

STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

Enabling Laws

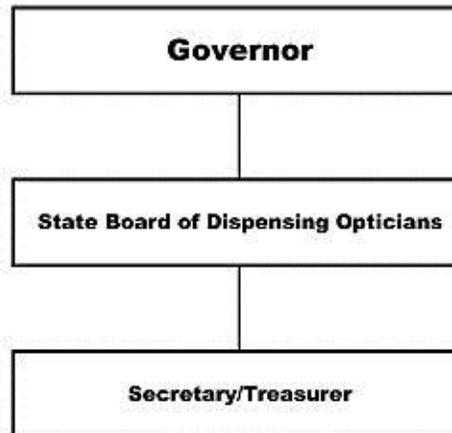
Act 181 of 2012
A.C.A. §17-89-201

History and Organization

The Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians was created by A.C.A. §17-89-201 et seq. The Board is composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor. The purpose of the Board is to protect the public from those persons who are untrained and unqualified and are in the business of dispensing materials. Ophthalmic dispensing covers the preparation of laboratory work orders, verification and dispensing of spectacle lenses, spectacles and eyeglasses to the intended wearer thereof on a written prescription from a licensed physician skilled in the disease of the eye or licensed optometrist.

The Board evaluates the qualifications and supervises the examination of applicants for licensure or registry. The Board also investigates complaints, allegations, and charges of practices violating the provisions of the establishing act.

The Board has three hundred fifty (350) licensed and registered Opticians, and one hundred fifty (150) apprentice Opticians.



Agency Commentary

The Board of Dispensing Opticians is responsible for the protection of the public from abuse by optical dispensers. The Board answers complaints by the public concerning certified Opticians. The Board evaluates the qualifications and supervises the examination of applicants for licensure or registry. The Board also investigates complaints, allegations, and charges of practices violating the provisions of the establishing Act.

The Board is requesting Base Level for the 2013-2015 biennium.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

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, 2011.

State Contracts Over \$25,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2012

None

Employment Summary

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

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

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

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2010 - 2011						FY2011 - 2012					FY2012 - 2013						
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total		
1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %	1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %	1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 2KN - Dispensing Opticians

Funding Sources: SDB - Dispensing Opticians Board

The State Board of Dispensing Opticians was established by Act 589 of 1981 and consists of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor. The Board's primary mission is to protect the visual health of the citizens of Arkansas by maintaining rules, regulations, and license requirements for opticians that ensure competence, credibility and integrity within the profession. This appropriation is funded from the receipt of fees charged by the Agency, as authorized by A.C.A. §17-89-101 et seq.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching includes Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$20 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$410 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases.

The Agency is requesting Base Level of \$47,483 for each year of the 2013-2015 biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

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		
	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	2013-2014			2014-2015		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	11,998	14,359	14,804	14,459	14,459	14,459	14,459	14,459	14,459
#Positions	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Extra Help 5010001	618	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
#Extra Help	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Personal Services Matching 5010003	7,133	7,453	7,213	7,724	7,724	7,724	7,724	7,724	7,724
Operating Expenses 5020002	20,844	17,900	20,900	17,900	17,900	17,900	17,900	17,900	17,900
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees 5060010	3,000	6,000	3,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds/Reimbursements 5110014	0	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	43,593	47,112	47,317	47,483	47,483	47,483	47,483	47,483	47,483
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	209,258	209,545		207,433	207,433	207,433	204,950	204,950	204,950
Cash Fund 4000045	43,880	45,000		45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Total Funding	253,138	254,545		252,433	252,433	252,433	249,950	249,950	249,950
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(209,545)	(207,433)		(204,950)	(204,950)	(204,950)	(202,467)	(202,467)	(202,467)
Grand Total	43,593	47,112		47,483	47,483	47,483	47,483	47,483	47,483

The FY13 Budget amount in Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to matching rate adjustments during the 2011-2013 biennium.
Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Professional Fees by authority of a Budget Classification Transfer.