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



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

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

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21 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 22 Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the State Central Services
 23 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney
 24 General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$18,533,205
29	(02) EXTRA HELP	250,000
30	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	5,624,505
31	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,885,000
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
34	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
36	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$26,392,710

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3 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - STATE. There
 4 is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud
 5 Division - State for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 6 of regular employees.

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			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
			Fiscal Year
Item	Class	Maximum	2024-2025
No.	Code Title	No. of	Employees
		Employees	2024-2025
12	(1) Q427U DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	1	\$184,000
13	(2) Q448U SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT II	1	\$138,000
14	(3) Q430U ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	2	\$124,000
15	(4) Q432U MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$99,000
16	(5) Q071U ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>1</u>	\$64,000
17	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	6	

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19 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - STATE. There is
 20 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from
 21 the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses
 22 of the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - State for the
 23 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2024-2025
27 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$736,665
28 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	216,235
29 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	56,235
31 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,100
32 (C) PROF. FEES	17,000
33 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,500
34 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
35 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,063,735</u>

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SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal 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)	Q428U	SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	2	\$161,000
(2)	Q447U	SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL III	1	\$138,000
(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	

SECTION 7. EXTRA HELP - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is hereby authorized, for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal 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: two (2) 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.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. 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 - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,007,990
(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	614,785
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	321,275
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	81,300
(C) PROF. FEES	418,469
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	31,500
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,505,319</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - INDIRECT COSTS. 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 operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - Indirect Costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN. 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 operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General - Internet Crimes Against Children for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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

SECTION 11. 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 Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
		<u>2024-2025</u>
(1) Q074U INVESTIGATOR I	2	\$99,000
(2) Q433U SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	\$85,000
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

SECTION 12. 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	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$283,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	99,125
(03) OVERTIME	42,000

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	55,000
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$484,125</u></u>

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9 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION-CASH FUNDS - UNRESTRICTED SETTLEMENT FEES

10 AND OTHER CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of

11 Attorney General, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas

12 Code 19-4-801, for personal services, miscellaneous operating expenses,

13 grants, court order payments, consumer education and enforcement activities

14 from unrestricted settlement fees and other cash funds of the Office of

15 Attorney General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the sum

16 of.....\$10,000,000.

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18 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - SETTLEMENT FEES AND

19 RESTITUTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General,

20 to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for

21 personal services, miscellaneous operating expenses, grants, fund transfers,

22 and restitution payments and expenses of the Office of Attorney General for

23 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the sum of..... \$31,000.

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25 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

27 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer

28 of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint

29 Budget Committee, the Office of Attorney General is authorized to transfer

30 appropriation from any line item authorized in the Operations Appropriation

31 of the Office of Attorney General in this Act to any other line item

32 authorized in the Operations Appropriation.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~

34 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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36 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
2 FUND TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Attorney
3 General may deposit or transfer by check monies from the unobligated cash
4 funds of the Office of Attorney General received from court orders or
5 settlement agreements to the State Central Services Fund.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
7 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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9 SECTION 17. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
10 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
11 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
12 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
13 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
14 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
15 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
16 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
17 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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19 SECTION 18. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
20 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
21 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
22 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
23 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
24 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
25 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
26 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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28 SECTION 19. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
29 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
30 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
33 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
34 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
35 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
36 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

1 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
2 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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4 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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