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Summary of Recommendations - Senate

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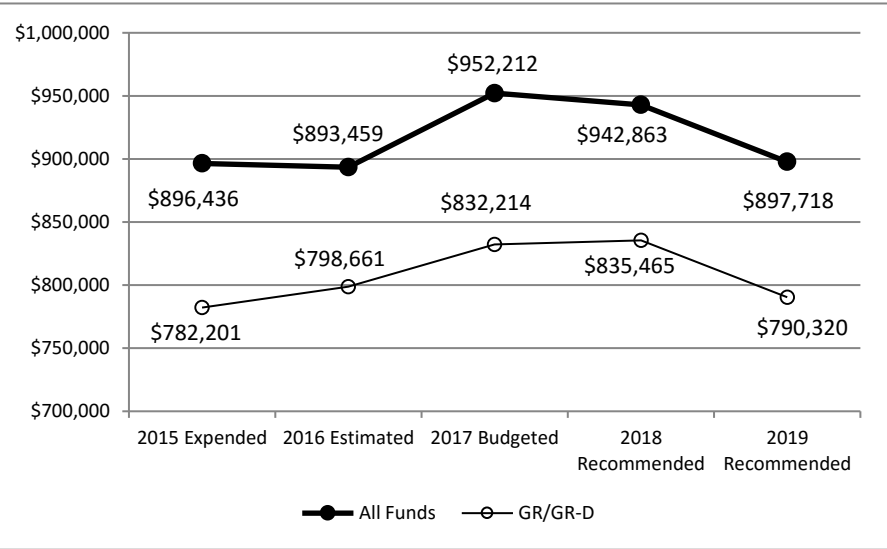
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Method of Financing	2016-17 Base	2018-19 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$1,630,875	\$1,625,785	(\$5,090)	(0.3%)
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Total GR-Related Funds	\$1,630,875	\$1,625,785	(\$5,090)	(0.3%)
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$214,796	\$214,796	\$0	0.0%
All Funds	\$1,845,671	\$1,840,581	(\$5,090)	(0.3%)

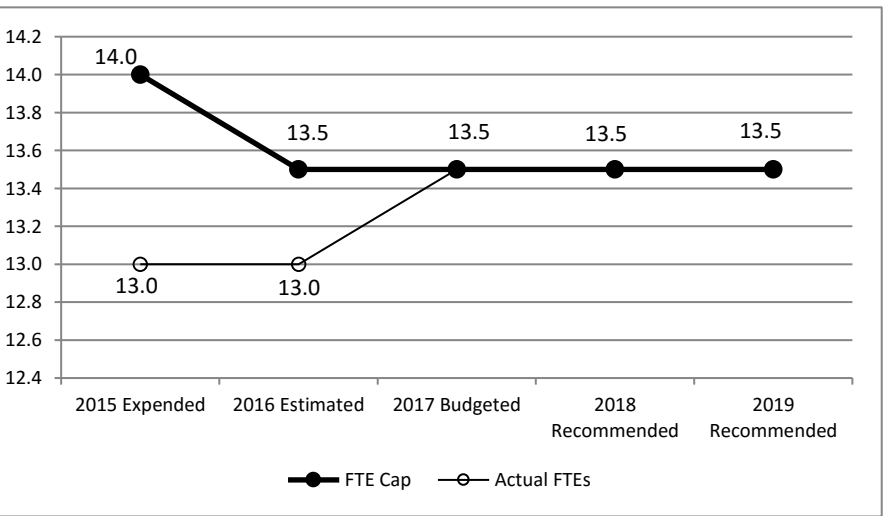
	FY 2017 Budgeted	FY 2019 Recommended	Biennial Change	Percent Change
FTEs	13.5	13.5	0.0	0.0%

The bill pattern for this agency (2018-19 Recommended) represents an estimated 100% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2018-19 biennium.

Historical Funding Levels



Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



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**Summary of Funding Changes and Recommendations - Senate**

**Section 2**

Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2018-19 Biennium compared to the 2016-17 Base Spending Level		General Revenue	GR-Dedicated	Federal Funds	Other Funds	All Funds	Strategy in Appendix A
<i>Funding Changes and Recommendations</i>							
A)	Decrease of 1) \$8,000 for travel expenses; 2) \$8,000 due to foregoing replacement of computers and printers; 3) \$2,000 due to the elimination of professional case reviews; and 4) \$32,235 from other operating expenses, pursuant to the four percent reduction	(\$50,235)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$50,235)	A.1.1, B.1.1, C.1.1, C.1.2
B)	Lump sum annual leave payments to two employees eligible to retire during the 2018-19 biennium	\$45,145	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,145	A.1.1, B.1.1
<b>TOTAL Funding Changes and Recommendations</b>		<b>(\$5,090)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$5,090)</b>	As Listed
<i>Funding Increases</i>		\$45,145	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,145	As Listed
<i>Funding Decreases</i>		(\$50,235)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$50,235)	As Listed

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Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate**

1. **Sunset Review.** The agency is currently undergoing Sunset review (see Rider Highlights #2). The Sunset Commission made the following recommendations:
  - a) eliminate the agency's statutory authority to administer oral examinations;
  - b) direct the agency to appoint a working group of stakeholders to develop a statutory definition of the practice of psychology. A recent court ruling found the current definition to be overly broad; and
  - c) consolidate the agency with the five behavioral health boards and programs currently at the Department of State Health Services (Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, Board of Social Worker Examiners, Council on Sex Offender Treatment, and the regulation of Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors) to create the Texas Behavioral Health Council by September 1, 2018, with a Sunset date of 2029.
2. **Lump Sum Annual Leave Payout.** Recommendations include an increase of \$45,145 in General Revenue from 2016-17 funding levels for anticipated lump sum annual leave payments to two employees eligible to retire in the 2018-19 biennium, contingent on their retirement (see Rider Highlights #3).
3. **Payments to Oral Examiners.** Recommendations retain \$15,000 in General Revenue for payment of fees to psychologists that administer oral examinations to prospective licensees that were submitted as part of the agency's four percent reduction calculation. The reduction in funds for this purpose would have reduced amounts paid to examiners, leading to a projected decrease in individuals examined. Since oral examination is a requirement for licensure, this would cause a projected decrease in licenses issued to psychologists. The recommendation continues funding for this purpose at 2016-17 levels.

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Rider Highlights - Senate**

**New Riders**

2. **Sunset Contingency.** Recommendations add a contingency provision for the agency's upcoming Sunset review (see Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues #1)
3. **Lump Sum Annual Leave Payout.** Recommendations add a rider for funds appropriated for the purpose of lump sum payment of accrued annual leave to retiring employees. Recommendations include unexpended balance authority for these funds between fiscal years of the biennium, and a provision requiring that unspent funds dedicated for this purpose would lapse at the end of the biennium (see Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues #2).

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**Items Not Included in Recommendations - Senate**

		2018-19 Biennial Total					
		GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs	Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2020-21
Agency Exceptional Items - In Agency Priority Order							
1)	Travel (\$8,000), storage units (\$4,200), software purchases (\$3,000), professional case reviews (\$2,000), and other operating expenses (\$25,536) eliminated or reduced pursuant to the four percent reduction.	\$42,736	\$42,736	0.0	Yes	No	\$42,736
2)	Targeted staff salary merit increases for five employees.	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.0	No	No	\$20,000
TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations		\$62,736	\$62,736	0.0			\$62,736

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**Appendices - Senate**

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**Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - Senate, by Strategy -- ALL FUNDS**

Strategy/Goal	2016-17 Base	2018-19 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
LICENSING A.1.1	\$1,016,248	\$1,020,693	\$4,445	0.4%	Net increase of \$4,445 in General Revenue due to the following: - A decrease of \$18,811, including \$4,800 from a reduction in travel expenses, \$4,800 due to foregoing replacement of computers and printers, and \$9,211 from other operating expenses; and - An increase of \$23,256 for lump sum annual leave payments to retiring employees.
TEXAS.GOV A.1.2	\$74,000	\$74,000	\$0	0.0%	
<b>Total, Goal A, LICENSURE</b>	<b>\$1,090,248</b>	<b>\$1,094,693</b>	<b>\$4,445</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	
ENFORCEMENT B.1.1	\$751,633	\$745,888	(\$5,745)	(0.8%)	Net decrease of \$5,745 in General Revenue due to the following: - A decrease of \$27,634, including \$3,200 from a reduction in travel expenses, \$3,200 due to foregoing replacement of computers and printers, \$2,000 due to the elimination of professional case reviews, and \$19,234 from other operating expenses; and - An increase of \$21,889 for lump sum annual leave payments to retiring employees.
<b>Total, Goal B, ENFORCEMENT LAWS &amp; RULES</b>	<b>\$751,633</b>	<b>\$745,888</b>	<b>(\$5,745)</b>	<b>(0.8%)</b>	
INDIRECT ADMIN - LICENSING C.1.1	\$2,274	\$0	(\$2,274)	(100.0%)	Decrease in General Revenue of \$2,274 due to a reduction in operating expenses.
INDIRECT ADMIN - ENFORCEMENT C.1.2	\$1,516	\$0	(\$1,516)	(100.0%)	Decrease in General Revenue of \$1,516 due to a reduction in operating expenses.
<b>Total, Goal C, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$3,790</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$3,790)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>	
<b>Grand Total, All Strategies</b>	<b>\$1,845,671</b>	<b>\$1,840,581</b>	<b>(\$5,090)</b>	<b>(0.3%)</b>	

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**Summary of Ten Percent Biennial Base Reduction Options - Senate**

Priority	Item	Description/Impact	Biennial Reduction Amounts			Potential Revenue Loss	Reduction as % of Program GR/GR-D Total	Included in Introduced Bill?
			GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs			
1)	Licensing and Enforcement	Enforcement Assistant position would be eliminated, full-time receptionist position would be reduced by 0.25, remaining consumables would be reduced, and two Board meetings would be eliminated. All agency output measure levels would decrease.	\$77,652	\$77,652	1.25	\$5,000	5%	N
2)	Licensing and Enforcement	At a ten percent reduction, a receptionist position (0.75 FTE) would be eliminated, targeted staff salaries would be reduced by 4 percent, and two phone lines would be eliminated. Most agency output measure levels would further decrease.	\$79,004	\$79,004	0.75	\$44,000	5%	N
<b>TOTAL, 10% Reduction Options</b>			<b>\$156,656</b>	<b>\$156,656</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>\$49,000</b>		