

## Consumer and Business Services

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSING BOARD

	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	191,640	223,039	229,953	260,434
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$191,640	\$223,039	\$229,953	\$260,434
Positions	1	1	1	1
Full-time Equivalent	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25

#### Overview

The Occupational Therapy Licensing Board assures the safe delivery of occupational therapy services. This is critical to patients needing to adjust to new living situations. Licensees must meet educational and practicum standards. Licensees who violate the Board's rules and statutes may be disciplined.

#### Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget is \$260,434 Other Funds, which is a 13 percent increase from the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session. It continues current operations with two enhancements. The first is to increase available funds for investigations and enforcement. The second is to allow a Board member or the Executive Director to attend a national conference. Occupational Therapy services are used for multitudinous applications, and the regulatory agency needs to adapt regulations to the way industry is using its licensees.

#### Revenue

The Board is solely supported by Other Fund revenues from initial licenses, renewals, and miscellaneous fees. The balanced budget would leave the Board with a cash balance of \$166,533 Other Funds (15 months of average operational expenditures). This agency will need a high ending balance because licenses are not due for renewal (the main source of agency funds) until May 1, 2006. As such, the agency must have nine months of operating expenditures to carry through until renewals are processed. Beyond that, the Board needs at least several months of operational expenditures in reserve to use if income is below projections or expenditures are above projections.

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The Board has submitted a legislative concept that would implement biennial licensure. Within the concept the Board raises fees. The various fee increases are necessary to support the increased enforcement activity and maintain current services. The Board will realize some savings from biennial licensure. Such efficiencies are reflected in the lesser requested fee increase. This fee increase is included in the balanced budget.