

OPTOMETRY BOARD (0280)
FISCAL YEAR 2016
As Enacted by Act 349 of 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 for the State Board of Optometry is 178,856 for FY2016.

FUNDING SOURCE

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

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

The Board has a change level increase of \$11,700 in the Operating Expense line item for an increase in rent, utilities, office supplies, and board meeting expenses.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2015 Authorized Position: 2)

Total Authorized Positions FY2016: 2

Total Base Level Positions: 2

Total Budgeted Positions for FY2015: 2

Increase / (Decrease) Over Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2016: 0 (Total FY2015 Authorized Extra Help: 0)

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.

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