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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 74

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 DEPARTMENT OF  
10 VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
11 2020; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'  
15 AFFAIRS 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. There is hereby established for the  
23 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the following  
24 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) U008U	ADVA DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
31	(2) L009C	NURSE MANAGER	2	GRADE MP03
32	(3) L019C	REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP02
33	(4) L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE MP02
34	(5) L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	16	GRADE MP01
35	(6) D020C	INST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COORD	1	GRADE IT05
36	(7) D079C	COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE IT02

1	(8)	G039N ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
2	(9)	L026N STATE VETERANS HOME ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS14
3	(10)	A133C ADVA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
4	(11)	A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	GRADE GS11
5	(12)	G254C ADVA DIVISION MANAGER	3	GRADE GS10
6	(13)	A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
7	(14)	M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	2	GRADE GS09
8	(15)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
9	(16)	S003C FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS08
10	(17)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
11	(18)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
12	(19)	G252C VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
13	(20)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
14	(21)	G159C DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
15	(22)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
16	(23)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
17	(24)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
18	(25)	G253C VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER	12	GRADE GS07
19	(26)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
20	(27)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	34	GRADE GS06
21	(28)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
22	(29)	V014C BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
23	(30)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
24	(31)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE	2	GRADE GS05
25	(32)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
26	(33)	C028C MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
27	(34)	M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
28	(35)	G237C VETERANS CEMETERY MANAGER	2	GRADE GS05
29	(36)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
30	(37)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
31	(38)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
32	(39)	S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
33	(40)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS04
34	(41)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	GRADE GS03
35	(42)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	155	GRADE GS03
36	(43)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS03

1	(44)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
2	(45)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS02
3	(46)	S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS02
4	(47)	S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	3	GRADE GS02
5	(48)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	2	GRADE GS02
6	(49)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS01
7	(50)	M082C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
8		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	290	

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10 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 11 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the  
 12 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating  
 13 expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations for the  
 14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,173,852
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	383,698
20	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	166,000
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,000
23	(C) PROF. FEES	0
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	53,000
25	(E) DATA PROC.	0
26	(04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE	
27	OFFICES	<u>283,500</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,093,050</u></u>

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30 SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby authorized,  
 31 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the 2019-2020  
 32 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary  
 33 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated  
 34 herein for such purposes: thirty (30) temporary or part-time employees, when  
 35 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform  
 36 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the

1 appropriate classification.

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3 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby  
 4 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the  
 5 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal  
 6 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 7 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the fiscal year ending  
 8 June 30, 2020, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,724,100
13 (02) EXTRA HELP	80,000
14 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,635,375
15 (04) OVERTIME	539,900
16 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,248,000
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	16,000
19 (C) PROF. FEES	1,000,000
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	687,000
21 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$21,930,375</u>

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24 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - STATE. There is  
 25 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
 26 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and  
 27 operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans'  
 28 Cemeteries - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
32 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$170,327
33 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	64,066
34 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	88,950
36 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$323,343</u></u>

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6 SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is hereby  
 7 authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries -  
 8 Cash for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time  
 9 or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 10 appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time  
 11 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
 12 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act  
 13 for the appropriate classification.

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15 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is  
 16 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
 17 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 18 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of  
 19 the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the  
 20 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$431,666
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	24,000
26	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	162,736
27	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	141,050
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
30	(C) PROF. FEES	0
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	59,000
32	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$823,452</u></u>

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35 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM. There is  
 36 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable

1 from the Military Funeral Honors Fund, for operating expenses of the  
 2 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Military Funeral Honors Program for the  
 3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
(01) MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS EXPENSES	<u>\$16,720</u>

9 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CEMETERY EXPANSION - FEDERAL. There is  
 10 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
 11 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
 12 State, for construction and expansion expenses for the North Little Rock  
 13 Veterans' Cemetery of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Cemetery  
 14 Expansion - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
(01) CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION EXPENSES	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

20 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. USE OF  
 22 ADVA CONTINGENCY POSITION POOL AND CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION. In the event  
 23 additional appropriation becomes necessary that is not authorized or  
 24 contemplated in State Operations, Veterans' Homes and Veterans' Cemeteries  
 25 appropriations of this Act and growth in the State Veterans' Home at  
 26 Fayetteville's resident census and/or growth in the number of interments at  
 27 the State Veterans' Cemetery at North Little Rock makes it necessary for the  
 28 Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs to request additional positions,  
 29 regular salaries and personal services matching appropriation in order to  
 30 carry out the objectives of the Agency, the ADVA Contingency Position Pool  
 31 and Contingency Appropriation authorized herein may be used for regular  
 32 salaries and personal services matching line items.

33 The Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs Contingency Appropriation  
 34 authorized herein shall be funded primarily with cash funds of the State  
 35 Veterans' Home at Fayetteville and of the State Veterans' Cemetery at North  
 36 Little Rock. Each entity's cash funds shall be utilized in support of its own

1 business operations and shall not be co-mingled. In addition, general  
 2 revenue funding in support of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool shall be  
 3 limited to \$250,000 per year.

4 Use of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool and Contingency Appropriation  
 5 authorized in this Act shall be conditioned upon approval by the Chief Fiscal  
 6 Officer of the State and upon certification by the Director of the Arkansas  
 7 Department of Veterans' Affairs that funds are available to support the  
 8 contingency positions requested and upon prior review by the Arkansas  
 9 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

10 The General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas State Veterans'  
 11 Home at Fayetteville and the Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery at North  
 12 Little Rock may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to  
 13 the Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs under this Section.

		MAXIMUM ANNUAL		
		MAXIMUM	SALARY RATE	
ITEM	CLASS	NO. OF	FISCAL YEAR	
NO.	CODE TITLE	EMPLOYEES	<del>2018-2019</del>	<u>2019-2020</u>
18	(1) C087C ADMIN SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS02	
19	(2) S046C MAINT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04	
20	(3) S050C MAINT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS03	
21	(4) S065C MAINT ASSISTANT	3	GRADE GS01	
22	(5) L009C NURSE MANAGER	1	GRADE MP03	
23	(6) L019C REG NURSE COORD	1	GRADE MP02	
24	(7) D071C COMP SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT03	
25	(8) L069C LICENSED PRACT NURSE	1	GRADE GS06	
26	(9) M065C RECR ACTIVITY LEADER SVR 1	1	GRADE GS05	
27	(10) L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSIST 9	9	GRADE GS03	
28	(11) S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERV ASST 3	3	GRADE GS01	

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

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 32 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
 33 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
 34 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
 35 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
 36 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

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

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

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15 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
16 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
17 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
18 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2019 is essential to the operation of  
19 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
20 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
21 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2019 could work irreparable harm  
22 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
23 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
24 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
25 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2019.