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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 28

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
11 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'  
15 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2018-2019  
16 FISCAL YEAR.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
23 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the following  
24 maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2018-2019
30	(1) U008U	ADVA DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
31	(2) L009C	NURSE MANAGER	2	GRADE MP03
32	(3) L019C	REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP02
33	(4) L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE MP02
34	(5) L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	16	GRADE MP01
35	(6) D020C	INST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COORD	1	GRADE IT05
36	(7) D079C	COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE IT02



1	(8)	N197N NURSING HOME DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
2	(9)	G039N ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
3	(10)	L026N STATE VETERANS HOME ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS14
4	(11)	A133C ADVA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
5	(12)	A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	GRADE GS11
6	(13)	G254C ADVA DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
7	(14)	A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
8	(15)	M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	2	GRADE GS09
9	(16)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
10	(17)	S003C FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS08
11	(18)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
12	(19)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
13	(20)	G252C VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
14	(21)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
15	(22)	G159C DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
16	(23)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
17	(24)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
18	(25)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
19	(26)	G253C VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER	12	GRADE GS07
20	(27)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
21	(28)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	34	GRADE GS06
22	(29)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
23	(30)	V014C BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
24	(31)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
25	(32)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REP	2	GRADE GS05
26	(33)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
27	(34)	C028C MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
28	(35)	M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
29	(36)	G237C VETERANS CEMETERY MANAGER	2	GRADE GS05
30	(37)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
31	(38)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
32	(39)	M077C COORDINATOR OF HOUSEKEEPING	1	GRADE GS04
33	(40)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
34	(41)	S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
35	(42)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE GS04
36	(43)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	GRADE GS03

1	(44)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	156	GRADE GS03
2	(45)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS03
3	(46)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
4	(47)	S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS02
5	(48)	S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	4	GRADE GS02
6	(49)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	2	GRADE GS02
7	(50)	M082C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
8		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	290	

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10 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby

11 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the

12 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating

13 expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations for the

14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,205,205
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	403,587
20	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	127,200
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,367
23	(C) PROF. FEES	0
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25	(E) DATA PROC.	0
26	(04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE	
27	OFFICES	<u>283,500</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,026,859</u></u>

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30 SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby authorized,

31 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the 2018-2019

32 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary

33 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated

34 herein for such purposes: fifteen (15) temporary or part-time employees,

35 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform

36 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the

1 appropriate classification.

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3 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby  
4 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the  
5 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal  
6 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
7 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the fiscal year ending  
8 June 30, 2019, the following:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
12	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,771,753
13	(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000
14	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,812,398
15	(04) OVERTIME	246,000
16	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,248,000
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,885
19	(C) PROF. FEES	341,000
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	60,000
21	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$16,570,036</u></u>

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24 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - STATE. There is  
25 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
26 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and  
27 operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans'  
28 Cemeteries - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$180,837
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	71,308
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	88,950
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$341,095</u></u>

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6 SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is hereby  
 7 authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries -  
 8 Cash for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time  
 9 or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 10 appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time  
 11 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
 12 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act  
 13 for the appropriate classification.

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15 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is  
 16 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
 17 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 18 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of  
 19 the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the  
 20 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$143,792
25	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	71,272
26	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	135,000
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
29	(C) PROF. FEES	0
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$355,064</u></u>

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34 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM. There is  
 35 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
 36 from the Military Funeral Honors Fund, for operating expenses of the

1 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Military Funeral Honors Program for the  
2 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

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4	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
6	(01) MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS EXPENSES	<u>\$75,000</u>

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8 *SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CEMETERY EXPANSION. There is hereby*  
9 *appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from*  
10 *federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the state, for*  
11 *construction and expansion expenses for the North Little Rock Veterans'*  
12 *Cemetery for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:*

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
16	(01) CEMETERY CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION EXPENSES	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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18 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. USE OF  
20 ADVA CONTINGENCY POSITION POOL AND CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION. In the event  
21 additional appropriation becomes necessary that is not authorized or  
22 contemplated in State Operations, Veterans' Homes and Veterans' Cemeteries  
23 appropriations of this Act and growth in the State Veterans' Home at  
24 Fayetteville's resident census and/or growth in the number of interments at  
25 the State Veterans' Cemetery at North Little Rock makes it necessary for the  
26 Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs to request additional positions,  
27 regular salaries and personal services matching appropriation in order to  
28 carry out the objectives of the Agency, the ADVA Contingency Position Pool  
29 and Contingency Appropriation authorized herein may be used for regular  
30 salaries and personal services matching line items.  
31 The Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs Contingency Appropriation  
32 authorized herein shall be funded primarily with cash funds of the State  
33 Veterans' Home at Fayetteville and of the State Veterans' Cemetery at North  
34 Little Rock. Each entity's cash funds shall be utilized in support of its own  
35 business operations and shall not be co-mingled. In addition, general  
36 revenue funding in support of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool shall be

1 limited to \$250,000 per year.  
 2 Use of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool and Contingency Appropriation  
 3 authorized in this Act shall be conditioned upon approval by the Chief Fiscal  
 4 Officer of the State and upon certification by the Director of the Arkansas  
 5 Department of Veterans' Affairs that funds are available to support the  
 6 contingency positions requested and upon prior review by the Arkansas  
 7 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

8 The General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas State Veterans'  
 9 Home at Fayetteville and the Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery at North  
 10 Little Rock may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to  
 11 the Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs under this Section.

		MAXIMUM ANNUAL	
		MAXIMUM	SALARY RATE
ITEM	CLASS	NO. OF	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	CODE TITLE	EMPLOYEES	<del>2017-2018</del> 2018-2019
16	(1) C087C ADMIN SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE <del>G106</del> <u>GS02</u>
17	(2) S046C MAINT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE <del>G113</del> <u>GS04</u>
18	(3) S050C MAINT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE <del>G112</del> <u>GS03</u>
19	(4) S065C MAINT ASSISTANT	3	GRADE <del>G108</del> <u>GS01</u>
20	(5) L009C NURSE MANAGER	1	GRADE <del>G125</del> <u>MPO3</u>
21	(6) L019C REG NURSE COORD	1	GRADE <del>G123</del> <u>MPO2</u>
22	(7) D071C COMP SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE <del>G117</del> <u>IT03</u>
23	(8) L069C LICENSED PRACT NURSE	1	GRADE <del>G113</del> <u>GS06</u>
24	(9) M065C RECR ACTIVITY LEADER SVR 1		GRADE <del>G114</del> <u>GS05</u>
25	(10) L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSIST 9		GRADE <del>G109</del> <u>GS03</u>
26	(11) S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERV ASST 3		GRADE <del>G109</del> <u>GS01</u>

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
 28 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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 30 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
 31 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
 32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
 33 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
 34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
 35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
 36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
2 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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4 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
5 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
6 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
7 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
8 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
9 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
10 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
11 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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13 SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,  
14 2018.

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16 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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19 **APPROVED: 2/28/18**