

**OPTOMETRY BOARD (280)
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

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 APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation for Fiscal Year 2011 is \$158,321.

FUNDING SOURCE

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

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OVER 2010:

None.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Authorized for FY 2011: 2

Total Authorized for FY 2010: 2

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

1. Language regarding the employment of attorneys.