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SENATE BILL 65

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL
BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL
BOARD APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2014-2015
FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
Arkansas State Medical Board for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the following
maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2014-2015
(1)	U095U	MEDICAL BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER	1	\$103,204
(2)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE C124
(3)	D030C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C124
(4)	D062C	DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE C119
(5)	D065C	NETWORK SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C118
(6)	D064C	WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE C118
(7)	G187C	CREDENTIALING COORD SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C117



(8)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	4	GRADE C115
(9)	D079C	COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C115
(10)	C045C	LICENSING COORDINATOR	19	GRADE C113
(11)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE C112
(12)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>5</u>	GRADE C109
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	41	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas State Medical Board for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAL BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Medical Board, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Arkansas State Medical Board, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State Medical Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,534,874
(02) EXTRA HELP	15,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	544,328
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,237,180
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
(C) PROF. FEES	162,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>7,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,515,882</u></u>

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The State Medical Board is hereby authorized to expend from monies authorized herein, \$25 from each licensed physician licensed by the State Medical Board each year to be paid by the State Medical Board to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations that have healthcare professionals on their board and provide for identification, treatment and monitoring of healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse problems, in order to promote the public health and safety and to insure the continued availability of skilled and highly trained medical professionals for the benefit of the public.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~ 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD 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 received prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

Such certification shall be required with respect to each instance of the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required annually with respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy of such

certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency, and shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes. Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas State Medical Board may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas State Medical Board authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2014 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2014 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2014.

APPROVED: 02/25/2014

