ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

Enabling Laws

Act 146 of 2010 A.C.A. §19-5-1215

History and Organization

The Arkansas State Board of Massage Therapy was created with the intent to upgrade the standards of practice and education of massage therapy and regulate the practice of massage therapy in the State of Arkansas.

The Board consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor for a term of three years. Four members are licensed to practice massage therapy. One member represents the elderly, one member represents the public, and one member represents the medical field.

The Board has statutory authority to examine and inspect at least once each year all massage therapy schools, offices, and clinics in the state. The Board is required to administer an examination for each new applicant and may hold other licensing examinations from time to time. Licenses are issued annually for Massage Therapists, Massage Therapists, Massage Therapy Instructors, Massage Therapy Schools, and Massage Therapy Clinics and expire on June 30 of each year.

GOVERNOR

4 MASSAGE THERAPISTS
1 CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE
1 SENIOR CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE

1 MEDICAL REPRESENTATIVE

Agency Commentary

The Arkansas State Board of Massage Therapy is requesting Base Level of \$147,622 in each year of the biennium. This is sufficient appropriation for the operations of the Board for yearly examinations and inspections of all massage therapy schools, offices and clinics in the State of Arkansas. It will also provide the appropriation for the administration of new applicant exams and investigations of complaints against licensed massage therapists.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AUDIT OF: ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

Findings Recommendations

A separate report for this Agency was not issued. However, financial activity for the Agency was included in the audit of the State's CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2009.

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	0	1	1	50 %
Black Employees	0	1	1	50 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			1	50 %
Total Employees			2	100 %

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory	Requ	ired for	# of	Reason(s) for Continued		
	Authorization	Governor	General Assembly	Copies	Publication and Distribution		
	None	N/A	N	N	0	N/A	

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2008 - 2009 FY2						FY200	FY2009 - 2010				FY2010 - 2011						
Authorized		Budgeted	i	Unbudgeted	% of	% of Authorized in Unused Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted		Authorized	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of
in Act	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	Authorized Unused	in Act	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	Authorized Unused
2	0	2	2	0	100.00 %	2	2	0	2	0	0.00 %	2	2	0	2	0	0.00 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 428 - Massage Board Operations

Funding Sources: MMT - Massage Therapy Board

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Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Career Service Payments. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries includes board member stipend payments.

The Agency is requesting Base Level in each year of the 2011-2013 biennium.

The Executive Recommendation is for Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

		2009-2010	2010-2011	2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013			
Commitment Item		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive	
Regular Salaries	5010000	32,403	71,645	70,969	70,945	70,945	70,945	70,945	70,945	70,945	
#Positions		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Personal Services Matching	5010003	6,118	25,528	23,207	25,387	25,387	25,387	25,387	25,387	25,387	
Operating Expenses	5020002	46,046	51,290	51,290	51,290	51,290	51,290	51,290	51,290	51,290	
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total		84,567	148,463	145,466	147,622	147,622	147,622	147,622	147,622	147,622	
Funding Sources	S										
Fund Balance	4000005	196,074	294,726		324,263	324,263	324,263	354,641	354,641	354,641	
Special Revenue	4000030	183,219	178,000		178,000	178,000	178,000	178,000	178,000	178,000	
Total Funding		379,293	472,726		502,263	502,263	502,263	532,641	532,641	532,641	
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(294,726)	(324,263)		(354,641)	(354,641)	(354,641)	(385,019)	(385,019)	(385,019)	
Grand Total		84,567	148,463		147,622	147,622	147,622	147,622	147,622	147,622	

The FY11 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2009-2011 biennium.