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A Bill

SENATE BILL 64

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 - ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND
16 ENVIRONMENT - ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL
18 YEAR.
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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 - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
25 established for the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas
26 Geological Survey for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number
27 of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate
				Fiscal Year 2023-2024
33	(1) U039U	STATE GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE SE01
34	(2) D040C	GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
35	(3) D044C	SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
36	(4) D062C	DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04



1	(5) D078C GIS TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE IT02
2	(6) B013N ASST STATE GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS12
3	(7) B014N SENIOR PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS11
4	(8) B035C GEOLOGY SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS09
5	(9) B043C PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	4	GRADE GS08
6	(10) B051C GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS07
7	(11) C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
8	(12) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
9	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	20	

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11 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,
 12 for the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey for
 13 the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 14 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 15 appropriated herein for such purposes: thirteen (13) temporary or part-time
 16 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 17 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 18 for the appropriate classification.

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20 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 21 appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from
 22 the *Oil and Gas Commission Fund*, for personal services and operating expenses
 23 of the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey for
 24 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,208,589
29	(02) EXTRA HELP	11,600
30	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	418,368
31	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	234,937
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
34	(C) PROF. FEES	0
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36	(E) DATA PROC.	0

1	(05) WATER QUALITY PROGRAM	20,085
2	(06) STREAM GAUGING	23,000
3	(07) GROUND WATER SURVEY	32,980
4	(08) MINERAL EXPLORATION	<u>26,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,979,559</u></u>

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 7 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - MAP RESALE PROGRAM. There is hereby
 8 appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from
 9 the Geology Map Resale Revolving Fund, for operating expenses of the
 10 Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - Map
 11 Resale Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
15	(01) RESALE REVOLVING FUND	<u><u>\$49,000</u></u>

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 17 SECTION 5. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM. There is
 18 hereby established for the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas
 19 Geological Survey - State Geologic Mapping Program for the 2023-2024 fiscal
 20 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

22		Maximum Annual
23		Salary Rate
24	Item Class	No. of Fiscal Year
25	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees 2023-2024</u>
26	(1) B051C GEOLOGIST	<u>1</u> GRADE GS07
27	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1

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 29 SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP - STATE GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM. There is
 30 hereby authorized, for the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas
 31 Geological Survey - State Geologic Mapping Program for the 2023-2024 fiscal
 32 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
 33 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 34 purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of
 35 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 36 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate

1 classification.

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3 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL - STATE GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM.

4 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to
5 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer
6 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
7 of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - Federal - State
8 Geologic Mapping Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the
9 following:

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11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
13 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$43,660
14 (02) EXTRA HELP	48,779
15 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	20,783
16 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	77,742
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
19 (C) PROF. FEES	0
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$190,964</u></u>

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24 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - STATE FARM GRANT - EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS

25 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and
26 Environment, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury
27 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating
28 expenses to increase earthquake awareness throughout the state by the
29 Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - State
30 Farm Grant - Earthquake Awareness Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
31 2024, the following:

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33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
35 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,505

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,505</u></u>

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 7 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CASH - GEOLOGY MUSEUM. There is hereby
 8 appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from
 9 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 10 Fiscal Officer of the State, for museum expenses of the Department of Energy
 11 and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - Cash - Geology Museum for the
 12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
16	(01) MUSEUM EXPENSES	<u><u>\$1,125</u></u>

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 18 SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH -
 19 LANDSLIDE/SINKHOLE. There is hereby established for the Department of Energy
 20 and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - Geological Research -
 21 Landslide/Sinkhole for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum
 22 number of regular employees.

24			Maximum Annual
25		Maximum	Salary Rate
26	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
27	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
28	(1) B043C PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08
29	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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 31 SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP - GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH - LANDSLIDE/SINKHOLE.
 32 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Energy and Environment -
 33 Arkansas Geological Survey - Geological Research - Landslide/Sinkhole for the
 34 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 35 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 36 herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when

1 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
2 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
3 appropriate classification.

5 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH - LANDSLIDE/SINKHOLE.

6 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to
7 be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined
8 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
9 expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological
10 Survey - Geological Research - Landslide/Sinkhole for the fiscal year ending
11 June 30, 2024, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$49,011
16	(02) EXTRA HELP	27,328
17	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	20,355
18	(04) GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH	<u>143,762</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$240,456</u></u>

21 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby

22 appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from
23 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
24 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
25 the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - Cash
26 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
30	(01) EXTRA HELP	\$25,000
31	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,938
32	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	300,016
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
35	(C) PROF. FEES	0
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	275,000

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$601,954</u>

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4 SECTION 14. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

5 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

6 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

7 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

8 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

9 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal

10 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

11 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be

12 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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14 SECTION 15. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

15 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

16 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

17 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

18 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

19 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

20 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

21 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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23 SECTION 16. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

24 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits

25 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

26 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of

27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

28 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

29 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm

30 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

31 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

32 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

33 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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35 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

36 **APPROVED: 4/13/23**