A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE FIREFIGHTER BENEFIT REVIEW PANEL FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION - FIREFIGHTER BENEFIT REVIEW PANEL APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FIREFIGHTER BENEFIT REVIEW PANEL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for prior and current fiscal year expense reimbursements for the Firefighter Benefit Review Panel, the sum of $8,000.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - FIREFIGHTER BENEFIT REVIEW PANEL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for expense reimbursements for the Firefighters Benefit Review Panel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the sum of $8,000.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Claims Commission shall be the
disbursing officer for the funds appropriated for expense reimbursements for
the Firefighter Benefit Review Panel. Expense reimbursements shall be paid to
the board as certified in writing to the Claims Commission by the Chairman of
the Firefighter Benefit Review Panel. The Claims Commission is authorized to
pay expense reimbursements for all unpaid meetings in prior State fiscal
years.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect through June 30, 2018.

SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of
the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided; with the
exception of Section 1 and Section 3 in this Act shall be in full force and
effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, and that in the
event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective
date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017, with the exception of Section 1 and
Section 3 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the
date of its passage and approval, 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 shall be in
full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017; with the exception of
Section 1 and Section 3 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from
and after the date of its passage and approval.

APPROVED: 04/03/2017