

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Enabling Laws

Act 251 of 2010
A.C.A. § 17-22-201

History and Organization

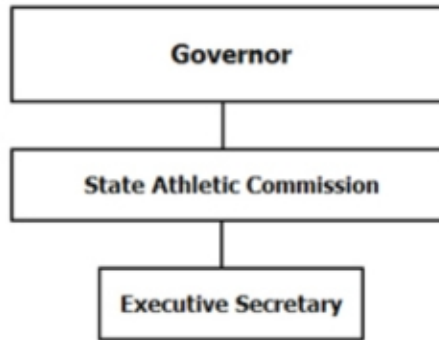
The Arkansas State Athletic Commission was created in 1927 by Act 131 and has a two-fold purpose. Each goal is inextricably linked and requires prudent promulgation of its Rules and Regulations, as well as enforcement of the statutory amendments or revisions.

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

The second goal is to preserve and insure the entertainment value of the professional and amateur combative sports that the Arkansas 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 all combative sports, the Arkansas State Athletic Commission maintains the 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 Arkansas State Athletic Commission protects the welfare and safety of the participants and general public.

In order to preserve and insure the entertainment value of all combative sports, the Arkansas State Athletic Commission creates rules and regulations that prevent fight fixing, the over-regulation of combative sports, the unlawful conduct of those it regulates, all of which could unduly remove the competitive nature for which they were designed.



Agency Commentary

The Arkansas Athletic Commission is requesting change level increases for the 2011-13 biennium in the following line items: Extra Help, Personal Services Matching, and Operating Expenses.

The Commission is requesting an increase of \$15,000 each year in Extra Help along with the necessary Personal Services Matching, due to the increase workload of the Commission. The Commission now has the authority to regulate both professional and amateur combative sports events. These include boxing, kickboxing, wrestling and all forms of mixed martial arts held in the State of Arkansas, which requires more supervision.

Professional Fees increase in 2012 of \$20,810 and in 2013 of \$8,810 is requested for website development to accommodate online licensing and an online roster of all licensees. The Commission wants to delete the Veterans Youth Programs Grants/Aid line item of \$15,000.

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

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Findings

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.

Recommendations

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

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		Governor	General Assembly		
None	N/A	N	N	0	N/A

Agency Position Usage Report

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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 and A.C.A. 17-22-302. Fees of 5% of the total gross receipts from admission charges from matches and exhibitions are collected.

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's Change Level Request totaling \$21,968 in FY12 and \$9,968 in FY13 reflects the following:

Extra Help increase of \$15,000 and Personal Services Matching of \$1,158 in each year of the biennium due to the increase workload of the Commission to cover amateur as well as professional combative sports events.

Professional Fees increase of \$20,810 in FY12 and \$8,810 in FY13 for web development.

Grant and Aid decrease of (\$15,000) in each year of the biennium to help offset the increases to Extra Help and Professional Fees.

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		
		2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Authorized	2011-2012			2012-2013		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	4,140	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	24,982	25,000	25,000	25,000	40,000	40,000	25,000	40,000	40,000
#Extra Help		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Personal Services Matching	5010003	4,985	5,410	5,061	2,311	3,469	3,469	2,311	3,469	3,469
Operating Expenses	5020002	39,454	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	1,549	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	20,810	20,810	0	8,810	8,810
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	7,500	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		82,610	101,210	100,861	98,111	120,079	120,079	98,111	108,079	108,079
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	164,270	205,509		176,299	176,299	176,299	150,188	128,220	128,220
Special Revenue	4000030	123,849	72,000		72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000
Total Funding		288,119	277,509		248,299	248,299	248,299	222,188	200,220	200,220
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(205,509)	(176,299)		(150,188)	(128,220)	(128,220)	(124,077)	(92,141)	(92,141)
Grand Total		82,610	101,210		98,111	120,079	120,079	98,111	108,079	108,079

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

Change Level by Appropriation

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Agency Request

Change Level		2011-2012	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2012-2013	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	98,111	0	98,111	100.0	98,111	0	98,111	100.0
C01	Existing Program	16,158	0	114,269	116.5	16,158	0	114,269	116.5
C03	Discontinue Program	(15,000)	0	99,269	101.2	(15,000)	0	99,269	101.2
C08	Technology	20,810	0	120,079	122.4	8,810	0	108,079	110.2

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2011-2012	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2012-2013	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	98,111	0	98,111	100.0	98,111	0	98,111	100.0
C01	Existing Program	16,158	0	114,269	116.5	16,158	0	114,269	116.5
C03	Discontinue Program	(15,000)	0	99,269	101.2	(15,000)	0	99,269	101.2
C08	Technology	20,810	0	120,079	122.4	8,810	0	108,079	110.2

Justification

C01	The Commission now has the authority to regulate kickboxing, wrestling and all forms of martial arts held in Arkansas which requires more supervision.
C03	The Commission would like to discontinue the funding of these grants in order that funds would be available to cover the increases to Extra Help and Professional Fees.
C08	The Commission is requesting appropriation for web development to accommodate online licensing and an online roster of all licensees. This request can be found under the "Projects" section of the Agency's IT Plan.