

**OPTOMETRY BOARD (280)**  
**2009-11 BIENNIUM - LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

**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 \$156,635 the first year and \$158,321 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 \$156,635 the first year and \$158,321 the second year of the biennium has a reallocation of resource request of \$400 each FY from the data processing line item to operating expenses for costs associated with maintaining the website.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total positions for FY 2007-2009: 2

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Increase/ (Decrease): 0

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

1. New language regarding the employment of attorneys.