# SPEECH PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY BOARD (292) 2009-11 BIENNIUM - LEGISLATIVE 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 issue licenses to those individuals who meet the standards set forth in 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 BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget of the Speech Pathology and Audiology Board is \$132,355 the first year and \$133,774 the second year of the biennium.

## FUNDING SOURCE

The budget is funded by cash funds from fees, licenses and other charges collected by the Board.

## II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The operations appropriation funded by cash funds for \$132,355 the first year and \$133,774 the second year has an increase of \$8,000 each fiscal year in professional fees line item for the purpose of hiring an outside investigator.

### III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2007-2009: 1 Total positions for FY 2009-2011: 1 Increase/ (Decrease): 0

## IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

1. Language added regarding the hiring of an outside investigator to investigate complaints.