

OPTOMETRY BOARD (0280)
FISCAL YEARS 2018 & 2019
Per Executive Recommendation

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The State Board of Optometry 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 APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation for the State Board of Optometry is \$185,935 for FY2018 and \$185,935 for FY2019.

FUNDING SOURCE

The appropriations for the Board are funded with cash funds received from licenses and fees.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS (FY2017 CHANGES FROM FY2016 AUTHORIZED)

No Change Level Requests.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions FY2019: 2

Total Positions FY2018: 2

Total Base Level Positions FY2017: 2

Increase / (Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018 and FY2019: 0 (Total FY2017 Authorized

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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, determines the board re-advertises each year for legal counsel and that any outside amount to be paid for outside legal counsel has to receive prior review by ALC/JBC.

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