

January 10, 2023

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

Please find attached an appropriation bill for the session expenses of my office. This request seeks no additional spending authority, reflecting appropriation amounts equal to those amounts established for the 2021 Legislative Session. This bill will ensure the efficient operation of this Office during the 94th General Assembly.

I respectfully request introduction of this bill as a Joint Budget Committee Bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Sanders", written in a cursive style.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
Governor-Elect

Attachment

Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2023

# A Bill

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES OF  
9 THE GOVERNOR'S LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS DURING THE  
10 NINETY-THIRD SESSION OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE  
12 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR -  
18 LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
19 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR.

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

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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE. There is hereby  
25 appropriated, to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the  
26 Constitutional Officers Fund, for operating expenses of the Office of the  
27 Governor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2022-2023
(01) MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND EXPENSES	<u>\$ 226,250</u>

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33 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LIAISONS  
35 AUTHORIZED. The Governor is hereby authorized to employ one (1) Lead  
36 Legislative Liaison who shall serve without pay but shall be entitled to per

1 diem of up to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for each day the General  
2 Assembly is in Regular Session and nine (9) Legislative Liaisons who shall  
3 serve without pay but shall each be entitled to per diem of up to two hundred  
4 dollars (\$200) for each day the General Assembly is in Regular Session. After  
5 receiving approval of the Governor, the Department of Finance and  
6 Administration - Management Services Division is hereby authorized to process  
7 payments to said Liaisons from funds authorized by this Act.

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9 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PAYMENT OF  
11 PER DIEM. Per Diem as authorized in Section 2 - Liaisons Authorized of this  
12 Act shall be in effect from and after January 10, 2023.

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14 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
15 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
16 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
17 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
18 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
19 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
20 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
22 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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24 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
25 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
26 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
27 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
28 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
29 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
30 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
31 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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33 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
36 effectiveness of this Act on the date of its passage and approval is

1 essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in  
2 this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular  
3 Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond the date of its  
4 passage and approval could work irreparable harm upon the proper  
5 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,  
6 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the  
7 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in  
8 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval. If  
9 the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become  
10 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor  
11 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
12 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last chamber overrides  
13 the veto.

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