

State Board of Career Colleges and Schools

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- Funding is entirely provided by fee revenue
- Additional funding is provided for the hiring of one new full-time staff member beginning in FY 2006

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The State Board of Career Colleges and Schools monitors and regulates Ohio's private, for-profit, post-secondary career schools in order to ensure compliance with the standards set by state law. The Board establishes the standards for the registration and operation of the schools, which include standards to ensure a school's financial stability. The Board regulates approximately 265 career colleges and schools, enrolling over 60,000 students across the state.

The Board consists of eight members: the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee, the Chancellor of the Board of Regents or designee, and six members appointed by the Governor (including one nonvoting student representative). The six members of the Board appointed by the Governor are reimbursed at an hourly rate, which is established pursuant to division (J) of section 124.15 of the Revised Code, for their time conducting Board business. An executive director oversees the daily operations of the Board and its two other full-time employees. The full-time staff reviews new and renewal applications for certificates of registration, which a school must have in order to operate legally. They also review and accredit each program offered by the schools, and issue permits for agents of the schools. In addition, the Board has five part-time school evaluators who are based around the state, and perform the Board's fieldwork under purchased service contracts.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
3	\$486,700	\$508,600	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 66

*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2005. This number does not include part-time employees or board members.

ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

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

Program Series 1

Operating Expenses

Purpose: To monitor, regulate, and conduct investigations of career colleges and schools in accordance with Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code.

The following table shows the line item that is used to fund the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools, as well as the enacted budget's funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Services Fund				
GSF: 4K9	233-601	Operating Expenses	\$486,700	\$508,600
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$486,700	\$508,600
Total Funding: State Board of Career Colleges and Schools			\$486,700	\$508,600

Regulation

The only program of the Board is Regulation, which funds the Board's monitoring, regulating, and conducting of investigations of career colleges and schools, in order to ensure their compliance with the standards set by state law. The enacted budget appropriates \$486,700 in FY 2006, a 16.4% increase over the expenditure level in FY 2005, and \$508,600 in FY 2007, a 4.5% increase over the FY 2006 appropriation level. The increases in funding will be used to hire one additional full-time employee, as well as pay for the 4% raise scheduled for July 1, 2005 and the increases in health costs for the Board's full-time staff. The increases in funding will also be used to cover the increased costs of providing an hourly rate of compensation for Board members appointed by the Governor, as provided by S.B. 266 of the 124th General Assembly. Prior to this change, these members were only reimbursed for actual expenses accrued through Board business. The hourly pay provision is being phased in with only new members appointed after the enactment of S.B. 266 eligible for this compensation. Currently two Board members are hourly pay eligible, and by FY 2007 all six members appointed by the Governor will be eligible for this compensation.

The Board is completely supported by fee revenue that is deposited in Fund 4K9 and receives no appropriations from the General Revenue Fund (GRF). The 4K9 Fund (Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund) is a General Service Fund that is a repository for license fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards, including the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools.