

State of Arkansas  
88th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 29

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL  
SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE  
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2012; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL  
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the State  
Board of Optometry for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the following maximum  
number of regular employees.

				Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate
				Fiscal Year
				2011-2012
Item	Class		Maximum	
No.	Code	Title	No. of	
			Employees	
(1)	X145C	BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXECUTIVE DIRECT	1	GRADE C115
(2)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C112
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
appropriated, to the State Board of Optometry, to be payable from cash funds  
as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the State Board of Optometry, for



personal services and operating expenses of the State Board of Optometry for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2011-2012
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$71,865
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	22,988
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	28,654
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	39,012
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$162,519</u>

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds appropriated in this Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be expended in payment for services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first make a request in writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to provide the required legal services. The Attorney General's Office shall provide the requested legal services, or, if the Attorney General's Office shall determine that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the requested legal services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the agency and may authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend monies appropriated for Maintenance and General Operations therefore, if:

(1) The Attorney General determines, and certifies in writing, that such agency needs the advice or assistance of legal counsel, and

(2) The Attorney General consents in writing to the employment of the legal counsel to be retained by the agency, and

(3) The Attorney General determines that the agency re-advertises annually for legal counsel if outside legal counsel is hired and that any amount to be paid for outside legal counsel has ~~been reviewed and approved~~ received prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

1       Such certification shall be required with respect to each instance of  
2 the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required annually with  
3 respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy of such  
4 certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency, and  
5 shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes.  
6 ~~Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of~~  
7 ~~appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year~~  
8 ~~is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by~~  
9 ~~delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and~~  
10 ~~the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by~~  
11 ~~amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly~~  
12 ~~has determined that the Arkansas State Board of Optometry may operate more~~  
13 ~~efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas State Board of~~  
14 ~~Optometry authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both~~  
15 ~~necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by~~  
16 ~~requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee~~  
17 ~~as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative~~  
18 ~~Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.~~  
19 ~~If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget~~  
20 ~~Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,~~  
21 ~~this entire section is void.~~

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23       SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
24 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
25 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
26 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
27 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
28 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
29 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
30 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
31 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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33       SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
34 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
35 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
36 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

1 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
2 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
3 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
4 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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6 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
7 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
8 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
9 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of  
10 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
11 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
12 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm  
13 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
14 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
15 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
16 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.  
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