

OPTOMETRY BOARD (280)
FISCAL YEAR 2015

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 of the State Board of Optometry for FY2015 is \$165,743.

FUNDING SOURCE

The appropriations for the Board are funded with cash funds received from licenses and fees.

II) APPROPRIATIONS/CHANGES

The cash operations appropriation is \$165,743 for FY2015, with no significant changes from FY2014.

III) POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2015: 2

Total positions for FY 2014: 2

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS: No funds can be spent on attorney services unless the Attorney General certifies the board can employ legal counsel. The Attorney General must certify the board needs legal counsel, consents to legal counsel, determines the board re-advertises each year for legal counsel and that any outside amount to be paid for outside legal counsel has to receive prior review by ALC/JBC.