

SPEECH PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY BOARD (0292)
FISCAL YEARS 2018 & 2019
Per Executive Recommendation

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

Formed in 1975 through enabling legislation, the Speech Pathology & Audiology Board consists of eight members. Its purpose is to examine credentials and qualifications of Speech Pathologists, Speech Pathologist Assistants and Audiologists and assure mandatory continuing education requirements are met. The Board issues licenses to those individuals who meet the standards set forth in A.C.A. § 17-100-302, Act 277 of 1975, Act 121 of 1983 and Act 826 in 1996 and the published Rules and Regulations of the Board, investigates complaints against licensees, conduct hearings and take disciplinary actions.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation for the Speech Pathology and Audiology Board is \$185,080 for FY2018 and \$185,080 for FY2019.

FUNDING SOURCE

The appropriations for the Board are funded by cash funds from fees, licenses and other charges collected.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

TREASURY CASH

This appropriation is funded from application, examination, and license renewal fees and is used to pay for the operations of the board. The total appropriation is \$185,080 in FY2018, an increase of \$58,000 over base level. The total appropriation is \$185,080 in FY2019, an increase of \$58,000 over base level.

Increases are to the Operating Expenses line item to pay for new office furniture and to the Licensing Database line item to pay for a new licensing database and to update the website.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions for FY2019: 1
Total Positions for FY2018: 1
Total Base Level Positions FY2017: 1
Increase/ (Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018 and FY2019: 1 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help: 1)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

INVESTIGATOR: Language stating the Board will contract with an outside investigator, as needed, to perform investigations and conduct inspections of all complaints.

October 11, 2016