

State of Arkansas  
91st General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1102

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

| Item No. | Class Code | Title                 | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2017-2018 |
|----------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| (1)      | L059C      | ABSLPA DIRECTOR       | <u>1</u>                 | GRADE C116                                       |
|          |            | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 1                        |  |

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the 2017-2018 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

| ITEM                            | FISCAL YEAR             |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>NO.</u>                      | <u>2017-2018</u>        |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$42,385                |
| (02) EXTRA HELP                 | 6,000                   |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 15,129                  |
| (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                         |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 50,516                  |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 3,250                   |
| (C) PROF. FEES                  | 12,800                  |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 0                       |
| (E) DATA PROC.                  | 0                       |
| (05) LICENSING DATABASE         | <u>55,000</u>           |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u><u>\$185,080</u></u> |

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

INVESTIGATOR. The Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology shall contract with an outside investigator, as needed, to perform investigations and conduct inspections of alleged wrongdoing. The duties of the investigator hired shall include, but not be limited to, investigation and inspection of all complaints as determined by the Board, to determine whether or not any persons have

- (1) Practiced their profession in such a way as to endanger the general health and welfare of the public; or
- (2) Otherwise violated the practice act or rules and regulations of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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, 2017 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, 2017 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, 2017.

**APPROVED: 01/26/2017**