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SENATE BILL 73

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, AND THE
INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE
RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the
2019-2020 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
			Fiscal Year
Item	Class	No. of	
No.	Code Title	Employees	2019-2020
(1)	Q030U DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	Q029U ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	4	GRADE SE04
(3)	Q014N BLR ADMINISTRATOR	9	GRADE SE02
(4)	Q061N BLR COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE02



1	(5) Q069N PC SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
2	(6) Q236C SR APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER II	6	GRADE IT09
3	(7) Q237C SR NETWORK SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE IT09
4	(8) Q238C SR PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE IT06
5	(9) Q262C BLR PRODUCTION ASSISTANT	1	GRADE IT04
6	(10) Q224C ASSETS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT03
7	(11) Q130C DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH	1	GRADE IT01
8	(12) Q063N LEGIS ADMIN SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS14
9	(13) Q068N LEGAL EDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS13
10	(14) Q221C SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	19	GRADE GS13
11	(15) Q234C SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR II	5	GRADE GS12
12	(16) Q006C SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	34	GRADE GS12
13	(17) Q067C ADMIN ASSIST TO DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
14	(18) Q232C BLR PROG DEVELOP & COMPLIANCE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS09
15	(19) Q197C LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST II	3	GRADE GS09
16	(20) Q077C ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	4	GRADE GS08
17	(21) Q065C OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS08
18	(22) Q235C ADMIN ASSIST TO ADMINISTRATOR	8	GRADE GS07
19	(23) Q118C REFERENCE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS07
20	(24) Q110C LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT II	16	GRADE GS06
21	(25) Q131C BLR SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
22	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	130	

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24 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 25 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2019-
 26 2020 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 27 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 28 herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or part-time employees,
 29 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 30 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 31 appropriate classification.

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33 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 34 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be
 35 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services,
 36 operating expenses, contingency, committee rooms, and construction and

capital improvements of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the
Legislative Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,090,629
(02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,860,032
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,133,686
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002
(C) PROF. FEES	298,889
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000
(06) CONTINGENCY	893,480
(07) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$17,299,781</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is
hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General
Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
(01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u><u>\$271,060</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby
appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas
General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee
related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General
Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as

approved by the appropriate committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2019-2020
(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR	
MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL	
ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$1,419,199
(02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM	
COMMITTEE MEMBERS & COMMITTEE	
STAFF WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE	
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,696,396</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending meetings of the Energy Council and for other associated expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2019-2020
(01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND	
OTHER EXPENSES	<u><u>\$65,806</u></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, 2019 in Sections 3 and 7 of Act 90 of 2018, there to be used for the same purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, 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

1 is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to
2 transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and also
3 between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined
4 necessary.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
6 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
22 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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24 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
26 DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the
27 Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds
28 appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses. The
29 Director shall appoint a designee who shall serve as the disbursing officer
30 in his/her absence. In the event there is no Director, the Co-Chairs of the
31 Arkansas Legislative Council can appoint a disbursing officer. All
32 expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in
33 accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in
34 accordance with appropriate law.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
36 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 CLASSIFICATION UTILIZATION. The Bureau of Legislative Research may utilize,
 at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, the
 following classifications as necessary. The use of these classifications
 shall not be considered as increasing the number of positions authorized in
 this act, only as a temporary reclassification or cross grade of a position.

CLASS

CODE	TITLE	GRADE
Q220C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	GS12
Q223C	SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR	GS11
Q032C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	GS11
Q007C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	GS11
Q073C	LEGAL EDITOR III	GS10
Q064C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST III	GS10
Q046C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	GS10
Q222C	LEGAL EDITOR II	GS09
Q079C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	GS09
Q240C	LEGAL EDITOR	GS08
Q239C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	GS08
Q198C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST	GS07
Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	GS05
Q241C	SR. APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	IT08
Q242C	SR. NETWORK SPECIALIST	IT08
Q243C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER II	IT07
Q244C	NETWORK SPECIALIST II	IT07
Q246C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	IT06
Q247C	NETWORK SPECIALIST	IT06
Q245C	SR. PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IT05
Q063C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	IT04
Q078C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IT03
Q127C	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	IT02

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~

1 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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3 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
4 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
5 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
6 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
7 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
8 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
9 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
10 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
11 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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13 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
14 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
15 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
16 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
17 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
18 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
19 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
20 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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22 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
23 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
24 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
25 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2019 is essential to the operation of
26 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
27 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
28 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2019 could work irreparable harm
29 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
30 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
31 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
32 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2019.
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