

1 State of Arkansas  
2 89th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 44

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE BOARD OF  
10 OPTOMETRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY  
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL  
16 YEAR.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the State  
23 Board of Optometry for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the following maximum  
24 number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2013-2014
30	(1) X145C	BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C115
31	(2) A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C112
32		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

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34 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
35 appropriated, to the State Board of Optometry, to be payable from cash funds  
36 as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the State Board of Optometry, for



1 personal services and operating expenses of the State Board of Optometry for  
 2 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$72,942
7 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	25,135
8 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	28,654
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
11 (C) PROF. FEES	114,012
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$240,743</u></u>

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 16 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS  
 18 STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds  
 19 appropriated in this Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be  
 20 expended in payment for services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first  
 21 make a request in writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to  
 22 provide the required legal services. The Attorney General's Office shall  
 23 provide the requested legal services, or, if the Attorney General's Office  
 24 shall determine that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the  
 25 requested legal services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the  
 26 agency and may authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend  
 27 monies appropriated for Maintenance and General Operations therefore, if:

28 (1) The Attorney General determines, and certifies in writing, that  
 29 such agency needs the advice or assistance of legal counsel, and

30 (2) The Attorney General consents in writing to the employment of the  
 31 legal counsel to be retained by the agency, and

32 (3) The Attorney General determines that the agency re-advertises  
 33 annually for legal counsel if outside legal counsel is hired and that any  
 34 amount to be paid for outside legal counsel has received prior review by the  
 35 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

36 Such certification shall be required with respect to each instance of

1 the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required annually with  
2 respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy of such  
3 certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency, and  
4 shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes.  
5 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
6 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
7 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
8 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
9 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
10 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
11 has determined that the Arkansas State Board of Optometry may operate more  
12 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas State Board of  
13 Optometry authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both  
14 necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by  
15 requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
16 as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative  
17 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.  
18 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
19 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
20 this entire section is void.

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22 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
23 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
24 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
25 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
26 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
27 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
28 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
29 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
30 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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32 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
33 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
34 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
35 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
36 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

1 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
2 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
3 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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5 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
7 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
10 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
11 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
12 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
13 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
14 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
15 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.  
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