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**Act 2100 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

*As Engrossed: S2/21/05 S4/6/05*

**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 261

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL  
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS  
11 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE  
12 RESEARCH, AND THE INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE  
13 ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD  
14 ENDING JUNE 30, 2007; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

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18 AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE  
19 RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2005-2007  
21 BIENNIUM.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 *SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for*  
27 *the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2005-*  
28 *2007 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees, the grades*  
29 *to be assigned to the respective positions, and the maximum annual salaries*  
30 *for each such position. The maximum annual salary for the position assigned*  
31 *to grades shall be determined in accordance with, but shall not exceed the*  
32 *maximum annual amount for the grade assigned herein, as established in*  
33 *Arkansas Code 21-5-209. Except for the purpose of determining the maximum*  
34 *annual salary rate, which is to be applicable to each of the positions to*  
35 *which a salary grade is assigned hereinafter, in accordance with the*



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

			<i>Maximum Annual</i>		
			<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>	
			<i>No. of</i>	<i>Fiscal Years</i>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>2005-2006</i>	<i>2006-2007</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>2005-2006</i>	<i>2006-2007</i>
10	( 1)	9147 DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	130,057	132,918
11	( 2)	9148 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	3	125,593	128,387
12	( 3)	9149 ADMIN., BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW	1	101,499	103,931
13	( 4)	9150 ADMIN., LEGAL RESEARCH AND DRAFTING	1	101,499	103,931
14	( 5)	9187 ADMIN., LEGIS COMMITTEE STAFF	1	101,499	103,931
15	( 6)	9152 ADMIN., PERSONNEL REVIEW	1	101,499	103,931
16	( 7)	9337 ADMIN., LEGIS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1	101,499	103,931
17	( 8)	9153 ADMIN., STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REVIEW	1	101,499	103,931
18	( 9)	9151 ADMIN., RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYSIS	1	101,499	103,931
19	(10)	9422 CHIEF COUNSEL TO DIRECTOR	1	86,200	88,441
20	(11)	9158 NETWORK PLANNING COORDINATOR	1	86,200	88,441
21	(12)	9267 APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT MGR.	1	86,200	88,441
22	(13)	9334 SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	4	GRADE	26
23	(14)	9477 SENIOR RESEARCH SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	26
24	(15)	9159 LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	13	GRADE	25
25	(16)	9161 PROGRAM ANALYST	1	GRADE	25
26	(17)	9338 LEGISLATIVE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE	25
27	(18)	9157 SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	10	GRADE	24
28	(19)	9336 SENIOR PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE	24
29	(20)	9162 SPECIAL PROJECTS ANALYST	1	GRADE	22
30	(21)	9163 ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	22
31	(22)	9164 DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE	22
32	(23)	9165 LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	24	GRADE	22
33	(24)	9166 PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	5	GRADE	22
34	(25)	9170 BUREAU FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE	22
35	(26)	9168 ASSISTANT TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	2	GRADE	21
36	(27)	9339 BUREAU ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE	20

1	(28)	9167	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT	8	GRADE	20
2	(29)	9173	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	20
3	(30)	9340	PROOFING SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	20
4	(31)	9171	REFERENCE ANALYST	1	GRADE	18
5	(32)	9172	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	10	GRADE	18
6	(33)	9176	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY	11	GRADE	18
7	(34)	9174	LEGIS MICRO / PHOTO SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	17
8	(35)	9478	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	17
9	(36)	9177	COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM MGR	1	GRADE	14
10	**SENIOR CAREER SERVICE POSITIONS**					
11	(37)	9335	SENIOR LEGS ANALYST-SR CAREER SERVICE	1	GRADE	26
12	*****CONTINGENCY POSITIONS*****					
13	(38)	9159	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY-CONTINGENCY	1	GRADE	25
14	(39)	9157	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST-CONTINGENCY	1	GRADE	24
15	(40)	9189	NETWORK CONTROL TECHNICIAN-CONTINGENCY	1	GRADE	22
16	(41)	9190	APPLICATIONS/TEXT PROGRAMMER-CONTGNCY	2	GRADE	22
17	(42)	9165	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST-CONTINGENCY	2	GRADE	22
18	(43)	9172	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II-CONTGNCY	<u>1</u>	GRADE	18
19			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	127		

21 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the  
 22 Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2005-2007  
 23 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees,  
 24 to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such  
 25 purposes: twenty-five (25) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at  
 26 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 27 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 28 classification.

30 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
 31 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable  
 32 from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating  
 33 expenses of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Legislative Council  
 34 for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

36 ITEM FISCAL YEARS

NO.		2005-2006	2006-2007
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 8,222,539	\$ 8,447,918
(02)	EXTRA HELP	70,000	70,000
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,058,669	2,100,932
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	908,845	700,167
(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	195,830	195,830
(C)	PROF. FEES	425,295	425,295
(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	400,000	400,000
(E)	DATA PROC.	262,012	262,012
(05)	CONTINGENCY	1,563,480	1,563,480
(06)	COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>105,063</u>	<u>105,063</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 14,211,733</u>	<u>\$ 14,270,697</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2005-2006	2006-2007
(01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u>\$ 271,060</u>	<u>\$ 271,060</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as approved by the appropriate committee for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2005-2006	2006-2007

1	(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR		
2	MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL		
3	ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$ 1,419,199	\$ 1,419,199
4	(02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM		
5	COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE STAFF		
6	WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE APPROPRIATE		
7	COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>	<u>277,197</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,696,396</u>	<u>\$ 1,696,396</u>

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10 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated,  
 11 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing  
 12 Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying  
 13 expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending meetings of  
 14 the Energy Council and for other associated expenses for the biennial period  
 15 ending June 30, 2007, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
19	(01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS		
20	AND OTHER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 65,806</u>	<u>\$ 65,806</u>
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22 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
 24 PROVISION. Any unexpended balance of any appropriation provided in this Act  
 25 which remains at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006,  
 26 shall be transferred forward and made available for the same purpose for the  
 27 fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007. In the event that unforeseen  
 28 circumstances arise during the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006 such  
 29 that any appropriations made available for that year are insufficient, the  
 30 Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council  
 31 shall certify the amount thereof to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
 32 who upon receipt of the certification, shall transfer the amount so certified  
 33 from the appropriation authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2005~~  
 34 2007 to the appropriate appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 35 ~~2004~~ 2006. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July  
 36 1, ~~2003~~ 2005 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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2 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
4 PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research  
5 is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to  
6 transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and also  
7 between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined  
8 necessary in either fiscal year of the ~~2003-05~~ 2005-07 biennium. The  
9 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005  
10 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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12 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
14 CONTINGENCY POSITIONS - RESTRICTIONS. The positions authorized as  
15 Contingency in this Act shall be filled only in the event that programs are  
16 required to be implemented that were not contemplated at the time of the  
17 submission by the Bureau of Legislative Research of its ~~2003-05~~ 2005-07  
18 biennial budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council. The provisions  
19 of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005 through June  
20 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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22 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SENIOR  
24 CAREER SERVICE POSITIONS. The positions authorized in this Act as "Senior  
25 Career Service Positions" shall be utilized only for those incumbents on June  
26 30, 1997 who would otherwise be unable to obtain the pay increases approved  
27 by the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research due to the exceptional  
28 tenure and circumstances of the incumbents. In the event that the employee  
29 being paid from a "Senior Career Service Position" is no longer employed by  
30 the Bureau of Legislative Research, the position shall remain vacant. As  
31 long as any "Senior Career Service Position" is filled, a position with the  
32 same title authorized as a regular employee in Section 1 shall not be filled.

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34 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST OF  
36 LIVING INCREASES. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned

1 to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living  
2 increases on July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005 and July 1, ~~2004~~ 2006 in an amount equal to  
3 that granted to all other state agency, board, commission or institution of  
4 higher education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in  
5 annual salary rates for Bureau employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay  
6 adjustments or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made  
7 at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~  
9 2005 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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11 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

13 DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the  
14 Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds  
15 appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses and  
16 all expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in  
17 accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in  
18 accordance with appropriate law.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~  
20 2005 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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22 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

24 PERFORMANCE REWARDS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research may  
25 implement a program to reward employees of the bureau for exceptional service  
26 similar to the state Career Ladder Incentive Plan bonus program authorized by  
27 Arkansas Code 21-5-1101. The plan shall be approved by the Legislative  
28 Council prior to its implementation. The provisions of this section shall be  
29 in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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31 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code § 10-2-215 is amended to  
32 read as follows:

33 *10-2-215. Additional compensation for committee chairs and cochairs.*

34 *(a) In addition to the expense allowance provided by § 10-2-212 and all*  
35 *laws amendatory and supplemental thereto, the chair of each of the standing,*  
36 *select, and joint committees of either house of the General Assembly, the*

1    cochairs of the Legislative Council and the cochairs of the Legislative Joint  
2    Auditing Committee, the Speaker Designate of the House of Representatives,  
3    the House chairs of the Review/PEER Subcommittee, ~~and~~ the Personnel  
4    Subcommittee, the Claims Subcommittee, and the Special Language Subcommittee  
5    of the Joint Budget Committee, and the cochair of any committee of the  
6    General Assembly which does not function during the legislative session shall  
7    be eligible to receive an additional two thousand four hundred dollars  
8    (\$2,400) per year and the chair of each subcommittee of each standing  
9    committee of either house shall be eligible to receive an additional one  
10   thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per year.

11       (b) This additional allowance shall be paid from the same funds and  
12   appropriation and in the same manner as provided for the allowances  
13   authorized by § 10-2-212 and all laws amendatory and supplemental thereto.  
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15       SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code § 10-3-301(g), concerning  
16   subcommittees of the Joint Budget Committee, is amended to read as follows:

17       (g) The House chairs and vice chairs of the Review/PEER Subcommittee, ~~and~~  
18   the Personnel Subcommittee, and the Claims Subcommittee of the Joint Budget  
19   Committee shall serve on the corresponding subcommittees of the Legislative  
20   Council as ex officio nonvoting members.  
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22       SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code § 10-3-502, concerning the  
23   membership of the Legislative Council, is amended to read as follows:

24       (d) The chairs of the Personnel Subcommittee, the Review Subcommittee,  
25   ~~and~~ the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Subcommittee, and  
26   Claims Subcommittee of the Legislative Council shall serve as ex officio  
27   nonvoting members of the corresponding Joint Budget Committee subcommittees.  
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29       SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code § 10-3-507, concerning  
30   presession budget hearings, is amended to add an additional subsection to  
31   read as follows:

32       (d) The House chair of the Special Language Subcommittee of the Joint  
33   Budget Committee shall serve on the corresponding subcommittee of the  
34   Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee presession budget hearings as ex  
35   officio nonvoting members.  
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1       SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code § 10-3-303, concerning the  
2 Bureau of Legislative Research, is amended to add an additional subsection to  
3 read as follows:

4       (f)(1) There is established the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas  
5 Legislative Council to be composed of the following members:

6           (A) The House and Senate cochairs of the Arkansas Legislative  
7 Council;

8           (B) The House and Senate vice chairs of the Arkansas Legislative  
9 Council;

10          (C) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate or one (1) Senator  
11 selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

12          (D) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or one (1)  
13 Representative selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

14          (E) Immediate past Senate Chair of the Arkansas Legislative Council  
15 or one (1) member designate appointed by the Senate chair of the Arkansas  
16 Legislative Council; and

17          (F) Immediate past House Chair of the Arkansas Legislative Council  
18 or one (1) member designate appointed by the House chair of the Arkansas  
19 Legislative Council.

20       (g) The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research shall report to  
21 and regularly seek the review and advice of the Executive Subcommittee prior  
22 to taking:

23           (1) Actions regarding establishing new, repealing, or changing  
24 personnel policies pertaining to employees of the Bureau of Legislative  
25 Research;

26           (2)(A) Actions concerning the hiring or termination of staff, staff  
27 promotions, and proposed salary changes;

28           (B) Nothing in this section shall be construed to create an  
29 employment contract, any salary obligation, other obligation, or change in  
30 employment status of staff of the Bureau of Legislative Research from an at-  
31 will employment relationship.

32           (3) Establishing new, repealing, or changing any other policies or  
33 procedures of the Bureau of Legislative Research relating to the delivery of  
34 services and other matters pertaining to the operation of the Bureau of  
35 Legislative Research, including the biennial budget request of the Bureau of  
36 Legislative Research.

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2       SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AD HOC  
4 EMPLOYEE PAY PLAN AND CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM STUDY COMMITTEE. The two Co-  
5 Chairs of the Personnel/Pay Plan Subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee  
6 of the 85<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, together with one other member of the  
7 Personnel/Pay Plan Subcommittee appointed by the President Pro Tem of the  
8 Senate and one other member of the Personnel/Pay Plan Subcommittee appointed  
9 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall constitute a committee  
10 to be known as the Ad Hoc Employee Pay Plan and Classification System Study  
11 Committee.

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13       The Ad Hoc Employee Pay Plan and Classification System Study Committee  
14 shall participate with the Office of Personnel Management of the Department  
15 of Finance and Administration and the Bureau of Legislative Research in the  
16 study to revise the Classification and Compensation Plan required by Act 1015  
17 of 2005.

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19       The members of the Ad Hoc Employee Pay Plan and Classification System  
20 Study Committee shall serve as ex-officio members of the Uniform Personnel  
21 Classification and Compensation Plan Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative  
22 Council.

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24       The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2005  
25 through December 31, 2006.

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27       SECTION 20. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
28 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
29 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
30 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
31 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
32 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
33 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
34 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
35 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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1 SECTION 21. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
2 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
3 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
4 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
5 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
6 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
7 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
8 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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10 SECTION 22. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
11 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
12 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2005 is essential to the operation of  
14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
15 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
16 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2005 could work irreparable harm upon the  
17 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
18 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
19 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
20 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2005.

21  
22 /s/ Joint Budget Committee

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25 APPROVED: 4/13/2005

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