

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Joint Budget Committee**

A Bill

ACT 134 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 1318

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND
9 OPERATING EXPENSES AND MEDICALLY RELATED LOANS FOR THE
10 STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE
11 30, 1997; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1995-97 BIENNIUM."

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

19 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
20 Student Loan Authority for the 1995-97 biennium, the following maximum number
21 of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the
22 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et
23 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,
24 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein
25 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification
26 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are
27 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and
28 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Years
No.	Code	Title		1995-96 1996-97
34	(1) 9760	DIRECTOR STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY	1	\$ 65,954 \$ 67,602
35	(2) 9100	STUDENT LOAN CHIEF FINANCIAL OFCR	1	\$ 43,964 \$ 45,063
36	(3) 9622	DIR OF MARKETING & PUBLIC AFFAIRS	1	\$ 40,783 \$ 41,802

1	(4) 9101 STUDENT LOAN LENDER/SVC LIAISON	1	\$ 35,720	\$ 36,613
2	(5) A032 AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE 22	
3	(6) R490 STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE 20	
4	R266 MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	2		
5	(7) A111 ACCOUNTANT	1	GRADE 18	
6	A077 STUDENT LOAN OFFICER	4		
7	D034 PROGRAMMER ANALYST	1		
8	(8) K153 SECRETARY II	1	GRADE 13	
9	(9) A106 ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN I	1	GRADE 12	
10	(10) K155 SECRETARY I	<u>2</u>	GRADE 11	
11	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	19		

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13 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Student
 14 Loan Authority for the 1995-97 biennium, the following maximum number of
 15 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from
 16 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: Three (3) temporary or part-time
 17 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 18 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for
 19 the appropriate classification.

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21 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Student
 22 Loan Authority, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code
 23 19-4-801 of the Student Loan Authority, for personal services and operating
 24 expenses of the Student Loan Authority for the biennial period ending June 30,
 25 1997, the following:

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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
28 NO.	1995-96	1996-97
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 558,418	\$ 558,732
30 (02) EXTRA HELP	1,140	1,140
31 (03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	147,985	148,042
32 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
33 (A) OPER. EXPENSE \$	255,000	\$ 275,000
34 (B) CONF. & TRVL.	15,000	15,000
35 (C) PROF. FEES	1,180,000	1,350,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	20,000	20,000
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
3	TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.		1,470,100 1,660,100
4	(05) LOANS		<u>55,000</u> <u>55,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED		<u>\$ 2,232,643</u> <u>\$ 2,423,014</u>

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7 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the

8 Student Loan Authority, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund

9 Account, for payments of the contracts with schools of higher learning for the

10 education of Arkansas citizens at out-of-state institutions of higher learning

11 in the fields of dental medicine, optometry, osteopathy, veterinary medicine,

12 chiropractic education and podiatry education by the Student Loan Authority

13 for the biennial period ending June 30, 1997, the following:

15	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FISCAL YEARS</u>	
16	NO.	1995-96	1996-97
17	(01) DENTAL AID	\$ 1,044,000	\$ 1,044,000
18	(02) OPTOMETRY AID	207,200	207,200
19	(03) VETERINARY AID	506,400	506,400
20	(04) CHIROPRACTIC AID	221,000	221,000
21	(05) OSTEOPATHY AID	174,000	174,000
22	(06) PODIATRY AID	<u>94,400</u>	<u>94,400</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 2,247,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,247,000</u>

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25 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS MEDICAL FIELDS ASSISTANCE LOANS.

26 There is hereby appropriated, to the Student Loan Authority, to be payable

27 from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for the purpose of providing

28 tuition assistance loan financing to the 41 Arkansas students attending out-

29 of-state schools of Dentistry, Optometry, Veterinary, Podiatry, Chiropractic

30 or Osteopathy, who did not receive loan tuition assistance during the 1993-95

31 biennium due to shortfalls in revenues available to the program, for the

32 biennial period ending June 30, 1997, the following:

33	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FISCAL YEARS</u>	
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1996-97</u>
35	(01) VARIOUS MEDICAL FIELDS		

1 ASSISTANCE LOANS \$ 1,200,000 \$ 0

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4 SECTION 6. TRANSFER OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

5 Upon certification to and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
6 State, surplus funds and appropriations may be transferred between the
7 appropriations provided in Section 4 of this Act by the Eightieth General
8 Assembly for Dental Aid, Optometry Aid, Veterinary Aid, Podiatry Aid,
9 Chiropractic Aid and Osteopathic Aid.

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11 SECTION 7. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. The Disbursing Officer of the
12 Student Loan Authority shall annually compile information, as described
13 herein, on students who receive financial aid through the various
14 appropriations provided for in this Act. Such information shall include the
15 number of students receiving financial aid under each line item of Section 4
16 of this Act, the name of each out-of-state school which each student is
17 attending or has attended, and the location and occupation of each student
18 after they have completed their course of study for a period of three years.

19 Such information shall be compiled into a report and presented in
20 conjunction with the biennial appropriation budget request for the
21 appropriation provided herein, to the Arkansas Legislative Council.

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23 SECTION 8. CARRY FORWARD - LOANS. The balance of the funds and
24 appropriations as provided in Sections 4 and 5 of this Act which remain on
25 June 30, 1996, shall be carried forward and made available for the same
26 purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

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28 SECTION 9. EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds appropriated in
29 this Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be expended in payment
30 for services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first make a request in
31 writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to provide the
32 required legal services. The Attorney General's Office shall provide the
33 requested legal services, or, if the Attorney General's Office shall determine
34 that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the requested legal
35 services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the agency and may

1 authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend monies appropriated
2 for Maintenance and General Operations therefor, if:

3 (1) The Attorney General determines, and certifies in writing, that
4 such agency needs the advice or assistance of legal counsel, and

5 (2) The Attorney General consents in writing to the employment of the
6 legal counsel to be retained by the agency.

7 Such certification shall be required with respect to each instance of
8 the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required annually with
9 respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy of such
10 certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency, and
11 shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes.

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

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23 SECTION 11. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
24 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
25 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which
26 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
27 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
28 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
29 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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32 SECTION 12. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and
33 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the
34 Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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