

STATE BOARD OF NURSING (277)
2011-13 BIENNIUM - EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Board has regulatory authority over registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, licensed psychiatric nurses, advanced practice nursing, certified nurse anesthetists, and licensed nurse midwives.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The Board's total budget for FY12 is \$3,421,595 and \$3,218,895 in FY13.

FUNDING SOURCE

The budget is composed of special revenue generated from examination fees, licenses and renewals.

II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS

The Nursing Board has four Appropriations.

The Operations appropriation funded by fees charged supports 26 full-time positions. The changes include:

- Increase in Salary and Matching funds for an additional Legal Support Specialist for the disciplinary department. Due to the volume of work that has increased over the past few years, it is difficult to review complaints and subsequent investigations efficiently. This additional positions will assist with the processing of investigations.
- Increase in Grants and Aid of \$50,000 in FY12 only for matching funds to UAMS for the Robert Woods Johnson grant that will address nursing shortage issues in geriatric care.
- Increase in Capital Outlay of \$176,500 in FY12 to replace the current licensure database as well as the printer and renewal scanner.
- Increase of \$23,800 in FY13 to replace the current phone system.

The Nursing Education Workshops appropriation will be supported by registration fees. This is a \$35,000 appropriation for each year with no changes requested above Base Level.

The Board has an appropriation that covers Criminal Background Check Services. The change request for this appropriation includes:

- Increase of \$70,950 each year above base level of \$85,800 to provide for conducting additional background checks.

The Scholar Loans Appropriation provides loans to persons

studying to become a registered or licensed practical nurse or nurse educator. This is a \$500,000 base level appropriation each year with no additional increases above base level.

III) POSITIONS

Total positions for 2011-13 Biennium: 27

Total positions for FY 2011: 26

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None