

Act 404 of the 1989 Regular Session.

Act 404

HB1325

By: Joint Budget Committee

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1991; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Veteran Affairs for the 1989-91 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its successor.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Years	
				1989-90	1990-91
(1)	9989	VETERANS DIR DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIR	1	\$43,001	\$44,076
(2)	751Z	VETERANS AFFAIRS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE 24	
(3)	754Z	SUPERVISOR OF VETERANS SERVICE	1	GRADE 20	
(4)	R315	VET AFFAIRS EXEC ASST TO DIRECTOR	1	GRADE 19	
(5)	753Z	VETERANS CHIEF FIELD SVC DIV	1	GRADE 18	
	755Z	VETERANS DEP DIR CLAIMS	1		
(6)	M098	VETERANS CLAIMS SPECIALIST	11	GRADE 17	
(7)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	1	GRADE 13	
(8)	A013	BOOKKEEPER II/ACCOUNTING ASST II	1	GRADE 11	
	K153	SECRETARY II	6		
(9)	K023	CLERK TYPIST II	1	GRADE 07	
		MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	26		

SECTION 2. REGULAR SALARIES - VETERANS HOME DIVISION. There is hereby established for the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division for the 1989-91 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its successor.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Years	
				1989-90	1990-91
(1)	752Z	VETERANS HOME SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 22	

(2)	L078 NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 20
	R438 VETERANS HOME ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR	1	
(3)	M086 SOCIAL WORKER II/SOCIAL WORKER I	1	GRADE 18
	L070 NURSE II	5	
(4)	A004 ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE 17
	G028 BUILDING PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV II	1	
	H032 FOOD PRODUCTION MANAGER	1	
	M054 REHAB COUNSELOR II	1	
(5)	G161 GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRMAN	1	GRADE 16
	G167 EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER I	1	
	L117 LPTN SUPERVISOR	2	
(6)	A002 ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE 15
(7)	M048 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	1	GRADE 14
	R009 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	1	
(8)	K041 EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	1	GRADE 13
	L049 LPN II	7	
(9)	A013 BOOKKEEPER II/ACCOUNTING ASST II	2	GRADE 11
	K153 SECRETARY II	1	
	T045 SECURITY OFFICER II	7	
(10)	H005 BAKER II	1	GRADE 10
	H027 COOK II	4	
(11)	K155 SECRETARY I	2	GRADE 09
	V029 INVENTORY CONTROL CLERK	1	
	L081 NURSING ASST II	23	
(12)	H025 COOK I	4	GRADE 08
(13)	G109 BLDG/EQUIP MAINT REPAIRMAN II	3	GRADE 07
(14)	G107 BLDG/EQUIP MAINT REPAIRMAN I	2	GRADE 05
(15)	G075 HOUSEKEEPER	10	GRADE 03
(16)	H039 FOOD SERVICE WORKER I	4	GRADE 02
	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	92	

SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division for the 1989-91 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: Four (4) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veteran Affairs, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veteran Affairs for the biennial period ending June 30, 1991, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1989-90	1990-91
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 483,957	\$ 496,036
(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	120,604	127,844
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSES	\$ 56,201	\$ 56,201
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,848	6,848
(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROCESSING	0	0
TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.	63,049	63,049
(04) AID TO COUNTY OFFICE	234,500	234,500
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 902,110	\$ 921,429

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SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - VETERANS HOME DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division for the biennial period ending June 30, 1991, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1989-90	1990-91
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,077,198	\$ 1,106,364
(02) EXTRA HELP	15,000	15,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	309,278	331,630
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSES	\$ 375,637	\$ 375,637
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,927	1,927
(C) PROF. FEES	40,168	40,168
(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROCESSING	0	0
TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.	417,732	417,732
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 1,819,208	\$ 1,870,726

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SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Veteran Affairs, to be payable from cash funds of the Department of Veteran Affairs, for refunds of unused fees paid by residents of the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division for the biennial period ending June 30, 1991, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1989-90	1990-91
(01) REFUNDS	\$ 1,915,000	\$ 1,915,000

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SECTION 7. Arkansas Code 20-81-106 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"20-81-106. County programs.

(a) The Department of Veteran Affairs is authorized to establish, implement, and maintain a program for providing financial assistance to the counties to assist the counties in paying the salaries and/or expenses of county veterans service officers.

(1) Any program established and maintained by the Department of Veteran Affairs shall provide for financial assistance to applying counties on the basis of one dollar (\$1.00) of state funds for each two dollars (\$2.00) of county funds provided for the payment of the salary and expenses of the particular veterans service officer of the applying county.

(2) No county shall receive financial assistance under the provisions of this act in excess of three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) in any fiscal year. However, the financial assistance to counties under this section may be increased to a maximum of four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800) per year for those counties wherein the veteran population exceeds two thousand five hundred (2,500) veterans as reflected by the latest Veterans Administration report on veteran population.

(3) Assistance grants pursuant to this section may be made only to those counties employing a county veterans service officer who meets the training and testing qualifications, scheduled number of work hours per month, and other qualifications prescribed by the Department of Veteran Affairs for county veterans service officers.

(b) (1) The county veterans service officers shall serve at the pleasure of the individual incumbent county judge in his respective county.

(2) However, supervision, training, and testing of county veterans service officers shall be the responsibility of the Department of Veteran Affairs."

SECTION 8. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to County Veterans Service Offices may also be used by the Department of Veteran Affairs to pay expenses of County Veterans Service Officers for attending regional or statewide training conferences approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs and designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans Service Officers in the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on the same reimbursement basis as the reimbursement of state employees for expenses incurred in attending their official business. Provided, no County Veterans Service Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending more than two (2) approved conferences per year, per county.

SECTION 9. Funds appropriated for Conference Fees and Travel may be used to compensate members of the Governor's Task Force on Veterans' Affairs at a maximum rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day and for reimbursement for travel expenses at the same rate per mile as is paid to state employees pursuant to State Travel Regulations.

SECTION 10. Arkansas Code 20-81-105 (f) is hereby amended to read as follows: "(f) The Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall at the end of each fiscal year, certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State such amount of non-revenues to be retained in the State General Services Fund Account. All other monies shall be transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund in accordance with existing laws."

SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 13. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year

period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1989 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1989 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1989.

APPROVED: March 8, 1989
