

1 State of Arkansas  
2 92nd General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2020  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1081

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 ENERGY  
10 AND ENVIRONMENT - OIL AND GAS COMMISSION FOR THE  
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND  
15 ENVIRONMENT - OIL AND GAS COMMISSION  
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL  
17 YEAR.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
24 Department of Energy and Environment - Oil and Gas Commission for the 2020-  
25 2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2020-2021
31	(1)	U045U OIL & GAS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
32	(2)	D015C STATE NETWORK ENGINEER	1	GRADE IT07
33	(3)	D040C GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
34	(4)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
35	(5)	D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT03
36	(6)	U056U OIL & GAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13



1	(7)	G024C DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE	1	GRADE GS12
2	(8)	B008N SENIOR PETROLEUM ENGINEER	2	GRADE GS12
3	(9)	B014N SENIOR PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST	3	GRADE GS11
4	(10)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
5	(11)	X013C ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
6	(12)	B042C ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS09
7	(13)	B050C OIL & GAS DIST PETROLEUM SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS08
8	(14)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
9	(15)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE GS06
10	(16)	X082C OIL & GAS INSPECTOR	9	GRADE GS06
11	(17)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	3	GRADE GS04
12	(18)	X098C OIL & GAS TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
13	(19)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	3	GRADE GS03
14	(20)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS02
15		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	40	

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17 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department  
 18 of Energy and Environment - Oil and Gas Commission for the 2020-2021 fiscal  
 19 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be  
 20 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such  
 21 purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of  
 22 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. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 27 to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Oil and  
 28 Gas Commission Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 29 Department of Energy and Environment - Oil and Gas Commission for the fiscal  
 30 year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,088,718
35	(02) EXTRA HELP	60,000
36	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	686,342

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	887,197
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	40,000
4	(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(05) POLLUTION CONTROL	350,000
8	(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	100,000
9	(07) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	348,217
10	(08) INTERSTATE OIL COMPACT	35,000
11	(09) GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH	110,000
12	(10) UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL	100,000
13	(11) GROUNDWATER PROTECTION	12,500
14	(12) ENERGY EDUCATION	<u>30,000</u>
15	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,872,974</u></u>

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17         SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS. There is hereby  
 18 appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from  
 19 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for refunds and  
 20 reimbursements of the Department of Energy and Environment - Oil and Gas  
 21 Commission - Refunds and Reimbursements for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 22 2021, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
26	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u><u>\$200,000</u></u>

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28         SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - WELL PLUGGING PROGRAM. There is hereby  
 29 appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from  
 30 the Abandoned and Orphaned Well Plugging Fund, for well plugging program  
 31 expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Oil and Gas Commission  
 32 - Well Plugging Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the  
 33 following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>

1 (01) WELL PLUGGING EXPENSES \$2,500,000

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3 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND  
5 TRANSFER. The Oil and Gas Commission, after receiving review from the Chief  
6 Fiscal Officer of the State and reporting to the Arkansas Legislative Council  
7 or Joint Budget Committee, may request the Chief Fiscal Officer to transfer  
8 up to \$2,000,000 per year on his or her books and the books of the State  
9 Treasurer and the Auditor of the State from the Oil and Gas Commission Fund  
10 to the Abandoned and Orphaned Well Plugging Fund.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~  
12 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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14 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
15 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
16 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
17 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
18 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
19 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
20 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
22 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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33 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2020 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2020 could work irreparable harm  
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2020.

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