

STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

Enabling Laws

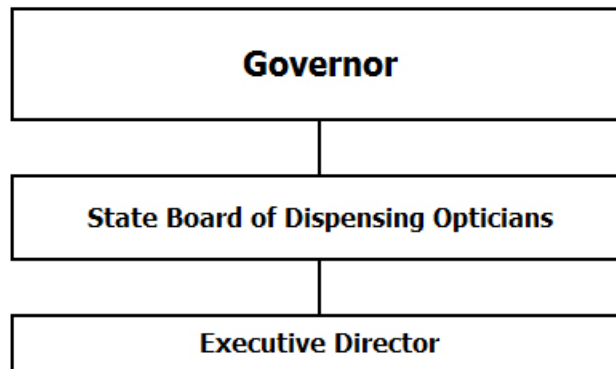
Act 107 of 2007
A.C.A. §17-89-201

History and Organization

The Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians was created by A.C.A. §17-89-201 et seq. The Board is composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor. The purpose of the Board is to protect the public from those persons who are untrained and unqualified and are in the business of dispensing materials. Ophthalmic dispensing covers the preparation of laboratory work orders, verification and dispensing of spectacle lenses, spectacles and eyeglasses to the intended wearer thereof on a written prescription from a licensed physician skilled in the disease of the eye or licensed optometrist.

The Board evaluates the qualifications and supervises the examination of applicants for licensure or registry. The Board also investigate complaints, allegations, and charges of practices violating the provisions of the establishing act.

The Board has three hundred (300) licensed and registered Opticians, and one hundred twenty five (125) apprentice Opticians.



Agency Commentary

The Board of Dispensing Opticians is responsible for the protection of the public from abuse by optical dispensers. The Board answers complaints by the public concerning certified Opticians. The Board evaluates the qualifications and supervises the examination of applicants for licensure or registry. The Board also investigates complaints, allegations, and charges of practices violating the provisions of the establishing Act.

The Board is requesting Base Level for the 2009-2011 biennium.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	0	1	1	100 %
Black Employees	0	0	0	0 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			0	0 %
Total Employees			1	100 %

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

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		Governor	General Assembly		
None	N/A	N	N	0	N/A

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2006 - 2007						FY2007 - 2008						FY2008 - 2009					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Total	Total	Filled	Unfilled			Total	Total	Filled	Unfilled	
1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %	1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %	1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 2KN - Dispensing Opticians

Funding Sources: SDB - Dispensing Opticians Fund

The State Board of Dispensing Opticians was established by A.C.A. §17-89-201 et seq. and consists of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor. The Board's primary mission is to protect the visual health of the citizens of Arkansas by maintaining rules, regulations, and license requirements for opticians that ensure competence, credibility and integrity within the profession. This appropriation is funded from the receipt of fees charged by the Agency, as authorized by A.C.A. §17-89-101 et seq.

Base Level position was changed from unclassified to classified to reflect the recommendations of the Pay Plan Study and salary was adjusted accordingly. A 2.3% Cost of Living Allowance is reflected in the second year of the biennium. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries may include board member Stipend payments and Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching includes a \$75 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$425.

The Agency requests Base Level of \$59,491 for FY10 & \$60,058 for FY11. Base Level reflects the conversion of the Board Secretary from an unclassified position to a classified position in the State's new Classification and Compensation Plan; however since the Board Secretary only works part-time, this salary will be reduced to reflect the correct compensation level during the Annual Operations Plan process.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
	2007-2008 Actual	2008-2009 Budget	2008-2009 Authorized	2009-2010			2010-2011		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	12,019	13,880	13,180	24,728	24,728	24,728	25,206	25,206	25,206
#Positions	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Extra Help 5010001	0	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
#Extra Help	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Personal Services Matching 5010003	6,318	6,525	6,552	9,463	9,463	9,463	9,552	9,552	9,552
Operating Expenses 5020002	18,701	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees 5060010	750	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds/Reimbursements 5110014	0	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	37,788	45,705	45,032	59,491	59,491	59,491	60,058	60,058	60,058
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	180,123	183,703		182,998	182,998	182,998	168,507	168,507	168,507
Special Revenue 4000030	41,368	45,000		45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Total Funding	221,491	228,703		227,998	227,998	227,998	213,507	213,507	213,507
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(183,703)	(182,998)		(168,507)	(168,507)	(168,507)	(153,449)	(153,449)	(153,449)
Grand Total	37,788	45,705		59,491	59,491	59,491	60,058	60,058	60,058

The FY09 Budget amount in Regular Salaries exceeds the authorized amount due to salary adjustments during the 2007-2009 biennium.