanitarian Renewal	\$69	\$74	1,299
Sanitarian-in-Training Renewal	\$69	\$74	122
Sanitarian-in-Training Application	\$75	\$80	122
Advancement from Sanitarian to Registered Sanitarian	\$75	\$80	66
Late Renewal Fee	\$25	\$27	46
Registered Sanitarian Application	\$150	\$160	5

Notification of Sanitarian Continuing Education Courses

Currently, the Board is required to annually mail each registered sanitarian or other, by request, a list of approved continuing education courses. The enacted bill relaxes this requirement. Instead, the Board shall provide a list annually and supply a list of applicable courses upon request. This could reduce postage expenses for the Board. The exact amount of this is not known at this time.

Vetoed Provisions

There were no vetoed provisions for the State Board of Sanitarian Registration.

ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

For budget purposes, as detailed below, the State Board of Sanitarian Registration 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 sanitarians in the field of environmental health.

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

Fund	ALI		Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Services Fund					
GSF	4K9	893-609	Operating Expenses	\$134,279	\$0
General Services Fund Subtotal				\$134,279	\$0
Total Funding: Sanitarian Registration				\$134,279	\$0

Program Description: In accordance with Chapter 4736. of the Revised Code, the State Board of Sanitarian Registration protects the public health by ensuring that individuals who engage in the practice of environmental health possess and maintain specialized knowledge and skills that pertain to the field of environmental health science.

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

Implication of the Enacted Budget: The Board received funding of \$134,279 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 Commerce. 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.