

Board of Career Colleges and Schools

Role and Overview

The [Board of Career Colleges and Schools \(SCR\)](#) monitors and regulates Ohio's career colleges and schools to ensure compliance with standards set by state law. The board provides certificates of registration and program authorization for private, for-profit schools and their agents that meet these standards to operate in Ohio. Currently, 265 schools offering 1,290 programs operate in Ohio. The board also investigates and resolves student and consumer complaints regarding registered career colleges and schools. In fiscal year 2005, the board's budget was \$431,525 which was fully funded by various registration fees assessed to schools and colleges.

The board consists of eight members: the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Chancellor of the Board of Regents, or their designees; and six members appointed by the Governor. Three employees, including an executive director, oversee daily operations and report directly to the board.

Executive Priorities for the Board of Career Colleges and Schools

- Establish and enforce standards for the registration and operation of career schools.
- Establish and enforce standards for certificate, diploma, and degree programs.
- Investigate and resolve consumer complaints concerning registered career schools.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands)	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	BUDGET	FUND	GROUP			FY 2006	CHANGE	FY 2007	CHANGE
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 04-05				
General Revenue Fund	378	363	2	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
General Services Fund Group	0	0	369	432	16.8	487	12.8	509	4.5
TOTAL	378	363	371	432	16.2	487	12.8	509	4.5

(In thousands)	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	OBJECT	OF	EXPENSE			FY 2006	CHANGE	FY 2007	CHANGE
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 04-05				
Personal Services	206	214	202	233	15.1	290	24.3	312	7.6
Purchased Services	91	76	73	104	41.9	105	1.0	105	.0
Maintenance	78	73	82	90	8.6	90	.5	90	.0
Equipment	3	1	13	5	(62.4)	2	(60.0)	2	.0
TOTAL	378	363	371	432	16.2	487	12.8	509	4.5

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PROGRAM SERIES 01: Regulation

This program series supports the board's activities to ensure that schools registered in Ohio meet certain standards by monitoring, regulating, and conducting investigations of career colleges and schools in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3332.

Program 01.01: Regulation

This program funds the board's regulation activities ensuring that registered schools meet certain standards. Activities include monitoring, regulating, and conducting investigations of career colleges and schools.

What the Budget Buys:

- Funds support the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools ability to regulate, monitor, and ensure that the 265 registered institutions operating in Ohio are compliant with state standards;
- Provides funding for timely investigations of consumer complaints. In fiscal year 2004 the board's staff investigated and resolved 78 inquiries and complaints;
- Supports three current full-time staff, one additional staff person to be added in fiscal year 2006, and five part-time contract school evaluators to regulate and ensure compliance among Ohio's career colleges and schools; and
- Enables the board's staff to conduct site visits to schools, to approve new and renew school licenses, programs, degrees and agent permits.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GSF	4K9	233-601	Operating Expenses	486,700	508,600
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				486,700	508,600

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - State Board of Career Colleges and Schools

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	233-100	Personal Services	296,811	289,667	1,164	0	0	.0	0	.0
GRF	233-200	Maintenance	78,155	72,767	789	0	0	.0	0	.0
GRF	233-300	Equipment	3,322	1,000	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			378,288	363,434	1,953	0	0	.0	0	.0
4K9	233-601	Operating Expenses	0	0	369,400	431,525	486,700	12.8	508,600	4.5
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			0	0	369,400	431,525	486,700	12.8	508,600	4.5
TOTAL Career Colleges and Schools			378,288	363,434	371,353	431,525	486,700	12.8	508,600	4.5