# SPEECH PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY BOARD (0292) FISCAL YEAR 2016 As Enacted by Act 311 of 2015

# 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 140,096 for FY2016.

# FUNDING SOURCE

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

### II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

No Change Level Requests

## III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2015 Authorized Positions:1)

Total Authorized Positions FY2016: 1

Total Base Level Positions: 1

Increase / (Decrease) Over Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2016: 1 (Total FY2015 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.

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