

1 State of Arkansas
2 89th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2014
4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1035

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROVIDING PAYMENT
9 OF CLAIMS TO SURVIVING SPOUSES AND/OR DEPENDENT
10 CHILDREN OF POLICEMEN, FIREMEN, CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS
11 AND OTHER SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES KILLED IN THE
12 OFFICIAL LINE OF DUTY, AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW;
13 PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF SMALL CONTROVERSIAL AND NON-
14 CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE
15 ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION; PROVIDING PERSONAL
16 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS
17 STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
18 JUNE 30, 2015; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

21 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS
22 COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2014-
23 2015 FISCAL YEAR.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
30 for the Arkansas State Claims Commission for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the
31 following maximum number of regular employees.
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| Item Class | | Maximum | Maximum Annual |
|------------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| No. | Code Title | No. of | Salary Rate |
| | | Employees | Fiscal Year |
| | | | 2014-2015 |



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| 1 | (1) U051U CLAIMS COMMISSIONER | 5 | \$27,739 |
| 2 | (2) N154N CLAIMS COMMISSION DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE N901 |
| 3 | (3) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST | 1 | GRADE C115 |
| 4 | (4) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II | <u>3</u> | GRADE C109 |
| 5 | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 10 | |

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7 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 8 to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the State Central
 9 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas
 10 State Claims Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the
 11 following:

| 13 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|----|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 14 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2014-2015</u> |
| 15 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$356,910 |
| 16 | (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 138,142 |
| 17 | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 18 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 92,390 |
| 19 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 3,000 |
| 20 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| 21 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 22 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 23 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$590,442</u></u> |

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25 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to
 26 the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous
 27 Revolving Fund, for payment of claims awarded to surviving spouses and/or
 28 dependent children of deceased policemen, firemen, correctional officers and
 29 other specified state employees killed in the official line of duty, as
 30 prescribed by law; for payment of small controversial claim awards made by
 31 the Arkansas State Claims Commission; and for payment of awards made by the
 32 Arkansas State Claims Commission, as provided by law, on non-controversial
 33 claims, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

| 35 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 36 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2014-2015</u> |

1 (01) CLAIMS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES/DEPENDENT
 2 CHILDREN, SMALL CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS
 3 AND SMALL NON-CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS \$1,750,000
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5 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

7 EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission
 8 shall not distribute any warrants prepared under the provisions of this Act
 9 for awards made by the Arkansas State Claims Commission for employment
 10 compensation claims. Upon the award by the State Claims Commission of an
 11 employment compensation claim, the Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall
 12 notify the affected state agency and the Department of Finance and
 13 Administration - Office of Personnel Management of such amounts that are due
 14 and payable. The affected state agency shall then process the award through
 15 the State Mechanized Payroll System.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~
 17 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

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 19 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 20 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 21 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 22 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 25 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 26 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 27 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 29 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 30 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 31 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 32 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 33 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 34 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 35 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 36 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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2 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
3 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
4 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
5 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2014 is essential to the operation of
6 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
7 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
8 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2014 could work irreparable harm
9 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
10 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
11 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
12 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2014.

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