



# TIM GRIFFIN

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ARKANSAS

March 6, 2023

The Honorable Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Lane Jean, Co-Chairman  
Joint Budget Committee  
One Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Chairman Dismang and Chairman Jean,

I am respectfully requesting the following changes be made to HB1135 for the Office of the Attorney General. This proposed amendment will decrease the overall appropriation for the Office of the Attorney General and save \$10,021,666—a) \$21,666 savings from Section 3 Appropriation – Operations and Section 8 Appropriation – Medicaid Fraud Division – Federal as well as b) \$10,000,000 savings from Section 13 Appropriation – Cash Funds – Settlement Fees. This proposal reflects my decision to restructure and streamline the Office of the Attorney General based upon a comprehensive review and in-depth analysis of the Office’s historical appropriations and spending. My proposed changes are outlined in this letter and detailed in Exhibit A.

**Section 1. Regular Salaries – Operations.** These changes include an increase in the maximum number of employees, an increase in the appropriation for salaries and a reduction of job titles from forty (40) to fifteen (15).

**Section 2. Extra Help – Operations.** Delete this section in its entirety.

**Section 3. Appropriation – Operations.** Regular salaries and personal services matching will change due to an increase in the appropriation for salaries. Maintenance and general operation expenses will decrease because lease payments, conference and travel expenses, professional fees and capital outlay will mostly be paid from Cash Funds – Settlement Fees.

**Section 4. Regular Salaries – Medicaid Fraud Division – State.** These changes include one additional position, an increase in the appropriation for salaries and title changes. Additional staffing is necessary to combat potential fraud due to the exponential growth of the Medicaid program.

**Section 5. Appropriation – Medicaid Fraud Division – State.** Regular salaries and personal services matching will change due to an increase in the maximum appropriation for salaries. The increase in both operating expenses and conference and travel corresponds to the increase in the number of employees for their office expenses and training.

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**Section 6. Regular Salaries – Medicaid Fraud Division – Federal.** These changes include an increase in the number of employees, an increase in the appropriation for salaries and title changes. Additional resources are necessary to combat potential fraud due to the exponential growth of the Medicaid program – the same as in Section 4, *supra*.

**Section 8. Appropriation – Medicaid Fraud Division – Federal.** Regular salaries and personal services matching will change due to the increase in the maximum appropriation for salaries. The increase in both operating expenses and conference and travel corresponds to the increase in the number of employees for their office expenses and training – the same as in Section 5, *supra*. Modifications in this section also reduce the appropriation for extra help.

**Section 9. Appropriation – Medicaid Fraud Division – Indirect Costs.** This increase is proportionate with the increases in regular salaries based on a mandated federal percentage.

**Section 10. Appropriation – Internet Crimes Against Children.** This technical correction changes the title of the section from “Internet Crime Child” to “Internet Crimes Against Children.”

**Section 11. Regular Salaries – Cooperative Disability Investigation Program.** The modifications in this section include title changes as well as an increase in the maximum appropriation for salaries. This does not include any increase in personal services matching.

**Section 12. Appropriation – Cooperative Disability Investigation Program.** This is an increase in the maximum appropriation for salaries.

**Section 13. Appropriation – Cash Funds – Settlement Fees.** The modifications in this section reduce the appropriation cash settlement funds from \$25,000,000 to \$15,000,000, recognizing an additional savings of \$10,000,000.

I greatly appreciate your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can offer any additional information. With kindest regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

  
Tim Griffin  
Attorney General

Chairman,  
This letter supersedes the previous letter by proposing changes that will also improve our office. Thank you, TG

Exhibit A

Section 1. Regular Salaries - Operations.

| <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Class Code</u> | <u>Title</u>                         | Maximum<br>No. of<br><u>Employees</u> | Maximum Annual<br>Salary Rate<br><u>Fiscal Year 2023-2024</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1               |                   | Solicitor General                    | 1                                     | \$181,500.00  |
| 2               |                   | Chief Deputy Attorney General        | 1                                     | \$181,500.00  |
| 3               |                   | Deputy Attorney General              | 11                                    | \$167,000.00  |
| 4               |                   | Senior Assistant Attorney General I  | 11                                    | \$140,592.00  |
| 5               |                   | Senior Assistant Attorney General II | 17                                    | \$125,986.00  |
| 6               |                   | Senior Management Assistant          | 6                                     | \$115,000.00  |
| 7               |                   | Assistant Attorney General I         | 11                                    | \$112,900.00  |
| 8               |                   | Assistant Attorney General II        | 20                                    | \$95,000.00   |
| 9               |                   | Management Assistant                 | 6                                     | \$90,670.00   |
| 10              |                   | Investigator I                       | 1                                     | \$90,670.00   |
| 11              |                   | Senior Administrative Assistant      | 13                                    | \$75,000.00   |
| 12              |                   | Investigator II                      | 2                                     | \$75,000.00   |
| 13              |                   | Administrative Assistant I           | 13                                    | \$62,500.00   |
| 14              |                   | Investigator III                     | 13                                    | \$62,500.00   |
| 15              |                   | Administrative Assistant II          | <u>22</u>                             | \$55,000.00   |
|                 |                   | <b>Max. No. of Employees</b>         | <b>148</b>                            |   |

Section 2. Extra Help - Operations.

Delete in its entirety

Section 3. Appropriation - Operations.

| <u>Item No.</u> |                                  | <u>Fiscal Year 2023-2024</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1               | Regular Salaries                 | \$14,376,464.00              |
| 2               | Extra Help                       | \$0.00                       |
| 3               | Personal Services Matching       | \$4,366,034.00               |
| 4               | Maint. & Gen. Operation          |                              |
|                 | (A) Oper. Expense                | \$250,000.00                 |
|                 | (B) Conf. & Travel               | \$25,000.00                  |
|                 | (C) Prof. Fees                   | \$50,000.00                  |
|                 | (D) Cap. Outlay                  | \$25,000.00                  |
|                 | (E) Data Proc.                   | <u>\$0.00</u>                |
|                 | <b>Total Amount Appropriated</b> | <b>\$19,092,498.00</b>       |

Section 4. Regular Salaries - Medicaid Fraud Division - State.

| <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Class Code</u> | <u>Title</u> | Maximum<br>No. of<br><u>Employees</u> | Maximum Annual<br>Salary Rate<br><u>Fiscal Year 2023-2024</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|



|   |                              |          |              |
|---|------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| 1 | Deputy Attorney General      | 1        | \$167,000.00 |
| 2 | Senior Management Assistant  | 1        | \$115,000.00 |
| 3 | Assistant Attorney General I | 2        | \$112,900.00 |
| 4 | Management Assistant         | 1        | \$90,670.00  |
| 5 | Administrative Assistant II  | <u>1</u> | \$55,000.00  |
|   | <b>Max. No. of Employees</b> | <b>6</b> |              |

Section 5. Appropriation - Medicaid Fraud Division - State.

| <u>Item No.</u> |                                  | <u>Fiscal Year 2023-2024</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1               | Regular Salaries                 | \$656,046.00                 |
| 2               | Personal Services Matching       | \$193,534.00                 |
| 3               | Maint. & Gen. Operation          |                              |
|                 | (A) Oper. Expense                | \$56,235.00                  |
|                 | (B) Conf. & Travel               | \$27,100.00                  |
|                 | (C) Prof. Fees                   | \$17,000.00                  |
|                 | (D) Cap. Outlay                  | \$10,500.00                  |
|                 | (E) Data Proc.                   | <u>\$0.00</u>                |
|                 | <b>Total Amount Appropriated</b> | <b>\$960,415.00</b>          |

Section 6. Regular Salaries - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal.

| <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Class Code</u> | <u>Title</u>                         | Maximum<br>No. of<br><u>Employees</u> | Maximum Annual<br>Salary Rate<br><u>Fiscal Year 2023-2024</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1               |                   | Senior Assistant Attorney General I  | 1                                     | \$140,592.00  |
| 2               |                   | Senior Assistant Attorney General II | 1                                     | \$125,986.00  |
| 3               |                   | Senior Management Assistant          | 1                                     | \$115,000.00  |
| 4               |                   | Assistant Attorney General I         | 3                                     | \$112,900.00  |
| 5               |                   | Assistant Attorney General II        | 1                                     | \$95,000.00   |
| 6               |                   | Management Assistant                 | 1                                     | \$90,670.00   |
| 7               |                   | Investigator I                       | 2                                     | \$90,670.00   |
| 8               |                   | Senior Administrative Assistant      | 3                                     | \$75,000.00   |
| 9               |                   | Investigator II                      | 5                                     | \$75,000.00   |
| 10              |                   | Administrative Assistant II          | <u>1</u>                              | \$55,000.00   |
|                 |                   | <b>Max. No. of Employees</b>         | <b>19</b>                             |   |

Section 7. Extra Help - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal.

No change

Section 8. Appropriation - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal.

| <u>Item No.</u> |                            | <u>Fiscal Year 2023-2024</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1               | Regular Salaries           | \$1,749,151.00               |
| 2               | Extra Help                 | \$30,000.00                  |
| 3               | Personal Services Matching | \$536,102.00                 |



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|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 | Maint. & Gen. Operation          |                       |
|   | (A) Oper. Expense                | \$321,275.00          |
|   | (B) Conf. & Travel               | \$81,300.00           |
|   | (C) Prof. Fees                   | \$418,469.00          |
|   | (D) Cap. Outlay                  | \$31,500.00           |
|   | (E) Data Proc.                   | <u>\$0.00</u>         |
|   | <b>Total Amount Appropriated</b> | <b>\$3,167,797.00</b> |

Section 9. Appropriation - Medicaid Fraud Division - Indirect Costs.

|                 |                                  |                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Item No.</u> |                                  | <u>Fiscal Year 2023-2024</u> |
| 1               | Maint. & Gen. Operation          |                              |
|                 | (A) Oper. Expense                | \$498,461.00                 |
|                 | (B) Conf. & Travel               | \$0.00                       |
|                 | (C) Prof. Fees                   | \$0.00                       |
|                 | (D) Cap. Outlay                  | \$0.00                       |
|                 | (E) Data Proc.                   | <u>\$0.00</u>                |
|                 | <b>Total Amount Appropriated</b> | <b>\$498,461.00</b>          |

Section 10. Appropriation - Internet Crimes Against Children.

|                 |                                  |                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Item No.</u> |                                  | <u>Fiscal Year 2023-2024</u> |
| 1               | Maint. & Gen. Operation          |                              |
|                 | (A) Oper. Expense                | \$25,000.00                  |
|                 | (B) Conf. & Travel               | \$0.00                       |
|                 | (C) Prof. Fees                   | \$0.00                       |
|                 | (D) Cap. Outlay                  | \$0.00                       |
|                 | (E) Data Proc.                   | <u>\$0.00</u>                |
|                 | <b>Total Amount Appropriated</b> | <b>\$25,000.00</b>           |

Section 11. Regular Salaries - Cooperative Disability Investigation Program.

| <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Class Code</u> | <u>Title</u>                    | Maximum<br>No. of<br><u>Employees</u> | Maximum Annual<br>Salary Rate<br><u>Fiscal Year 2023-2024</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1               |                   | Investigator I                  | 2                                     | \$90,670.00   |
| 2               |                   | Senior Administrative Assistant | <u>1</u>                              | \$75,000.00   |
|                 |                   | <b>Max. No. of Employees</b>    | <b>3</b>                              |   |

Section 12. Appropriation - Cooperative Disability Investigation Program.

|                 |                            |                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Item No.</u> |                            | <u>Fiscal Year 2023-2024</u> |
| 1               | Regular Salaries           | \$256,340.00                 |
| 2               | Personal Services Matching | \$90,994.00                  |
| 3               | Overtime                   | \$42,000.00                  |

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|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 4 | Maint. & Gen. Operation          |                     |
|   | (A) Oper. Expense                | \$55,000.00         |
|   | (B) Conf. & Travel               | \$5,000.00          |
|   | (C) Prof. Fees                   | \$0.00              |
|   | (D) Cap. Outlay                  | \$0.00              |
|   | (E) Data Proc.                   | <u>\$0.00</u>       |
|   | <b>Total Amount Appropriated</b> | <b>\$449,334.00</b> |

Section 13. Appropriation - Cash Funds - Settlement Fees.

**\$15,000,000.00**

Section 14. Appropriation - Cash Funds Settlement Fees and Restitution.

No change

Section 15. Special Language. Code Amendment.

No change

Section 16. Special Language.

No change

Section 17. Special Language.

No change

Section 18. Compliance with Other Laws.

No change

Section 19. Legislative Intent.

No change

Section 20. Emergency Clause.

No change

# Hall of the House of Representatives

94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023

## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill No. 1135

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

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### Amendment No. \_\_\_ to House Bill No. 1135

Amend House Bill No. 1135 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 30 through 36 and insert the following:

|  |    |            |
|--|----|------------|
| "(1) Q242U SOLICITOR GENERAL                   | 1  | \$181,500  |
| (2) Q426U CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL        | 1  | \$181,500  |
| (3) Q427U DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL              | 11 | \$167,000  |
| (4) Q428U SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I  | 11 | \$140,592  |
| (5) Q434U SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II | 17 | \$125,986  |
| (6) Q429U SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT          | 6  | \$115,000  |
| (7) Q430U ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I         | 11 | \$112,900" |

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 34 and insert the following:

|  |           |          |
|--|-----------|----------|
| " (8) Q431U ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II  | 20        | \$95,000 |
| (9) Q432U MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT             | 6         | \$90,670 |
| (10) Q074U INVESTIGATOR I                  | 1         | \$90,670 |
| (11) Q433U SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT | 13        | \$75,000 |
| (12) Q070U INVESTIGATOR II                 | 2         | \$75,000 |
| (13) Q034U ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I      | 13        | \$62,500 |
| (14) Q130U INVESTIGATOR III                | 13        | \$62,500 |
| (15) Q071U ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II     | <u>22</u> | \$55,000 |
| MAX NO OF EMPLOYEES                        | 148"      |          |

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AND

Page 2, delete SECTION 2 in its entirety

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill

AND

Page 3, line 15, delete "\$12,808,660" and insert "\$14,376,464"

AND

Page 3, line 16, delete "111,672" and insert "0"

AND

Page 3, line 17, delete "3,940,950" and insert "4,366,034"

AND

Page 3, line 19, delete "2,142,000" and insert "250,000"

AND

Page 3, line 20, delete "129,109" and insert "25,000"

AND

Page 3, line 21, delete "644,215" and insert "50,000"

AND

Page 3, line 22, delete "143,500" and insert "25,000"

AND

Page 3, line 24, delete "\$19,920,106" and insert "\$19,092,498"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 35 and 36 and insert the following:

|       |       |                             |   |            |
|-------|-------|-----------------------------|---|------------|
| " (1) | Q427U | DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL     | 1 | \$167,000  |
| (2)   | Q429U | SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT | 1 | \$115,000" |

AND

Page 4, delete lines 1 through 3 and insert the following:

|       |       |                              |          |           |
|-------|-------|------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| " (3) | Q430U | ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I | 2        | \$112,900 |
| (4)   | Q432U | MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT         | 1        | \$90,670  |
| (5)   | Q071U | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II  | <u>1</u> | \$55,000  |
|       |       | MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES         | 6"       |           |

AND

Page 4, line 13, delete "\$515,294" and insert "\$656,046"

AND

Page 4, line 14, delete "152,825" and insert "193,534"

AND

Page 4, line 16, delete "55,235" and insert "56,235"

AND

Page 4, line 17, delete "22,100" and insert "27,100"

AND

Page 4, line 21, delete "\$772,954" and insert "\$960,415"

AND

Page 4, delete lines 32 through 36 and insert the following:

|       |       |                                      |   |           |
|-------|-------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| " (1) | Q428U | SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I  | 1 | \$140,592 |
| (2)   | Q434U | SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II | 1 | \$125,986 |
| (3)   | Q429U | SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT          | 1 | \$115,000 |
| (4)   | Q430U | ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I         | 3 | \$112,900 |
| (5)   | Q431U | ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II        | 1 | \$95,000" |

AND

Page 5, delete lines 1 through 7 and insert the following:

|       |       |                                 |          |          |
|-------|-------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| " (6) | Q432U | MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT            | 1        | \$90,670 |
| (7)   | Q074U | INVESTIGATOR I                  | 2        | \$90,670 |
| (8)   | Q433U | SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT | 3        | \$75,000 |
| (9)   | Q070U | INVESTIGATOR II                 | 5        | \$75,000 |
| (10)  | Q071U | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II     | <u>1</u> | \$55,000 |
|       |       | MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES            | 19"      |          |

AND

Page 5, line 27, delete "\$1,372,582" and insert "\$1,749,151"

AND

Page 5, line 28, delete "37,224" and insert "30,000"

AND

Page 5, line 29, delete "438,196" and insert "536,102"

AND

Page 5, line 31, delete "318,275" and insert "321,275"

AND

Page 5, line 32, delete "66,300" and insert "81,300"

AND

Page 5, line 36, delete "\$2,682,546" and insert "\$3,167,797"

AND

Page 6, line 12, delete "\$395,000" and insert "\$498,461"

AND

Page 6, line 17, delete "\$395,000" and insert "\$498,461"

AND

Page 6, line 19, delete "INTERNET CRIME CHILD" and insert "INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN"

AND

Page 6, line 22, delete "Internet Crime Child" and insert "Internet Crimes Against Children"

AND

Page 7, line 8, delete "\$81,257" and insert "\$90,670"

AND

Page 7, delete line 9 in its entirety and insert the following:

" (2) Q433U SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT 1 \$75,000"

AND



Page 7, line 21, delete "\$233,134" and insert "\$256,340"

AND

Page 7, line 22, delete "84,430" and insert "90,994"

AND

Page 7, line 30, delete "\$419,564" and insert "\$449,334"

AND

Page 8, line 2, delete "\$25,000,000" and insert "\$15,000,000".

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

By: Joint Budget Committee

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Chief Clerk