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1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1997
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A Bill

ACT 1285 OF 1997
SENATE BILL 480

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND
10 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
11 THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, AND THE INTERIM
12 COMMITTEES OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE
13 BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1999; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE
17 RESEARCH AND THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE
18 COUNCIL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1997-99
19 BIENNIUM."
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
25 Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council for the
26 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees, the
27 grades to be assigned to the respective positions, and the maximum annual
28 salaries for each such position. The maximum annual salary for the position
29 assigned to grades shall be determined in accordance with, but shall not
30 exceed the maximum annual amount for the grade assigned herein, as established
31 in Arkansas Code §21-5-209. The maximum annual salary of the Director,
32 Assistant Directors, Special Assistant for Budget, Senior Staff Attorney,
33 Chief Economist, State Personnel Review Administrator, and Legislative
34 Automated System Coordinator of said agency shall not exceed the maximum set
35 forth herein. Except for the purpose of determining the maximum annual salary
36 rate, which is to be applicable to each of the positions to which a salary

1 grade is assigned hereinafter, in accordance with the provisions of Arkansas
 2 Code §21-5-209, all positions set forth herein shall be exempt from other
 3 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 4 successor, but shall not be exempt from the provisions of the Regular Salaries
 5 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its successor.

| Item | Class | | Maximum | Maximum Annual |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | No. of | Salary Rate |
| | | | Employees | Fiscal Years |
| No. | Code | Title | Employees | 1997-98 1998-99 |
| 11 | (1) | DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH | 1 | \$103,081 \$105,967 |
| 12 | (2) | ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | 2 | \$100,664 \$103,482 |
| 13 | (3) | SPECIAL ASSISTANT/BUDGET | 1 | \$ 84,899 \$ 87,277 |
| 14 | (4) | SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY | 1 | \$ 76,972 \$ 79,127 |
| 15 | (5) | CHIEF ECONOMIST | 1 | \$ 74,268 \$ 76,347 |
| 16 | (6) | PERSONNEL REVIEW ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | \$ 76,972 \$ 79,127 |
| 17 | (7) | LEGIS AUTOMATED SYSTEM COORDINATOR | 1 | \$ 63,494 \$ 65,272 |
| 18 | (8) | NETWORK PLANNING COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE 26 |
| 19 | (9) | LEGISLATIVE ANALYST | 2 | GRADE 25 |
| 20 | | LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY | 8 | |
| 21 | | PROGRAM ANALYST | 1 | |
| 22 | (10) | SPECIAL PROJECTS ANALYST | 1 | GRADE 22 |
| 23 | | ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR | 1 | |
| 24 | | DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | 1 | |
| 25 | | LEGISLATIVE ANALYST | 24 | |
| 26 | | PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 6 | |
| 27 | (11) | LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST | 6 | GRADE 20 |
| 28 | (12) | ASSISTANT TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | 2 | GRADE 19 |
| 29 | (13) | LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH ASSISTANT | 1 | GRADE 18 |
| 30 | | BUREAU FISCAL OFFICER | 1 | |
| 31 | | REFERENCE ANALYST | 1 | |
| 32 | | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II | 5 | |
| 33 | | OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR | 1 | |
| 34 | (14) | LEGIS MICRO/PHOTO SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE 17 |
| 35 | (15) | DATA CONTROL CLERK | 1 | GRADE 16 |

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| 1 | (16) | LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY | 11 | GRADE 14 |
| 2 | (17) | COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM MGR | 1 | GRADE 13 |
| 3 | (18) | LEGIS CLERICAL SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE 11 |
| 4 | (19) | FACILITIES COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE 10 |

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SENIOR CAREER SERVICE POSITIONS

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| 8 | (20) | LEGISLATIVE ANALYST | 1 | \$ 63,156 | \$64,924 |
| 9 | (21) | LEGISLATIVE ANALYST | 1 | \$ 57,973 | \$59,596 |
| 10 | (22) | LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY | 2 | | GRADE 26 |
| 11 | (23) | ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR | 1 | | GRADE 25 |
| 12 | | DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | 1 | | |
| 13 | | LEGISLATIVE ANALYST | 5 | | |
| 14 | (24) | LEGIS MICRO/PHOTO SUPERVISOR | <u>1</u> | | GRADE 20 |
| 15 | | MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 98 | | |

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17 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 18 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council for the
 19 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 20 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein
 21 for such purposes: twenty (20) temporary or part-time employees, when needed,
 22 at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 23 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 24 classification.

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26 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 27 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council, to
 28 be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and
 29 operating expenses of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Arkansas
 30 Legislative Council for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the
 31 following:

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| 33 | ITEM | | FISCAL YEARS | |
| 34 | NO. | | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 35 | (01) | REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 4,177,667 | \$ 4,202,888 |

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|----|------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | (02) | EXTRA HELP | 28,466 | 29,178 |
| 2 | (03) | PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 1,006,691 | 1,012,876 |
| 3 | (04) | MAINTENANCE & GENERAL OPERATIONS | | |
| 4 | (A) | OPERATING EXPENSES | 728,768 | 746,986 |
| 5 | (B) | CONF. & TRAVEL | 170,566 | 174,830 |
| 6 | (C) | PROF. FEES | 327,797 | 335,992 |
| 7 | (D) | CAPITAL OUTLAY | 185,254 | 189,885 |
| 8 | (E) | DATA PROCESSING | 68,010 | 69,711 |
| 9 | (05) | COMMITTEE ROOMS | 102,500 | 105,063 |
| 10 | (06) | SCHOOL FORMULA UNIT | 87,125 | 89,303 |
| 11 | | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 6,882,844</u> | <u>\$ 6,956,712</u> |

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13 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - CONTINGENCY. There is hereby established
 14 for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council -
 15 Contingency Positions for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number
 16 of regular employees, the grades to be assigned to the respective positions,
 17 and the maximum annual salaries for each such position. The maximum annual
 18 salary for the position assigned to grades shall be determined in accordance
 19 with, but shall not exceed the maximum annual amount for the grade assigned
 20 herein, as established in Arkansas Code §21-5-209. Except for the purpose of
 21 determining the maximum annual salary rate, which is to be applicable to each
 22 of the positions to which a salary grade is assigned hereinafter, in
 23 accordance with the provisions of Arkansas Code §21-5-209, all positions set
 24 forth herein shall be exempt from other provisions of the Uniform
 25 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, but shall not be exempt
 26 from the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act,
 27 or its successor.

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| | | Maximum Annual | | |
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| | | Maximum | Salary Rate | |
| | | No. of | Fiscal Years | |
| Item | Class | Employees | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| No. | Code Title | | | |
| 33 | (1) NETWORK CONTROL TECHNICIAN | 1 | GRADE 22 | |
| 34 | PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 1 | | |
| 35 | APPLICATIONS/TEXT PROGRAMMER | 2 | | |

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| 1 | LEGISLATIVE ANALYST | 5 | |
| 2 | (2) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II | <u>5</u> | GRADE 18 |
| 3 | MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 14 | |

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5 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - CONTINGENCY. There is hereby appropriated,
 6 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council, to
 7 be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for additional personal
 8 services and operating expenses of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the
 9 ~~Arkansas Legislative Council Contingency for the biennial period ending June~~
 10 30, 1999, the following:

| 12 | ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|----|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 13 | NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 14 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 606,867 | \$ 606,867 |
| 15 | (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 140,322 | 140,322 |
| 16 | (03) MAINTENANCE & GENERAL OPERATIONS | | |
| 17 | (A) OPERATING EXPENSES | 62,551 | 64,114 |
| 18 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 15,375 | 15,759 |
| 19 | (C) PROF. FEES | 151,828 | 155,624 |
| 20 | (D) CAPITAL OUTLAY | 13,325 | 13,658 |
| 21 | (E) DATA PROCESSING | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 22 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 990,268</u> | <u>\$ 996,344</u> |

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24 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is
 25 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas
 26 Legislative Council, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for
 27 ~~study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly~~
 28 for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

| 30 | ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|----|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 31 | NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 32 | (01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES | <u>\$ 264,449</u> | <u>\$ 271,060</u> |

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34 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is
 35 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas

1 Legislative Council, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for
 2 ~~paying per diem, expenses, and mileage to members of the General Assembly~~
 3 attending regular and special meetings and other committee related activities
 4 of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly for the biennial
 5 period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

| 7 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| 8 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 9 (01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR | | |
| 10 MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY | | |
| 11 AD INTERIM COMMITTEES | \$ 1,482,145 | \$ 1,519,199 |
| 12 (02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM COMMITTEE | | |
| 13 MEMBERS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY | | |
| 14 APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES | <u>127,197</u> | <u>177,197</u> |
| 15 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 1,609,342</u> | <u>\$ 1,696,396</u> |

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 17 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby
 18 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas
 19 Legislative Council, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for
 20 ~~paying the State's contribution to the Energy Council, paying expenses of~~
 21 members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending meetings of the Energy
 22 Council and for other associated expenses for the biennial period ending June
 23 30, 1999, the following:

| 25 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
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| 26 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 27 (01) PAYMENT OF STATE'S CONTRIBUTION, | | |
| 28 EXPENSES OF MEMBERS, AND | | |
| 29 OTHER EXPENSES | <u>\$ 95,420</u> | <u>\$ 97,806</u> |

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 31 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATIONS - HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is
 32 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas House of Representatives, to be payable
 33 from the State Central Services Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and
 34 mileage to members of the House of Representatives attending regular and
 35 special meetings and other committee related activities of the House Select

1 Committees for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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| 3 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| 4 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 5 (01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES AND MILEAGE FOR | | |
| 6 MEMBERS OF HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEES | <u>\$50,000</u> | <u>\$50,000</u> |

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8 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
9 Arkansas House of Representatives, to be payable from the Constitutional
10 Officers Fund, for necessary expenses of the Arkansas House of Representatives
11 of the 81st General Assembly which shall be supplemental and in addition to
12 those funds appropriated in Item (3) of Section 1 of Act 2 of 1997, in the sum
13 of
14\$200,000.

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16 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code §10-3-315 is hereby
17 amended to read as follows:

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19 "(a) For purposes of this section, "state agency" means every department,
20 division, office, board, commission, and institution of this state, including
21 state-supported institutions of higher education.

22 (b) Every state agency shall provide the Bureau of Legislative Research
23 with information, records, and access to electronic data bases and files when
24 requested by the bureau, unless prohibited by federal or state law.

25 (c) Information and records requested by the bureau shall be provided as
26 soon as possible and in whatever reasonable form, hard copy, electronic, etc.,
27 requested.

28 (d) State agencies shall also make their staff reasonably accessible for
29 consultation with bureau staff."

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31 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. TRANSFER PROVISION. Any unexpended
32 balance of any appropriation provided in this Act which remains at the close
33 of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, shall be transferred forward and made
34 available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999. In
35 the event that unforeseen circumstances arise during the fiscal year ending

1 June 30, 1998 such that any appropriations made available for that year are
2 insufficient, the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the
3 Arkansas Legislative Council shall certify the amount thereof to the Chief
4 Fiscal Officer of the State, who upon receipt of the certification, shall
5 transfer the amount so certified from the appropriation authorized for the
6 fiscal year ending June 30, 1999 to the appropriate appropriations for the
7 fiscal year ending June 30, 1998.

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9 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. TRANSFER PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The
10 Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research is hereby authorized to direct
11 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation between the
12 appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined necessary in
13 either fiscal year of the 1997-99 biennium. In no event, however, shall the
14 Regular Salaries line item in Section 3 be increased or decreased by such
15 transfers authorized herein, unless specifically approved by the Executive
16 Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

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18 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code §10-2-212 (c) is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 §(c) Except as otherwise provided by law, the maximum amount of
21 reimbursement for legislative expenses incurred by members of the General
22 Assembly shall be, at the option of each member, either five thousand eight
23 hundred twenty dollars (\$5,820) per year, six thousand five hundred forty
24 dollars (\$6,540) per year, or nine thousand six hundred dollars ~~(\$9,000)~~
25 (\$9,600) per year."

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27 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of
28 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council shall
29 be the disbursing officer for the funds appropriated by this Act, including
30 the Interim Committee Study Expenses and all expenditures from the
31 appropriations provided by this Act shall be in accordance with procedures
32 established by the Legislative Council and in accordance with appropriate law.

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34 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code §10-2-215(a) is amended to
35 read as follows:

1 (a) In addition to the expense allowance provided by §10-2-212 and all
 2 laws amendatory and supplemental thereto, the chairperson of each of the
 3 standing, select, and joint committees of either house of the General
 4 Assembly, the chairpersons of the Legislative Council and the Legislative
 5 Joint Auditing Committee, the Speaker Designate of the House of
 6 Representatives, the House chairpersons of the Review/PEER Subcommittee, and
 7 the Personnel Subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee, and the
 8 cochairperson of any committee of the General Assembly which does not function
 9 during the legislative session shall be eligible to receive an additional ~~one~~
 10 two thousand eight hundred dollars ~~(\$1,800)~~ (\$2,400) per year and the
 11 chairman of each subcommittee of each standing committee of either house shall
 12 be eligible to receive an additional twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per
 13 year."

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 15 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code §10-3-301(a) is amended to
 16 read as follows:

17 "(a) An ad interim committee of the General Assembly is hereby established as
 18 the Legislative Council to consist of the following:

19 (1) The Senate of the General Assembly shall select sometime before
 20 adjournment of each regular session twelve (12) members, with three (3)
 21 members to be chosen from each of the four (4) congressional districts of the
 22 state in effect on January 1, 1987, by caucus of the members of the Senate
 23 residing in their respective congressional districts;

24 (2) The House of Representatives of the General Assembly shall select
 25 twenty (20) members in accordance with the procedure prescribed by House
 26 Rules;

27 (3) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, President Pro Tempore
 28 Designate, the immediate past President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
 29 next-preceding past President Pro Tempore if the immediate past President Pro
 30 Tempore is not a member of the Senate, the Speaker Designate of the House of
 31 Representatives, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the immediate
 32 past Speaker of the House of Representatives, the next-preceding past Speaker
 33 of the House if the immediate past Speaker of the House is not a member of the
 34 House of Representatives, the immediate past Chairman of the Arkansas
 35 Legislative Council, the immediate past Chairman of the Legislative Joint

1 Auditing Committee, and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Legislative
2 Joint Auditing Committee shall be ex officio members of the Legislative
3 Council and shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as other Council
4 members."

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6 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 22-3-218 is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 '§ 22-3-218. Relocation - Vacant areas.

9 (a) In the event ~~that an elected constitutional officer~~ an officer or
10 agency relocates ~~his or her~~ an office and related staff from or within the
11 State Capitol Building at the request of the Joint Interim Committee on
12 Legislative Facilities, and the officer or agency does not have ~~authorized in~~
13 ~~his or her biennial~~ an appropriation ~~act an amount~~ sufficient to pay the
14 moving costs, rents, costs of making necessary modifications to ~~the~~ rented
15 space, or other costs associated with the move, the Bureau of Legislative
16 Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council may expend from appropriations
17 authorized for the bureau such additional funds as may be required to assist
18 such ~~elected constitutional~~ officer or agency in paying the additional costs.

19 (b) When any area in the Capitol Building is vacated, The the Secretary
20 of State and the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities shall
21 jointly decide who shall occupy the vacated area.'

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23 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code §10-2-212(d)(1) is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 "(d)(1) Any member of the General Assembly may elect not to receive per
26 diem and mileage payments for attending legislative sessions and for attending
27 legislative activities and in lieu thereof be reimbursed up to an additional
28 ~~four~~ six thousand eight hundred dollars ~~(\$4,800)~~ (\$6,800) per year."

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30 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The positions authorized as Contingency
31 in this Act shall be filled only in the event that programs are required to be
32 implemented that were not contemplated at the time of the submission by the
33 Bureau of Legislative Research of its 1997-99 biennial budget request to the
34 Arkansas Legislative Council.

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1 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. SENIOR CAREER SERVICE POSITIONS. The
2 positions authorized in Section 1 of this Act as "Senior Career Service
3 Positions" shall be utilized only for those incumbents on June 30, 1997 who
4 would otherwise be unable to obtain the same pay increases available to other
5 employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research due to the exceptional tenure
6 and circumstances of the incumbents. In the event that the employee being
7 paid from a "Senior Career Service Position" is no longer employed by the
8 Bureau of Legislative Research, the position shall remain vacant. As long as
9 any "Senior Career Service Position" is filled, a position with the same title
10 authorized as a regular employee in Section 1 shall not be filled.

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12 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code §10-3-502(a) is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 " (a) The Joint Budget Committee shall consist of the immediate past chairman
15 of the Legislative Council, twenty (20) members and eight (8) alternate
16 members of the House of Representatives and twenty (20) members of the
17 Senate."

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19 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative
20 Research assigned to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for
21 cost-of-living increases on July 1, 1997 and July 1, 1998 in an amount equal
22 to that granted to all other state agency, board, commission or institution of
23 higher education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in
24 annual salary rates for Bureau employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay
25 adjustments or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made at
26 the discretion of the Director of the Bureau.

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28 SECTION 24. The Chairman of the Arkansas Legislative Council shall
29 appoint a member of the Senate Interim Committee on City, County and Local
30 Affairs and a member of the House Interim Committee on City, County and Local
31 Affairs to serve as members of the Charitable, Penal and Correctional
32 Institutions Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

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34 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATIONS - EXCELLENCE IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC EDUCATION
35 TASK FORCE EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of

1 Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council, to be payable from
2 the State Central Services Fund, for paying per diem, mileage and expenses for
3 the non-legislative members of the Excellence in Arkansas Public Education
4 Task Force, for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

| 6 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
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| 7 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 8 (01) PER DIEM, MILEAGE AND EXPENSES FOR NON- | | |
| 9 LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF THE EXCELLENCE | | |
| 10 IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC EDUCATION TASK FORCE | <u>\$ 12,500</u> | <u>\$ 12,500</u> |

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12 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. EXCELLENCE IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC EDUCATION
13 TASK FORCE. Non-legislative members of the Excellence in Arkansas Public
14 Education Task Force shall receive per diem and mileage at the same rate
15 authorized by law for attendance at meetings of interim committees of the
16 General Assembly.

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18 SECTION 27. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
19 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
21 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control
24 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
25 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
26 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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SECTION 29. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 30. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 31. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 32. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Eighty-First General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1997 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1997 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety Section 10 of this act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, Section 10 shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, Section 10 shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto. The remaining sections of this act shall become effective from and after July 1, 1997.

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