

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Enabling Laws

Act 324 of 2007
Act 131 of 1927 as amended
A.C.A. § 17-22-201

History and Organization

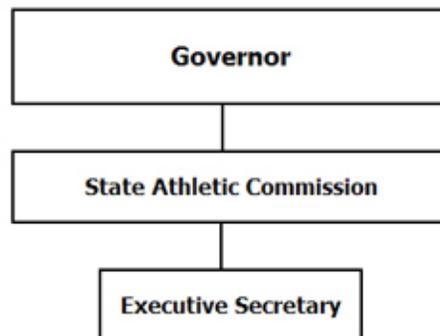
The State Athletic Commission was created in 1927 by Act 131. It has a two-fold purpose. Each goal is inextricably linked and prudent promulgation of the Rules & Regulations, as well as the statutory amendments or revisions, which should keep both goals balanced.

The first goal of the State Athletic Commission is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the participants as well as the public as they are involved in the professional sports regulated by the State Athletic Commission.

The second goal is to preserve and insure the entertainment value of the professional sports that the State Athletic Commission regulates.

In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of those described, the State Athletic Commission issues licenses to participants, officials, promoters and other affiliated personnel. In boxing, the most dangerous sport, the State Athletic Commission maintains a database shared with the Association of Boxing Commissioners in order to honor medical and administrative suspensions and revocations. Through the licensing of promoters, posting of bonds and passage of regulations supervising the events - the State Athletic Commission protects the welfare of the public.

In order to preserve and insure the entertainment value of professional boxing, kickboxing and wrestling, the State Athletic Commission creates rules and regulations that prevent fight "fixing" and the over-regulation of the sports, which could unduly remove the competitive drama for which they were designed.



Agency Commentary

The Arkansas Athletic Commission is requesting change level increases for the 2009-11 biennium in the following line items: Extra Help, Personal Services Matching, and Operating Expenses.

The Commission is requesting an increase of \$5,000 each year in Extra Help along with the necessary Personal Services Matching, due to the increasing workload for the Commission. Over the past few years, there has been an increase in the number of boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, and mixed martial arts events held in the State, which requires more supervision.

Operating Expense increase is requested to cover temporary help for the Commission's increasing workload. This would allow the Commission to hire on a need by need basis an inspector to help supervise and monitor the different sporting events. The current employee is unable to monitor all the events, especially when they occur simultaneously in different parts of the State. During seasonal times, temporary help is needed with general secretarial work of issuing permits and licenses. The second year of the biennium, the need to replace one laptop computer and a printer is requested. The Commission wants to delete the Veteran's Youth Programs Grants/Aid Line item of \$15,000.

The Commission would like to lower the Athletic Commission Programs line item by \$50,000 and utilize it to support and implement programs and projects related to the commission's mission. Removing the special language that restricts the use of the line item would allow the support of different sporting venues as the commission see fit.

The Commission has sufficient funding to cover this request for additional appropriation.

Audit Findings

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AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

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None	None

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Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 609 - Athletic Commission-Operations

Funding Sources: MAB-Arkansas Athletic Commission Fund

The Arkansas Athletic Commission oversees all professional or semi-professional matches or exhibitions in the State that involve wrestling, boxing, kick boxing, martial arts, or any combination of these sporting activities. The Commission is funded from annual license fees of boxers, wrestlers, managers, matchmakers, promoters, referees, physicians, timekeepers, and other persons arranging, participating in or otherwise dealing in matches and exhibitions regulated by the Commission. The Commission has authority to establish such fees in accordance with Act 1085 of 1999. Fees of 5% of the total gross receipts from admission charges from matches and exhibitions are collected.

The Commission has only one extra help employee. The Base Level requests of \$5,000 each year of the biennium for Regular Salaries is for board member Stipend payments. Base Level Personal Services Matching is for payment of the fringe benefits associated with these payments.

The Change Level request is summarized as follows:

The Commission is requesting a Change Level of \$5,933 each year of the Biennium for Extra Help line item along with Personal Services Matching. This increase is due to additional workload from an increased number of boxing and exhibitions held. An increase in Operating Expense of \$20,000 in FY2010 and \$24,000 in FY2011 is requested to hire an inspector to help monitor the different sporting events across the State. This increase would also allow the Commission to hire temporary help for general secretarial work and replace a computer and printer in FY2011. Deletion of the Veteran's Youth Programs Grants/Aid line item of \$15,000 is requested.

The Commission is asking to remove restrictions on the Athletic Commission Programs line item and reduce the line item amount by \$50,000. With less restrictions, the Athletic Commission Programs line item could be used to support and implement programs related to the Commission's operations.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request for operations. The Athletic Commission Programs line item is eliminated to preserve adequate fund balances.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
	2007-2008 Actual	2008-2009 Budget	2008-2009 Authorized	2009-2010			2010-2011		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	3,300	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
#Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extra Help 5010001	19,996	20,000	20,000	20,000	25,000	25,000	20,000	25,000	25,000
#Extra Help	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Personal Services Matching 5010003	4,297	4,115	4,038	4,127	5,061	5,061	4,127	5,061	5,061
Operating Expenses 5020002	20,313	23,800	23,800	23,800	43,800	43,800	23,800	47,800	47,800
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	1,511	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Professional Fees 5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid 5100004	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Athletic Commission Programs 5900046	3,300	100,000	100,000	100,000	50,000	0	100,000	50,000	0
Total	67,717	170,915	170,838	170,927	131,861	81,861	170,927	135,861	85,861
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	169,003	149,334		38,319	38,319	38,319	0	0	20,560
Special Revenue 4000030	48,048	59,900		64,102	64,102	64,102	66,202	66,202	66,202
Total Funding	217,051	209,234		102,421	102,421	102,421	66,202	66,202	86,762
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(149,334)	(38,319)		68,506	29,440	(20,560)	104,725	69,659	(901)
Grand Total	67,717	170,915		170,927	131,861	81,861	170,927	135,861	85,861

The FY09 Budget and Actual amount in Personal Services Matching exceeds the Authorized amount due to the Matching rate adjustments during the 2007-2009 biennium.

Change Level by Appropriation

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Agency Request

Change Level		2009-2010	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2010-2011	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	170,927	0	170,927	100.0	170,927	0	170,927	100.0
C01	Existing Program	25,934	0	196,861	115.2	25,934	0	196,861	115.2
C03	Discontinue Program	(65,000)	0	131,861	77.1	(65,000)	0	131,861	77.1
C08	Technology	0	0	131,861	77.1	4,000	0	135,861	79.5

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2009-2010	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2010-2011	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	170,927	0	170,927	100.0	170,927	0	170,927	100.0
C01	Existing Program	25,934	0	196,861	115.2	25,934	0	196,861	115.2
C03	Discontinue Program	(115,000)	0	81,861	47.9	(115,000)	0	81,861	47.9
C08	Technology	0	0	81,861	47.9	4,000	0	85,861	50.2

Justification

C01	The Commission is responsible for licensing and inspecting several sporting events in the State. They monitor and inspect boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, and mixed martial art events held in the State. The Commission monitored over one hundred (100) events held in all parts of the State in 2008. The Commission is requesting to increase the Extra Help line item along with the Personal Service Matching for the one employee that is responsible for the day to day operations and monitoring all sporting events. The current employee is unable to monitor all the events, especially when it occurs simultaneously and in different parts of the State. The increase of \$20,000 in Operating Expenses is in order to train officials and hire an inspector to help monitor some of the sporting events. The increase in events has created the need for temporary help to assist with issuing licenses, record keeping, and general secretarial work on occasion.
C03	The Commission would like to delete the \$15,000 for Veteran's Youth Programs Grants and Aid line item. The Commission would like to remove their Special Language that restricts their ability to support programs and projects of different sporting venues. By removing the restrictive special language and lowering the Athletic Commission Programs line item by \$50,000, the commission would be able to support different sporting events and not be limited to Boys and Girls Clubs and Veteran's Youth Programs.
C08	To replace their six (6) year old laptop computer and printer in the second year of the biennium. This is included in the Agency's IT Plan in section – IT Support Cost in Additional Hardware.