For An Act To Be Entitled

FOR AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the State Board of Optometry for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES: 2

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the State Board of Optometry, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the State Board of Optometry, for personal services.
and operating expenses of the State Board of Optometry for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</td>
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SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds
appropriated in this Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be
expended in payment for services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first
make a request in writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to
provide the required legal services. The Attorney General’s Office shall
provide the requested legal services, or, if the Attorney General's Office
shall determine that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the
requested legal services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the
agency and may authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend
monies appropriated for Maintenance and General Operations therefore, if:

1. The Attorney General determines, and certifies in writing, that
   such agency needs the advice or assistance of legal counsel, and
2. The Attorney General consents in writing to the employment of the
   legal counsel to be retained by the agency, and
3. The Attorney General receives confirmation in writing from the
   agency that the agency will re-advertise annually for legal counsel if
   outside legal counsel is hired and that any amount to be paid for outside
   legal counsel will receive prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council
   or Joint Budget Committee.
Such certification shall be required with respect to each instance of the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required annually with respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy of such certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency, and shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.

APPROVED: 01/26/2017