



TIM GRIFFIN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 26, 2024

The Honorable Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chairman
The Honorable Lane Jean, Co-Chairman
Joint Budget Committee
One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Chairman Dismang and Chairman Jean:

I am respectfully requesting changes to the appropriation for the Office of the Attorney General. The proposed changes, which are detailed in the attachment, can be summarized in the following five points:

- This proposal reduces the cap on the appropriation of unrestricted settlement fees by \$5,000,000;
- This proposal increases the total appropriation from the State Central Services Fund by \$7,775,845;
 - Out of this amount, \$1,900,809.40 is attributable to increasing all salary line-item maximums (LIMs) by 10%, consistent with the Governor's policy for executive branch employees. To remain competitive in the marketplace for employees, especially attorneys, I believe it is in the best interest of this office and the state to follow the Governor's lead;
 - Additionally, \$4,240,035.60 reflects personnel changes, including additional investigators and attorneys needed to meet the increased demand for human trafficking investigations, organized retail crime investigations, Legislative Audit-related investigations, public corruption investigations, establishment and manning of the Election Integrity Unit mandated by the Legislature, 811 investigations, and broadening of our cyber crimes focus beyond internet crimes against children to include cyber threats such as ransomware and cyber attacks on Arkansans, especially on state government and our elections systems; and

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- The remaining \$1,635,000 reflects the move to the State Central Services Fund of certain operating expenses currently paid out of unrestricted settlement fees. This move will restore control of such expenditures to the Legislature and decrease this office's reliance on settlement fees, which fluctuate widely year to year.

Setting aside the increase in LIMs to keep pace with other state agencies, and factoring in the reduction in the unrestricted settlement fees appropriation, the proposal reflects a net increase in the appropriation of \$875,035.60, an increase of 2.2% over the prior appropriation.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (501) 837-5190. With best regards, I am,

Very truly yours,



Tim Griffin

Exhibit A

Section 1. Regular Salaries - Operations.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	Maximum No. of <u>Employees</u>	Maximum Annual Salary Rate <u>Fiscal Year 2024-2025</u>
1		Solicitor General	1	\$200,000.00
2		Chief Deputy Attorney General	1	\$200,000.00
3		Deputy Attorney General	12	\$184,000.00
4		Senior Assistant Attorney General I	4	\$161,000.00
5		Senior Assistant Attorney General II	12	\$154,000.00
6		Senior Assistant Attorney General III	17	\$138,000.00
7		Assistant Attorney General I	13	\$124,000.00
8		Assistant Attorney General II	22	\$111,000.00
9		Senior Management Assistant I	4	\$155,000.00
10		Senior Management Assistant II	5	\$138,000.00
11		Management Assistant	7	\$99,000.00
12		Investigator I	4	\$99,000.00
13		Senior Administrative Assistant	12	\$85,000.00
14		Investigator II	6	\$85,000.00
15		Administrative Assistant I	18	\$71,000.00
16		Investigator III	10	\$71,000.00
17		Administrative Assistant II	<u>16</u>	\$64,000.00
		Max. No. of Employees	164	

Section 2. Appropriation - Operations.

<u>Item No.</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2024-2025</u>
1	Regular Salaries	\$18,533,205.00
2	Extra Help	\$250,000.00
3	Personal Services Matching	\$5,624,505.00
4	Maint. & Gen. Operation	
	(A) Oper. Expense	\$1,885,000.00
	(B) Conf. & Travel	\$25,000.00
	(C) Prof. Fees	\$50,000.00
	(D) Cap. Outlay	\$25,000.00
	(E) Data Proc.	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Total Amount Appropriated	\$26,392,710.00

Section 3. Regular Salaries - Medicaid Fraud Division - State.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	Maximum No. of <u>Employees</u>	Maximum Annual Salary Rate <u>Fiscal Year 2024-2025</u>
1		Deputy Attorney General	1	\$184,000.00
2		Assistant Attorney General I	2	\$124,000.00
3		Management Assistant	1	\$99,000.00

4	Administrative Assistant II	1	\$64,000.00
5	Senior Management Assistant II	<u>1</u>	\$138,000.00
	Max. No. of Employees	6	

Section 4. Appropriation - Medicaid Fraud Division - State.

<u>Item No.</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2024-2025</u>
1	Regular Salaries	\$736,665.00
2	Personal Services Matching	\$216,235.00
3	Maint. & Gen. Operation	
	(A) Oper. Expense	\$56,235.00
	(B) Conf. & Travel	\$27,100.00
	(C) Prof. Fees	\$17,000.00
	(D) Cap. Outlay	\$10,500.00
	(E) Data Proc.	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Total Amount Appropriated	\$1,063,735.00

Section 5. Regular Salaries - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	Maximum No. of <u>Employees</u>	Maximum Annual Salary Rate <u>Fiscal Year 2024-2025</u>
1		Senior Assistant Attorney General I	2	\$161,000.00
2		Senior Assistant Attorney General III	1	\$138,000.00
3		Senior Management Assistant II	1	\$138,000.00
4		Assistant Attorney General I	2	\$124,000.00
5		Assistant Attorney General II	1	\$111,000.00
6		Management Assistant	1	\$99,000.00
7		Investigator I	2	\$99,000.00
8		Senior Administrative Assistant	3	\$85,000.00
9		Investigator II	5	\$85,000.00
10		Administrative Assistant II	<u>1</u>	\$64,000.00
		Max. No. of Employees	19	

Section 6. Extra Help - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal.

No change

Section 7. Appropriation - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal.

<u>Item No.</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2024-2025</u>
1	Regular Salaries	\$2,007,990.00
2	Extra Help	\$30,000.00
3	Personal Services Matching	\$614,785.00
4	Maint. & Gen. Operation	
	(A) Oper. Expense	\$321,275.00
	(B) Conf. & Travel	\$81,300.00
	(C) Prof. Fees	\$418,469.00

(D) Cap. Outlay	\$31,500.00
(E) Data Proc.	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Amount Appropriated	\$3,505,319.00

Section 8. Appropriation - Medicaid Fraud Division - Indirect Costs.

<u>Item No.</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2024-2025</u>
1	Maint. & Gen. Operation	
	(A) Oper. Expense	\$498,461.00
	(B) Conf. & Travel	\$0.00
	(C) Prof. Fees	\$0.00
	(D) Cap. Outlay	\$0.00
	(E) Data Proc.	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Total Amount Appropriated	\$498,461.00

Section 9. Appropriation - Internet Crimes Against Children.

<u>Item No.</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2024-2025</u>
1	Maint. & Gen. Operation	
	(A) Oper. Expense	\$25,000.00
	(B) Conf. & Travel	\$0.00
	(C) Prof. Fees	\$0.00
	(D) Cap. Outlay	\$0.00
	(E) Data Proc.	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Total Amount Appropriated	\$25,000.00

Section 10. Regular Salaries - Cooperative Disability Investigation Program.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>ClassCode</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Maximum No. of Employees</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025</u>
1		Investigator I	2	\$99,000.00
2		Senior Administrative Assistant	<u>1</u>	\$85,000.00
		Max. No. of Employees	3	

Section 11. Appropriation - Cooperative Disability Investigation Program.

<u>Item No.</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2024-2025</u>
1	Regular Salaries	\$283,000.00
2	Personal Services Matching	\$99,125.00
3	Overtime	\$42,000.00
4	Maint. & Gen. Operation	
	(A) Oper. Expense	\$55,000.00
	(B) Conf. & Travel	\$5,000.00
	(C) Prof. Fees	\$0.00
	(D) Cap. Outlay	\$0.00

(E) Data Proc. \$0.00
Total Amount Appropriated **\$484,125.00**

Section 12. Appropriation - Cash Funds - Unrestricted Settlement Fees **and other Cash Funds**. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services, miscellaneous operating expenses, grants, court ordered payments, consumer education and enforcement activities from unrestricted settlement fees **and other cash funds** of the Office of Attorney General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the sum of **\$10,000,000.00**

Section 13. Appropriation - Cash Funds Settlement Fees and Restitution.

No change

Section 14. Special Language. Code Amendment.

No change

Section 15. Special Language.

No change

Section 16. Special Language.

No change

Section 17. Compliance with Other Laws.

No change

Section 18. Legislative Intent.

No change

Section 19. Emergency Clause.

No change

Add section: Extra Help - Operations. There is hereby authorized, for the Office of the Attorney General for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as “Extra Help”, payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: ten (10) 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, or this act for the appropriate classification. Please renumber the following sections accordingly.

Hall of the House of Representatives

94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024

Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1037

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1037

Amend House Bill No. 1037 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 30 through 36, and substitute with the following:

"(1) Q242U SOLICITOR GENERAL	1	\$200,000
(2) Q426U CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	1	\$200,000
(3) Q427U DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	12	\$184,000
(4) Q428U SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	4	\$161,000
(5) Q446U SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT I	4	\$155,000
(6) Q434U SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	12	\$154,000
(7) Q447U SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL III	17	\$138,000"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 9, and substitute with the following:

"(8) Q448U SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT II	5	\$138,000
(9) Q430U ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	13	\$124,000
(10) Q431U ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	22	\$111,000
(11) Q432U MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	7	\$99,000
(12) Q074U INVESTIGATOR I	4	\$99,000
(13) Q433U SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	12	\$85,000
(14) Q070U INVESTIGATOR II	6	\$85,000
(15) Q034U ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	18	\$71,000
(16) Q130U INVESTIGATOR III	10	\$71,000
(17) Q071U ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>16</u>	\$64,000
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	164"	

AND

Page 2, immediately following SECTION 1, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Office of Attorney General - Operations for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: ten

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(10) 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, or this act for the appropriate classification."

AND

Page 2, line 18, delete "\$14,388,564" and substitute with "\$18,533,205"

AND

Page 2, immediately following line 18 insert the following new ITEM number:
"(02) EXTRA HELP 250,000"

AND

Page 2, line 19, delete "4,462,554" and substitute with "5,624,505"

AND

Page 2, line 21, delete "250,000" and substitute with "1,885,000"

AND

Page 2, appropriately renumber all ITEM numbers of SECTION 2.

AND

Page 2, line 26, delete "\$19,201,118" and substitute with "\$26,392,710"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 6, and substitute with the following:

" (1) Q427U DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	1	\$184,000
(2) Q448U SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT II	1	\$138,000
(3) Q430U ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	2	\$124,000
(4) Q432U MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$99,000
(5) Q071U ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>1</u>	\$64,000
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>6</u>	

AND

Page 3, line 16, delete "\$656,046" and substitute with "\$736,665"

AND

Page 3, line 17, delete "\$196,834" and substitute with "216,235"

AND

Page 3, line 24, delete "\$963,715" and substitute with "\$1,063,735"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 35 and 36, and substitute with the following:

" (1)	Q428U	SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	2	\$161,000
(2)	Q447U	SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL III	1	\$138,000"

AND

Page 4, delete lines 1 through 9, and substitute with the following:

"(3)	Q448U	SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT II	1	\$138,000
(4)	Q430U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	2	\$124,000
(5)	Q431U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	1	\$111,000
(6)	Q432U	MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$99,000
(7)	Q074U	INVESTIGATOR I	2	\$99,000
(8)	Q433U	SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	3	\$85,000
(9)	Q070U	INVESTIGATOR II	5	\$85,000
(10)	Q071U	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>1</u>	\$64,000
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		19"	

AND

Page 4, line 29, delete "\$1,751,551" and substitute with "\$2,007,990"

AND

Page 4, line 31, delete "547,876" and substitute with "614,785"

AND

Page 5, line 2, delete "\$3,181,971" and substitute with "\$3,505,319"

AND

Page 6, line 10, delete "\$90,670" and substitute with "\$99,000"

AND

Page 6, line 11, delete "\$75,000" and substitute with "\$85,000"

AND

Page 6, line 23, delete "\$256,340" and substitute with "\$283,000"

AND

Page 6, line 24, delete "92,974" and substitute with "99,125"

AND

Page 6, line 32, delete "\$451,314" and substitute with "\$484,125"

AND

Page 6, delete SECTION 12 in its entirety and substitute with:

" SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION-CASH FUNDS - UNRESTRICTED SETTLEMENT FEES AND OTHER CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services, miscellaneous operating expenses, grants, court order payments, consumer education and enforcement activities from unrestricted settlement fees and other cash funds of the Office of Attorney General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the sum of.....\$10,000,000."

AND

Appropriately renumber all the SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
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1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2024
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1037

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 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY
10 GENERAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL
16 YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
23 for the Office of Attorney General for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
30	(1) Q242U	SOLICITOR GENERAL	1	\$181,500
31	(2) Q426U	CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	1	\$181,500
32	(3) Q427U	DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	11	\$167,000
33	(4) Q428U	SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	11	\$140,592
34	(5) Q434U	SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	17	\$125,986
35	(6) Q429U	SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	6	\$115,000
36	(7) Q430U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	11	\$112,900



1	(8) Q431U ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	20	\$95,000
2	(9) Q432U MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	6	\$90,670
3	(10) Q074U INVESTIGATOR I	1	\$90,670
4	(11) Q433U SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	13	\$75,000
5	(12) Q070U INVESTIGATOR II	2	\$75,000
6	(13) Q034U ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	13	\$62,500
7	(14) Q130U INVESTIGATOR III	13	\$62,500
8	(15) Q071U ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>22</u>	\$55,000
9	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	148	

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11 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 12 to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the State Central
 13 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of
 14 Attorney General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$14,388,564
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,462,554
20	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	250,000
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
23	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
25	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$19,201,118</u>

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28 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - STATE. There
 29 is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud
 30 Division - State for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 31 of regular employees.

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33		Maximum Annual
34		Salary Rate
35	Item Class	Fiscal Year
36	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
		Maximum
		No. of
		Employees

1	(1)	Q427U	DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	1	\$167,000
2	(2)	Q429U	SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$115,000
3	(3)	Q430U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	2	\$112,900
4	(4)	Q432U	MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$90,670
5	(5)	Q071U	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>1</u>	\$55,000
6			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	6	

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 8 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - STATE. There is
 9 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from
 10 the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses
 11 of the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - State for the
 12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$656,046
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	196,834
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	56,235
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,100
21	(C) PROF. FEES	17,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,500
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$963,715</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 5. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There
 27 is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud
 28 Division - Federal for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum
 29 number of regular employees.

31			Maximum Annual
32		Maximum	Salary Rate
33	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
34	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
35	(1) Q428U SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	1	\$140,592
36	(2) Q434U SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	1	\$125,986

1	(3)	Q429U	SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$115,000
2	(4)	Q430U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	3	\$112,900
3	(5)	Q431U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	1	\$95,000
4	(6)	Q432U	MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$90,670
5	(7)	Q074U	INVESTIGATOR I	2	\$90,670
6	(8)	Q433U	SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	3	\$75,000
7	(9)	Q070U	INVESTIGATOR II	5	\$75,000
8	(10)	Q071U	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>1</u>	\$55,000
9			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	19	

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11 SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is
 12 hereby authorized, for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud
 13 Division - Federal for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum
 14 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 15 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary
 16 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 17 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 18 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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20 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is
 21 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from
 22 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 23 personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General -
 24 Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,
 25 the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,751,551
30	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
31	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	547,876
32	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	321,275
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	81,300
35	(C) PROF. FEES	418,469
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	31,500

1	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,181,971</u></u>

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4 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - INDIRECT COSTS.

5 There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be
6 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
7 the State, for operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General -
8 Medicaid Fraud Division - Indirect Costs for the fiscal year ending June 30,
9 2025, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
13	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$498,461
15	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
16	(C) PROF. FEES	0
17	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$498,461</u></u>

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21 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN. There is
22 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from
23 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
24 operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General - Internet Crimes
25 Against Children for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
29	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
32	(C) PROF. FEES	0
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>

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SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - COOPERATIVE DISABILITY INVESTIGATION PROGRAM. There is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Cooperative Disability Investigation Program for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	Q074U	INVESTIGATOR I	2	\$90,670
(2)	Q433U	SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	\$75,000
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - COOPERATIVE DISABILITY INVESTIGATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General - Cooperative Disability Investigation Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$256,340
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	92,974
(03)	OVERTIME	42,000
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	55,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$451,314</u></u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - UNRESTRICTED SETTLEMENT FEES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for

1 personal services, miscellaneous operating expenses, grants, court ordered
2 payments, consumer education and enforcement activities from unrestricted
3 settlement fees of the Office of Attorney General for the fiscal year ending
4 June 30, 2025, the sum of..... \$15,000,000.

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6 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - SETTLEMENT FEES AND
7 RESTITUTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General,
8 to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for
9 personal services, miscellaneous operating expenses, grants, fund transfers,
10 and restitution payments and expenses of the Office of Attorney General for
11 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the sum of..... \$31,000.

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13 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
15 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer
16 of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
17 Budget Committee, the Office of Attorney General is authorized to transfer
18 appropriation from any line item authorized in the Operations Appropriation
19 of the Office of Attorney General in this Act to any other line item
20 authorized in the Operations Appropriation.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
22 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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24 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
26 FUND TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Attorney
27 General may deposit or transfer by check monies from the unobligated cash
28 funds of the Office of Attorney General received from court orders or
29 settlement agreements to the State Central Services Fund.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
31 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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33 SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
34 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
35 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
36 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

1 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
2 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
3 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
4 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
5 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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7 SECTION 17. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
8 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
9 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
10 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
11 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
12 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
13 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
14 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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16 SECTION 18. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
17 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
18 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
19 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
20 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
21 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
22 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
23 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
24 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
25 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
26 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

Section 1. Regular Salaries - Operations						
Title	Current LIM		Requested LIM FY2025		Pos # Change	Percent Change
Solicitor General	1	\$181,500	1	\$200,000	0	10%
Chief Deputy Attorney General	1	\$181,500	1	\$200,000	0	10%
Deputy Attorney General	11	\$167,000	12	\$184,000	1	10%
Senior Assistant Attorney General I	11	\$140,592	4	\$161,000	-7	15%
Senior Assistant Attorney General II	17	\$125,986	12	\$154,000	-5	22%
Senior Management Assistant	6	\$115,000			-6	0%
NEW - Senior Assistant Attorney General III			17	\$138,000	17	0%
Assistant Attorney General I	11	\$112,900	13	\$124,000	2	10%
Assistant Attorney General II	20	\$95,000	22	\$111,000	2	17%
NEW - Senior Management Assistant I			4	\$155,000	4	0%
NEW - Senior Management Assistant II			5	\$138,000	5	0%
Management Assistant	6	\$90,670	7	\$99,000	1	9%
Investigator I	1	\$90,670	4	\$99,000	3	9%
Senior Administrative Assistant	13	\$75,000	12	\$85,000	-1	13%
Investigator II	2	\$75,000	6	\$85,000	4	13%
Administrative Assistant I	13	\$62,500	18	\$71,000	5	14%
Investigator III	13	\$62,500	10	\$71,000	-3	14%
Administrative Assistant II	22	\$55,000	16	\$64,000	-6	16%
Max No. Of Employees	148		164		16	

NEW Section 2. Extra Help - Operations			
Title	Current	Requested	Pos # Change
NEW - Extra Help		10	10

Section 2. Appropriation - Operations - State Central Services				
	Current	Requested	Dollar Change	Percent Change
(01) Regular Salary	\$14,388,564	\$18,533,205	\$ 4,144,641.00	29%
(02) Extra Help	\$0	\$250,000	\$ 250,000.00	0%
(03) Matching	\$4,462,554	\$5,624,505	\$ 1,161,951.00	26%
Total Appropriation Change Related to Positions			\$ 5,556,592.00	

Section 3. Regular Salaries - Medicaid Fraud - State						
Title	Current LIM		Requested LIM FY2025		Pos # Change	Percent Change
Deputy Attorney General	1	\$167,000	1	\$184,000	0	10%
Senior Management Assistant	1	\$115,000			-1	0%
Assistant Attorney General I	2	\$112,900	2	\$124,000	0	10%
Management Assistant	1	\$90,670	1	\$99,000	0	9%
Administrative Assistant II	1	\$55,000	1	\$64,000	0	16%
NEW - Senior Management Assistant II			1	\$138,000	1	0%
Max No. Of Employees	6		6		0	

Section 4. Appropriation - Medicaid Fraud - State Central Services				
	Current	Requested	Dollar Change	Percent Change
(01) Regular Salary	\$656,046	\$736,665	\$ 80,619.00	12%
(03) Matching	\$196,834	\$216,235	\$ 19,401.00	10%
Total Appropriation Change Related to Positions			\$ 100,020.00	

Section 5. Regular Salaries - Medicaid Fraud - Federal						
Title	Current LIM		Requested LIM FY2025		Pos # Change	Percent Change
Senior Assistant Attorney General I	1	\$140,592	2	\$161,000	1	15%
Senior Assistant Attorney General II	1	\$125,986			-1	0%
NEW - Senior Assistant Attorney General III			1	\$138,000	1	0%
NEW - Senior Management Assistant II			1	\$138,000	1	0%
Senior Management Assistant	1	\$115,000			-1	0%
Assistant Attorney General I	3	\$112,900	2	\$124,000	-1	10%
Assistant Attorney General II	1	\$95,000	1	\$111,000	0	17%
Management Assistant	1	\$90,670	1	\$99,000	0	9%
Investigator I	2	\$90,670	2	\$99,000	0	9%
Senior Administrative Assistant	3	\$75,000	3	\$85,000	0	13%
Investigator II	5	\$75,000	5	\$85,000	0	13%
Administrative Assistant II	1	\$55,000	1	\$64,000	0	16%
Max No. Of Employees	19		19		0	

Section 7. Appropriation - Medicaid Fraud - Federal				
	Current	Requested	Dollar Change	Percent Change
(01) Regular Salary	\$1,751,551	\$2,007,990	\$ 256,439.00	15%
(03) Matching	\$547,876	\$614,785	\$ 66,909.00	12%
Total Appropriation Change Related to Positions			\$ 323,348.00	

Section 10. Regular Salaries - Cooperative Disability Investigation Program - Federal						
Title	Current LIM		Requested LIM FY2025		Pos # Change	Percent Change
Investigator 1	2	\$90,670	2	\$99,000	0	9%
Senior Administrative Assistant	1	\$75,000	1	\$85,000	0	13%
Max No. Of Employees	3		3		0	

Section 11. Appropriation - Cooperative Disability Investigation Program - Federal				
	Current	Requested	Dollar Change	Percent Change
(01) Regular Salary	\$256,340	\$283,000	\$ 26,660.00	10%
(03) Matching	\$92,974	\$99,125	\$ 6,151.00	7%
Total Appropriation Change Related to Positions			\$ 32,811.00	