

ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

Enabling Laws

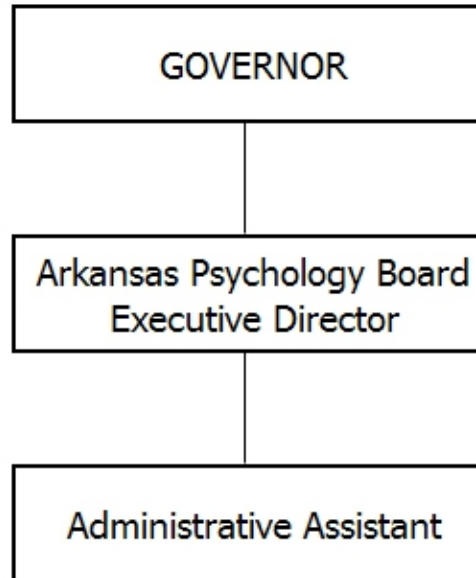
Act 153 of 2010
A.C.A. §17-97-101, et seq.

History and Organization

The Arkansas Board of Examiners in Psychology was created by Act 129 of 1955 to regulate the practice of Psychology. The original Act has been amended several times. Act 113 of 1977 added a Consumer Representative to the Board; Act 939 of 1979 added another professional to the Board specifying one member to be a Psychological Examiner; Act 131 of 1983 added a Senior Citizen Representative to the Board; Act 955 of 1995 replaced one academic Psychologist with an additional Psychological Examiner; Act 1482 of 2003 added another academic Psychologist and also renamed the Board to the Arkansas Psychology Board; and most recently Act 1262 of 2005 added the registration of Psychological Technicians.

The major responsibility of the Arkansas Psychology Board is to ensure the citizens of Arkansas are protected from misrepresentation, unethical practice, and/or incompetence in the practice of psychology. The Board is charged by law with regulating the practice of psychology within the State of Arkansas, including, but not limited to, examining and passing upon the qualifications of applicants for the practice of psychology. The Board performs two major functions. The first involves approving the credentials of applicants and then administering both written and oral examinations. The second primary function performed by the Board involves the investigation of possible ethical violations or allegations of incompetent or fraudulent practices.

The Board is charged by law with administering its duties consistent with the Act under which it was organized and authorized to regulate the practice of psychology consistent with the Administrative Procedures Act and in the interest of the public of the State of Arkansas. The Board is now composed of nine individuals: Five Psychologists (doctoral level practitioners), two Psychological Examiners (master's level practitioners), one Consumer Representative, and one Senior Citizen Representative. All members receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred, but no other remuneration. The Board employs two full time staff members who serve as the Board's Executive Director and Administrative Assistant.



Agency Commentary

The Arkansas Psychology Board's major responsibility is to ensure that the people of the state are protected from misrepresentation, unethical practice, and/or incompetence in the practice of psychology. Funding for this appropriation consists of fees received from licensees and applicants throughout the year.

The Board requests Base Level for the 2011 - 2013 biennium.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
 AUDIT OF :
 ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

Employment Summary

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

Cash Fund Balance Description as of June 30, 2010

Fund Account	Balance	Type	Location
3230000	\$315,685	Investment & Checking	Treasury Money Mgmt. and US Bank

Statutory/Other Restrictions on use:

Board operations and processing license applications and renewals.

Statutory Provisions for Fees, Fines, Penalties:

A.C.A. §17-97-101 et seq., fees for copying and services, license application, examination, and license renewal.

Revenue Receipts Cycle:

Most license and renewal receipts occur during May through July of each year.

Fund Balance Utilization:

For administrative expenses of board operations.

Fund Account	Balance	Type	Location
PEP0100	\$7,058	Payroll	Treasury

Statutory/Other Restrictions on use:

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Statutory Provisions for Fees, Fines, Penalties:

A.C.A. §17-97-101 et seq., fees for copying and services, license application, examination, and license renewal.

Revenue Receipts Cycle:

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Fund Balance Utilization:

For payroll.

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
ABEP Directory	None	N	N	1,000	Required by the Rules and Regulations Section 1.3.E(2-6).
ABEP Newsletter	None	N	N	900	Required by the Rules and Regulations Section 1.3.F

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2008 - 2009					FY2009 - 2010					FY2010 - 2011							
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
2	1	1	2	0	50.00 %	2	2	0	2	0	0.00 %	2	2	0	2	0	0.00 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: A31 - Cash Operations

Funding Sources: 323 - Psychology Examiners - Cash

A.C.A. §17-97-201 established the State Board of Examiners in Psychology. The Board is a cash agency funded from the fees collected primarily for application, testing and renewal. The Board is responsible for regulating the practice of psychology in the State of Arkansas by ensuring that Arkansans are protected from misrepresentation, unethical practices, and/or incompetence in the practice of psychology. This goal is accomplished by licensing psychologists and psychological examiners, registering psychological technicians, and investigating complaints.

Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Career Service Payments.

The Board requests Base Level for the 2011-2013 biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Board Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: A31 - Cash Operations
Funding Sources: 323 - Psychology Examiners - Cash

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Authorized	2011-2012			2012-2013		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	55,812	65,628	76,966	65,628	65,628	65,628	65,628	65,628	65,628
#Positions	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Personal Services Matching 5010003	20,087	22,558	24,608	22,598	22,598	22,598	22,598	22,598	22,598
Operating Expenses 5020002	52,814	60,849	60,849	60,849	60,849	60,849	60,849	60,849	60,849
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Professional Fees 5060010	8,462	24,727	24,727	24,727	24,727	24,727	24,727	24,727	24,727
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	137,175	177,762	191,150	177,802	177,802	177,802	177,802	177,802	177,802
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	313,940	322,743		304,981	304,981	304,981	287,179	287,179	287,179
Cash Fund 4000045	145,978	160,000		160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000
Total Funding	459,918	482,743		464,981	464,981	464,981	447,179	447,179	447,179
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(322,743)	(304,981)		(287,179)	(287,179)	(287,179)	(269,377)	(269,377)	(269,377)
Grand Total	137,175	177,762		177,802	177,802	177,802	177,802	177,802	177,802