

STATE MEDICAL BOARD (274)
2009-11 BIENNIUM - LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The State Medical Board consists of 13 members and regulates practicing physicians, doctors of osteopathy, occupational and respiratory therapists and physician assistants in the state. The Board also registers medical corporations.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget of the State Medical Board is \$3,411,075 the first year and \$3,267,533 the second year of the biennium.

FUNDING SOURCE

The budget is funded with cash funds received from fees charged for examinations and licensure, annual renewals, credentialing requests, issuance of certificates and permits, and requests for the Board Directory which is compiled annually.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:

1. **\$254,000 in FY10 and \$52,000 in FY11** in operating expenses & capitol outlay to replace out of warranty workstations and servers, a new tape library for data storage and off-site backup required by the National Committee for Quality Assurance.
2. **Continuation of \$6,000 in FY10 and \$22,000 in FY11** in appropriation only (received from the DFA cash holding account) in professional fees for use in consulting services and audit fees to the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2007-2009: 38

Total positions for FY 2009-2011: 41

Increase/ (Decrease): 3

SPECIAL LANGUAGE

1. Requires \$25 from each physician licensed by the Board to be paid by the Board to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations to provide for identification, treatment and monitoring of healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse problems.
2. Delineates qualifications and limitations of the Director.
3. Adds language regarding employment of attorneys.