

SPEECH PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY BOARD (0292)

FISCAL YEAR 2018

As Enacted by Act 19 of 2017

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 FY2018 is \$185,080.

FUNDING SOURCE

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

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

OPERATIONS (97J)

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, an increase of \$58,000 over base level, which includes:

Operating Expenses increase \$3,000 to replace office furniture.

Licensing Database increases \$55,000 for a new licensing database and updated website.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total Authorized Positions FY2017 : 1)

Total Authorized Positions FY2018: 1

Total Base Level Positions: 1

Increase/ (Decrease) from Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 1 (Base Level 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.