

Consumer and Business Services

BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

	1999-2001 Actuals	2001-03 Legislatively Adopted at Close of Session	2001-03 Legislatively Approved through Fifth Special Session	2003-05 Governor's Balanced
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds	287,165	376,065	390,676	444,592
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$287,165	\$376,065	\$390,676	\$444,592
Positions	3	3	3	3
Full-time Equivalent	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.25

Overview

The Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists oversees use of the titles “Licensed Professional Counselor,” and “Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.” Interns are also regulated. Licensure is voluntary. While the agency does not regulate the general practice of counseling and family therapy, it regulates use of the titles and the practice of its licensees. Licensees and interns must meet the Board’s education, examination, and experience standards.

Balanced Budget

The Governor’s balanced budget is \$444,592 Other Funds. This is about 14 percent higher than the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session. The balanced budget continues the current level of service to licensees and citizens. It also reclassifies upward one position based on job duties and increases one position by 0.25 full-time equivalent for workload growth.

Revenue

The Board is funded entirely with Other Funds collected through fees for applications, examinations, licenses and renewals, restoration of lapsed licenses, civil penalties, and miscellaneous services. The 2001 Legislature approved Senate Bill 410 giving the Board the power to set fees in Administrative Rules. During the 2001-03 biennium, the Board increased the application fee, initial license fee, license renewal fee, and the intern renewal fee. Ratification of the increased fees by the 2003 Legislature would result in \$542,735 total Other Funds revenue in 2003-05. The Governor’s balanced budget would leave the Board with \$98,143, or about 5.3 months, ending cash balance for 2003-05.