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## Professional and Occupational Regulatory Boards

### **Role and Overview**

Ohio has 27 independent professional and occupational licensing boards that set standards for licensure and registration for the members of various professions and occupations and enforce these standards through examination, inspection, investigation, and continuing education. The sizes of these boards range from the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics with one full-time employee and an annual budget of approximately \$100,000 to the State Medical Board with 77 full-time employees and an annual budget of \$7.5 million. In fiscal year 2005, the funding for the combined regulatory boards is \$32 million and there are over 336 employees with 200 board members or commissioners.

The Taft Administration proposes to streamline the operations and improve the efficiencies of the regulatory functions by grouping the boards within umbrella agencies: the Departments of Commerce, Health, and Public Safety. The goal of this initiative is to ensure management accountability for all the regulatory boards. This also will enable the boards to better meet their goals to enhance the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the state.

### **Executive Budget Recommendations**

The Executive Budget includes funding for fiscal year 2006 for each of the regulatory boards and commissions; however, no appropriations are included for fiscal year 2007. OBM, working together with each of the three receiving agencies, will develop a budget for fiscal year 2007 based upon projected savings as a result of the consolidation. In addition, the Executive Budget contains temporary law establishing a task force to implement the transfer.

### **Consolidation Strategy**

The consolidation of the regulatory boards and commissions will require the involvement of the Departments of Commerce, Health, Public Safety, Administrative Services, the Office of Budget and Management, and the Governor's Office. Representatives from these agencies will meet during fiscal year 2006 to develop a transition plan to ensure that the consolidation progresses smoothly and that there is no lapse in the activities performed by the boards and commissions. Guiding principles for the transition plan are outlined below.

- Actual board and commission members for each regulatory board will be retained and continue to serve in the capacity for which they were appointed.
- The Directors of the Departments of Commerce, Health, and Public Safety, or their designees, will be appointed to serve on each of the boards and commissions consolidated within their agencies.
- Consolidation and streamlining of administrative activities as well as general activities (such as investigations, license/registration issuance, fee collection, testing, and continuing education monitoring) will be undertaken where reasonable and at the direction of the three receiving agencies.
- Current staff will be retained through fiscal year 2006. A hiring freeze will be implemented and an early retirement incentive offered to regulatory board staff. It is expected that these two actions will result in significant staff reductions. Effective July 1, 2006, all remaining regulatory board staff will be transferred to the receiving agencies.

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The planned transfers are as follows:

<b>Department of Health</b>	<b>Department of Commerce</b>	<b>Department of Public Safety</b>
Chiropractic Board	Accountancy Board	Medical Transportation Board
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Board of Examiners of Architects and Landscape Architects	
Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Athletic Commission	
Dental Board	Barber Board	
Board of Dietetics	Board of Cosmetology	
Medical Board	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	
Board of Nursing	Board of Engineers and Surveyors	
Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Manufactured Homes Commission	
Optical Dispensers Board	Board of Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration	
Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics	Board of Sanitarian Registration	
Board of Optometry		
Board of Pharmacy		
Board of Psychology		
Respiratory Care Board		
Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology		
Veterinary Medical Licensing Board		

### **Task Force**

The consolidations will require the cooperation and coordination of the Departments of Commerce, Health, Public Safety, and Administrative Services, the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), and the Governor's Office. A task force will be appointed with representatives from each of the aforementioned state agencies. The task force will be charged with developing the details of the consolidation, preparing the necessary statutory changes, and working with OBM to develop budgets for the consolidated boards. The task force also may recommend additional regulatory boards to be consolidated as well as modifications to the consolidation proposal.

### **Legislation**

Enabling legislation will be introduced in fiscal year 2006. The bill will provide the necessary appropriation, fund, and line item restructurings needed, statutory changes for the consolidation, authorizing language for directors or their designees to become board and commission members, and employee transfer language.

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### Executive Priorities for the Professional and Occupational Regulatory Boards

- Ensure the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the state through the efficient management and oversight of current board and commission functions. Efficiencies will be realized through a consolidation plan developed by the Office of Budget and Management, Governor's Office and the Departments of Commerce, Health, Public Safety and Administrative Services.

### Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	FY 2002	ACTUAL FY 2003	FY 2004	ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
						FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
General Services Fund Group	26,339	27,981	28,557	32,294	13.1	33,127	2.6	0	(100.0)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,339</b>	<b>27,981</b>	<b>28,557</b>	<b>32,294</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>33,127</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(100.0)</b>

(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	FY 2002	ACTUAL FY 2003	FY 2004	ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
						FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
Personal Services	19,626	21,148	21,500	24,183	12.5	24,516	1.4	0	(100.0)
Purchased Services	706	663	676	909	34.6	863	(5.1)	0	(100.0)
Maintenance	5,505	5,598	5,693	6,509	14.3	7,139	9.7	0	(100.0)
Equipment	320	429	385	454	17.9	384	(15.5)	0	(100.0)
Subsidy	157	104	265	210	(20.9)	210	.0	0	(100.0)
Transfer & Other	25	39	38	30	(21.7)	17	(44.7)	0	(100.0)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,339</b>	<b>27,981</b>	<b>28,557</b>	<b>32,294</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>33,127</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(100.0)</b>

## LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Professional and Occupational Licensing

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
4A5	887-605	Drug Law Enforcement-PRX	23,152	72,709	72,977	75,550	75,550	.0	0	(100.0)
4J8	889-601	CPA Education Assistance	157,246	103,945	264,921	209,510	209,510	.0	0	(100.0)
4K9	175-609	Operating-Athletic Commission	138,985	134,608	179,668	200,205	248,150	23.9	0	(100.0)
4K9	860-609	Operating-Dietetics Board	262,125	282,506	291,786	329,687	332,495	.9	0	(100.0)
4K9	872-609	Operating-Respiratory Care Board	272,624	295,604	304,435	427,931	441,987	3.3	0	(100.0)
4K9	877-609	Operating-Barber Board	435,728	475,496	464,379	555,037	568,126	2.4	0	(100.0)
4K9	878-609	Operating-Bd of Chiropractic Exam.	488,902	533,209	556,210	591,724	605,278	2.3	0	(100.0)
4K9	879-609	Operating-Board of Cosmetology	2,273,471	2,648,035	2,569,432	2,822,359	2,929,630	3.8	0	(100.0)
4K9	880-609	Operating-Dental Board	1,199,283	1,243,832	1,270,687	1,381,656	1,424,791	3.1	0	(100.0)
4K9	881-609	Operating-Emb and Funeral Dir Board	475,335	505,321	499,150	594,870	598,933	.7	0	(100.0)
4K9	882-609	Operating-Psychology Board	408,910	464,843	435,390	561,525	566,112	.8	0	(100.0)
4K9	884-609	Operating-Nursing Board	4,516,159	4,581,109	4,747,915	5,257,576	5,503,280	4.7	0	(100.0)
4K9	885-609	Operating-Optometry Board	251,435	276,576	296,555	324,391	336,771	3.8	0	(100.0)
4K9	886-609	Operating-Speech Path/Audiology Bd	309,716	365,771	362,287	403,554	408,864	1.3	0	(100.0)
4K9	887-609	Operating-Pharmacy Board	4,183,947	4,472,980	4,409,451	4,914,594	4,950,537	.7	0	(100.0)
4K9	888-609	Operating-Vet Medical Board	256,434	275,910	261,198	453,043	353,691	(21.9)	0	(100.0)
4K9	889-609	Operating-Accountancy Board	880,929	902,454	912,340	1,055,578	1,069,776	1.3	0	(100.0)
4K9	890-609	Operating-Occ/Phy Therapy/Ath Tnrs	730,882	792,367	668,185	801,480	824,057	2.8	0	(100.0)
4K9	891-609	Operating-Architects Board	413,977	384,448	450,337	479,574	489,197	2.0	0	(100.0)
4K9	892-609	Operating-Eng And Surveyors Board	905,628	964,899	1,040,455	1,081,369	1,058,881	(2.1)	0	(100.0)
4K9	893-609	Operating-San Registration Board	107,584	117,535	124,728	125,612	134,279	6.9	0	(100.0)
4K9	894-609	Operating-Optical Dispensers Board	284,642	285,916	243,545	312,656	316,517	1.2	0	(100.0)
4K9	899-609	Operating-Counselor/Soc. Wkrs. Bd	894,660	905,181	956,622	1,044,812	1,058,445	1.3	0	(100.0)
4K9	930-609	Operating-Chemical Dependency Prof	0	0	181,390	450,000	452,976	.7	0	(100.0)
4K9	973-609	Operating-Ortho/Prosth/Pedorth Bd	84,889	86,877	79,253	102,395	99,571	(2.8)	0	(100.0)
4K9	996-609	Operating-Manufact Homes Comm	0	0	0	218,330	272,500	24.8	0	(100.0)
5C6	883-609	Operating-Medical Board	6,135,817	6,538,043	6,664,475	7,199,934	7,467,317	3.7	0	(100.0)
5H9	865-609	Operating-Collision Repair	233,482	260,324	247,512	314,422	325,047	3.4	0	(100.0)
5P8	884-601	Nursing Special Issues	0	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	.0	0	(100.0)
5R1	175-602	Athlete Agent Registration	12,913	5,420	1,740	0	0	.0	0	.0
<b>TOTAL General Services Fund Group</b>			<b>26,338,855</b>	<b>27,980,918</b>	<b>28,557,023</b>	<b>32,294,374</b>	<b>33,127,268</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(100.0)</b>
<b>TOTAL Professional Licensing Boards</b>			<b>26,338,855</b>	<b>27,980,918</b>	<b>28,557,023</b>	<b>32,294,374</b>	<b>33,127,268</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(100.0)</b>