

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS (268)
FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 2015 - EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

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 is \$539,564 the first year and \$489,685 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 Base Level of \$389,564 for FY14 and \$389,685 for FY15 with Change Level requests of \$150,000 for FY14 and \$100,000 for FY15 for a total appropriation of \$539,564 for FY14 and \$489,685 for FY15, which includes:
 1. Operating Expenses increased by \$150,000 in FY14 and \$100,000 in FY15 for Technical Services that would be used to create a database, allow license renewals and applications online, and provide a paperless office.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Budgeted Positions for FY 2013: 3

Total Positions for FY 2014: 3

Total Positions for FY 2015: 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 has received prior review and approval by ALC/JBC annually.