

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 4**

AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 4**

Amend Senate Bill No. 4 as originally introduced:

Page 6, immediately following SECTION 8, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 10-3-303(j), concerning the Bureau of Legislative Research, is amended to read as follows:

(j)(1) Any adjustments in annual salary rates for employees of the bureau, including without limitation labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments, or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the director.

(2)~~(A)~~ Salary payments under this subsection shall not be restricted to maximum amounts authorized by law.

~~(B) If salary adjustments under this subsection exceed the maximum line item amount authorized by law for a position, the amount shall be paid to the employee as a lump sum payment.~~

(3) In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and retained, Bureau of Legislative Research may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions authorized in its operative appropriation act after receiving approval from the:

(A) Legislative Council; or

(B) Joint Budget Committee, if the General Assembly is in session."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Senator Rice

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Secretary