



STATE OF ARKANSAS
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March 12, 2019

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

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to SB74, the 2019-2020 Operations Appropriation for the Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs:

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item Class		Maximum Annual	
No. Code Title	No. of	Maximum	Salary Rate
	Employees		Fiscal Year
			2019-2020
(5) L032C REGISTERED NURSE – HOSPITAL	16 <u>18</u>		GRADE MP01
(12) G254C ADVA DIVISION MANAGER	3 <u>2</u>		GRADE GS10
(42) L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	155 <u>153</u>		GRADE GS03
(49) S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	1		GRADE GS01
<u>(X) L018N</u> NURSE PRACTITIONER	<u>1</u>		<u>GRADE MP04</u>
<u>(X) N197N</u> NURSING HOME DIVISION DIRECTOR	<u>1</u>		<u>GRADE GS15</u>

Max. No. Of Employees ~~290~~ 290

These position changes will enable the agency to adjust staff based upon resident needs at both the Veterans' Homes in Fayetteville and North Little Rock.

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Please amend the following sections as follows:

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2019-2020	
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,173,852	\$1,208,852
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	383,698	394,198
(03) MAIN. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	166,000	220,500
 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	 \$2,093,050	 \$2,193,050

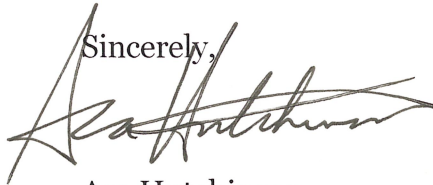
This is a continuation of the FY19 Supplemental request.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – VETERANS' HOMES:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2019-2020	
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,724,100	\$9,857,440
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,635,375	3,678,044
(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE		750,000
 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	 \$21,930,375	 \$22,856,384

The changes in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriation correspond with the position changes made in Section 1. The addition of Special Maintenance appropriation is for anticipated expenses related to repairs and maintenance for the homes.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Asa Hutchinson

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