

OPTOMETRY BOARD (280) - 2007-09 BIENNIUM

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Board gives examinations to doctors who wish to practice optometry in Arkansas; approves courses, seminars and conferences to assure qualifications for license renewal requirements are met; issues yearly renewals; keeps individual files and records of each registered Optometrist in the State, and investigates consumer complaints. Act 176 Of 1997 amended the Arkansas Code giving the Board authority to promulgate the rules and regulations governing the prescribing of oral medications and controlled substances by Optometrists.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget of the State Board of Optometry is \$148,520 the first year and \$149,860 the second year of the biennium.

FUNDING SOURCE

The budget is funded with cash funds received from licenses and fees.

II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS

The operations appropriation funded with cash funds of \$148,520 the first year and \$149,860 the second year of the biennium has an increase of \$2,000 each year of the biennium in operating expenses for increases in telephone and rent expenses.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2005-2007: 2

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Increase/ (Decrease): 0

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None.