

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2015  
4

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1032

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN  
10 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY FOR THE  
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN  
15 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY  
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL  
17 YEAR.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Board of  
24 Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the 2015-2016 fiscal  
25 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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| Item | Class | Title                    | Maximum Annual |             |
|------|-------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|
|      |       |                          | Maximum        | Salary Rate |
| No.  | Code  |                          | No. of         | Fiscal Year |
|      |       |                          | Employees      | 2015-2016   |
| (1)  | L059C | AUDIOLOGY OFFICE MANAGER | <u>1</u>       | GRADE C116  |
|      |       | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES    | 1              |             |

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34 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Board of  
35 Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the 2015-2016 fiscal  
36 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be



1 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such  
 2 purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of  
 3 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 4 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 5 classification.

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 7 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 8 to the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, to be  
 9 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by  
 10 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating  
 11 expenses of the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology  
 12 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

| 14 ITEM                            | FISCAL YEAR             |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 15 <u>NO.</u>                      | <u>2015-2016</u>        |
| 16 (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$53,096                |
| 17 (02) EXTRA HELP                 | 6,000                   |
| 18 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 17,434                  |
| 19 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                         |
| 20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 47,516                  |
| 21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 3,250                   |
| 22 (C) PROF. FEES                  | 12,800                  |
| 23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 0                       |
| 24 (E) DATA PROC.                  | <u>0</u>                |
| 25 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u><u>\$140,096</u></u> |

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 27 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

29 INVESTIGATOR. The Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and  
 30 Audiology shall contract with an outside investigator, as needed, to perform  
 31 investigations and conduct inspections of alleged wrongdoing. The duties of  
 32 the investigator hired shall include, but not be limited to, investigation  
 33 and inspection of all complaints as determined by the Board, to determine  
 34 whether or not any persons have

35 (1) Practiced their profession in such a way as to endanger the general  
 36 health and welfare of the public; or

1 (2) Otherwise violated the practice act or rules and regulations of the  
 2 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
 4 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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 6 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
 7 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
 8 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
 9 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
 10 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
 11 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
 12 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
 13 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
 14 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 16 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
 17 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
 18 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
 19 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
 20 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
 21 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
 22 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
 23 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 25 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 26 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 27 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
 28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
 29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 30 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
 31 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
 32 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
 33 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
 34 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
 35 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

36 APPROVED: 03/04/2015