

OPTOMETRY BOARD (280)
2011-13 BIENNIUM - Executive Recommendation

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Board gives examinations to doctors who wish to practice optometry in Arkansas; approves courses, seminars and conferences to assure qualifications for license renewal requirements are met; issues yearly renewals; keeps individual files and records of each registered Optometrist in the State, and investigates consumer complaints. Act 176 Of 1997 amended the Arkansas Code giving the Board authority to promulgate the rules and regulations governing the prescribing of oral medications and controlled substances by Optometrists.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget of the State Board of Optometry is \$158,361 for both years of the biennium.

FUNDING SOURCE

The budget is funded with cash funds received from licenses and fees.

II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS

None.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2009-2011: 2

Total positions for FY 2011-2013: 2

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.