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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1053

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 STATE BOARD OF
10 COLLECTION AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
11 30, 2020; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF COLLECTION
15 AGENCIES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2019-2020
16 FISCAL 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 State Board of Collection Agencies for the 2019-2020 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 2019-2020
30	(1) X001N	BD OF COLLECTION EXEC DIR	1	GRADE GS12
31	(2) X130C	BD OF COLLECTION FIELD INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE GS05
32	(3) C022C	BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
33	(4) C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
34		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	4	

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36 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the State Board



1 of Collection Agencies for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the following maximum
 2 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 3 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary
 4 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 5 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 6 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 8 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 9 to the State Board of Collection Agencies, to be payable from cash funds as
 10 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the State Board of Collection Agencies,
 11 for personal services and operating expenses of the State Board of Collection
 12 Agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

14 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
16 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$196,784
17 (02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
18 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	65,692
19 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	91,700
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,500
22 (C) PROF. FEES	16,000
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0
25 (05) DHS/UAMS/ASU MOUNTAIN HOME/UCA/ 26 SAU SYSTEM GRANTS/ HENDERSON STATE 27 UNIVERSITY/ ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY/ 28 NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	<u>1,450,000</u>
29 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,829,676</u>

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 31 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 17-24-
 32 305 is amended to read as follows:

33 17-24-305. Fees – Disposition.

34 (a) The State Board of Collection Agencies may charge an annual
 35 license fee not to exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) for
 36 licensing each collection agency and an annual fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00)

1 effective September 1, 2013, for registering each employee of the licensed
2 collection agency who as an employee solicits, collects, or attempts to
3 collect any delinquent account or accounts by telephone, mail, personal
4 contact, or otherwise.

5 (b)(1) All income from fees imposed under this section shall be
6 distributed in the form of one (1) annual payment that is a percentage of the
7 total funds available up to the maximum authorized under this subsection.

8 (2) However, if less than one hundred percent (100%) of the
9 total allocation is available for distribution, all allocations listed in
10 subdivisions ~~(b)(3)(A)-(F)~~ (b)(3)(A)-(H) of this section shall be funded at a
11 prorated percentage consistent with the available funds, not to exceed the
12 maximum amounts listed in subdivisions ~~(b)(3)(A)-(F)~~ (b)(3)(A)-(H) of this
13 section.

14 (3) Beginning July 1, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
15 board shall remit to:

16 (A) The Treasurer of State for the Division of Medical
17 Services of the Department of Human Services, an amount not to exceed one
18 hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000) for deposit into a paying account
19 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to be used in
20 accordance with § 20-10-705;

21 (B) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, an
22 amount not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for deposit into
23 a financial institution in accordance with the policies of the University of
24 Arkansas for Medical Sciences to be expended for the College of Pharmacy of
25 the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the College of Nursing of
26 the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in accordance with § 6-64-
27 417;

28 (C) Arkansas State University-Mountain Home, an amount not
29 to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for deposit into the
30 Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Fund to be expended exclusively for
31 the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Practical Nursing Program;

32 (D) The University of Central Arkansas, an amount not to
33 exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for deposit into the
34 University of Central Arkansas Fund to be expended exclusively for the
35 University of Central Arkansas School of Nursing;

36 (E) Southern Arkansas University, an amount not to exceed

1 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for deposit into the Southern
2 Arkansas University Fund to be expended exclusively for personal services and
3 operating expenses of the Southern Arkansas University system; ~~and~~

4 (F) Henderson State University, an amount not to exceed
5 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for deposit into the Henderson State
6 University Fund;

7 (G) Arkansas Tech University, an amount not to exceed one
8 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for deposit into the Arkansas Tech
9 University Fund exclusively for nursing programs; and

10 (H) Northwest Arkansas Community College, an amount not to
11 exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for deposit into the Northwest
12 Arkansas Community College Fund exclusively for nursing programs.

13 (4) Funds remaining after the distributions listed in
14 subdivisions ~~(b)(3)(A)-(F)~~ (b)(3)(A)-(H) of this section shall be deposited
15 into the State Board of Collection Agencies account ~~in~~ into a bank authorized
16 to do business in this state.

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18 SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
2 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
3 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
4 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2019 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, 2019 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, 2019.

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/s/Joint Budget Committee