

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS (268) - 2009-11 BIENNIUM

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners was created by Act 144 of 1887. Act 14 of 1955(A.C.A. 17-82-101 et seq.), known as the Arkansas Dental Practice Act, governs Board operations. The Board regulates the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assisting, by examining applicants for competency and issuing licenses to candidates meeting the requirements of the State and the Board. The Board is composed of six practicing dentists, one practicing dental hygienist, and two consumer representative; one representing senior citizens. Members are appointed by the Governor to five year terms, and officers are elected annually.

TOTAL BIENNIAL REQUEST

The total budget of the 2009-11 biennium is \$379,568 the first year and \$384,311 the second year.

FUNDING SOURCE

The Board is funded by cash funds that are collected by the Board through applications for licensure, renewal of licenses, issuance and renewal of permits, late penalties, and disciplinary fines.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

- The **Operations** appropriation, funded by Cash Funds, provides for a total Base Level appropriation of \$379,568 the first year and \$384,311 the second year of the biennium with no change levels.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions for FY 2009-11: 3
Total Budgeted Positions for FY 2009: 3
Increase/(Decrease): 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, and determines the board re-advertises each year for legal counsel and that it be reviewed and approved by ALC/JBC annually. **NEW**