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A Bill

SENATE BILL 35

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE
10 COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, AND THE
11 INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
12 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE
17 RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL
19 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
26 for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the
27 2014-2015 fiscal year, the 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
33	(1) Q030U	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	\$158,002
34	(2) Q029U	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	3	\$152,615
35	(3) Q007N	BLR CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE N912
36	(4) Q014N	BLR ADMINISTRATOR	7	GRADE N910



1	(5)	Q194C	BLR COUNSEL	1	GRADE N908
2	(6)	Q022N	APPLICATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE N907
3	(7)	Q023N	NETWORK MANAGER	1	GRADE N907
4	(8)	Q004C	DATABASE MANAGER	1	GRADE C130
5	(9)	Q007C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	16	GRADE C129
6	(10)	Q195C	LEGISLATIVE NETWORK PROGRAMMER II	1	GRADE C129
7	(11)	Q006C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	8	GRADE C129
8	(12)	Q026C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
9	(13)	Q023C	DATABASE PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
10	(14)	Q196C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES OFFICER	1	GRADE C127
11	(15)	Q025C	NETWORK SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C127
12	(16)	Q027C	NETWORK/WEB PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
13	(17)	Q024C	PC SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE C127
14	(18)	Q032C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	6	GRADE C126
15	(19)	Q046C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	3	GRADE C124
16	(20)	Q067C	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C122
17	(21)	Q066C	DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C122
18	(22)	Q062C	LEGAL EDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122
19	(23)	Q064C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	17	GRADE C122
20	(24)	Q065C	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122
21	(25)	Q063C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE C122
22	(26)	Q061C	SENIOR ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	1	GRADE C122
23	(27)	Q073C	LEGAL EDITOR II	3	GRADE C121
24	(28)	Q077C	ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	2	GRADE C120
25	(29)	Q075C	DESKTOP APPLICATIONS SUPPORT	2	GRADE C120
26	(30)	Q197C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST II	1	GRADE C120
27	(31)	Q079C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE C120
28	(32)	Q078C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C120
29	(33)	Q097C	LEGAL EDITOR	1	GRADE C118
30	(34)	Q198C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST	2	GRADE C117
31	(35)	Q110C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT II	5	GRADE C117
32	(36)	Q118C	REFERENCE ANALYST	1	GRADE C116
33	(37)	Q126C	DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH II	1	GRADE C114
34	(38)	Q127C	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C114
35	(39)	Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	20	GRADE C114
36	(40)	Q130C	DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH	1	GRADE C112

1 (41) Q131C BLR SUPPORT SPECIALIST 1 GRADE C110
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 129

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 4 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 5 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2014-
 6 2015 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 7 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 8 herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or part-time employees,
 9 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 10 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 11 appropriate classification.

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 13 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 14 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be
 15 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services,
 16 operating expenses, contingency, committee rooms and construction and capital
 17 improvements of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Legislative
 18 Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
22 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,914,663
23 (02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
24 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,810,419
25 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,133,686
27 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002
28 (C) PROF. FEES	298,889
29 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
30 (E) DATA PROC.	0
31 (05) CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000
32 (06) CONTINGENCY	893,480
33 (07) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
34 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$17,074,202</u></u>

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 36 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
 2 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
 3 Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General
 4 Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
8 (01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u>\$271,060</u>

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 10 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby
 11 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
 12 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
 13 Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas
 14 General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee
 15 related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General
 16 Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as
 17 approved by the appropriate committee for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 18 2015, the following:

20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
22 (01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR	
23 MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL	
24 ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$1,419,199
25 (02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM	
26 COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE	
27 STAFF WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE	
28 APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>
29 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,696,396</u>

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 31 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby
 32 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
 33 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
 34 Fund, for paying expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly
 35 attending meetings of the Energy Council and for other associated expenses
 36 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND OTHER EXPENSES	<u>\$65,806</u>

SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, from the balance of the appropriation remaining on June 30, 2014 in Section 3 of Act 1306 of 2013, there to be used for the same purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and also between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined necessary.

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

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST OF LIVING INCREASES. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living increases on July 1, in an amount equal to that granted to all other state agency, board, commission or institution of higher education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual salary rates for Bureau employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau. Salary payments shall not be restricted to maximum amounts authorized by law, if the salary adjustments exceed the maximum line item amount authorized by law for a position, the amount shall be paid to the employee as a lump-sum payment.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~
2 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

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4 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
6 DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the
7 Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds
8 appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses. The
9 Director shall appoint a designee who shall serve as the disbursing officer
10 in his/her absence. In the event there is no Director, the Co-Chairs of the
11 Arkansas Legislative Council can appoint a disbursing officer. All
12 expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in
13 accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in
14 accordance with appropriate law.

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

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

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

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1 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
2 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
3 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
4 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2014 is essential to the operation of
5 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
6 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
7 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2014 could work irreparable harm
8 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
9 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
10 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
11 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2014.

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