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HOUSE BILL 1063

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC
11 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
16 RETIREMENT SYSTEM APPROPRIATION FOR THE
17 2026-2027 FISCAL 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 Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System for the 2026-2027 fiscal year,
25 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
				2026-2027
31	(1)	EEX36A RETIREMENT SYSTEM DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE03
32	(2)	PRE06C RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT DIR	1	GRADE SPC10
33	(3)	LAT06C ATTORNEY IV	1	GRADE SPC09
34	(4)	FAC08C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09
35	(5)	PRE03C RETIREMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC08
36	(6)	PRE05C RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	2	GRADE SPC08



1	(7)	CMA02C	MARKETING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE	SPC05
2	(8)	LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE	SPC05
3	(9)	FAC07P	CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	1	GRADE	SPC05
4	(10)	FAC05P	ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE	SPC04
5	(11)	FAC03P	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	SPC03
6	(12)	FAC02P	ACCOUNTANT II	9	GRADE	SPC02
7	(13)	FAU04P	AUDITOR II	1	GRADE	SPC02
8	(14)	FIN04P	INVESTMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE	SPC01
9	(15)	CTR03C	TRAINING MANAGER	1	GRADE	SGS10
10	(16)	HDH08P	HR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE	SGS08
11	(17)	PRE07P	RETIREMENT SYSTEM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE	SGS08
12	(18)	HDH05P	HR COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	SGS07
13	(19)	PRE04P	RETIREMENT SYSTEM COORDINATOR	6	GRADE	SGS07
14	(20)	PRE02P	RETIREMENT COUNSELOR II	16	GRADE	SGS06
15	(21)	PRE01P	RETIREMENT COUNSELOR I	11	GRADE	SGS05
16	(22)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	3	GRADE	SGS04
17	(23)	HBE01P	BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE	SGS04
18	(24)	FFS04P	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	5	GRADE	SGS04
19	(25)	IDA01C	DATA ARCHITECT	1	GRADE	IST13
20	(26)	IIS05C	IT INFRASTRUCTURE ARCHITECT	1	GRADE	IST11
21	(27)	IIA01C	CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER I	1	GRADE	IST10
22	(28)	IIS06P	IT INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	IST08
23	(29)	IUS01P	USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE	IST04
24	(30)	FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE	SGS06
25			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	78		

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27 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas
 28 Public Employees Retirement System for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 29 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 30 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: six
 31 (6) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 32 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 33 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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35 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT - OPERATIONS.
 36 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement

1 System, to be payable from the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System
 2 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public
 3 Employees Retirement System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 4 following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,773,961
9 (02) EXTRA HELP	75,000
10 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,686,925
11 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,137,473
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,500
14 (C) PROF. FEES	2,000,000
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
16 (E) DATA PROC.	0
17 (05) BENEFITS-NON EMPLOYEE	40,000,000
18 (06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	85,000,000
19 (07) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>7,000,000</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$142,740,859</u>

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 22 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT - CASH. There
 23 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System,
 24 to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for
 25 payment to beneficiaries by check or wire transfer, by the Arkansas Public
 26 Employees Retirement System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 27 following:

29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31 (01) BENEFITS	\$675,000,000
32 (02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>50,000,000</u>
33 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$725,000,000</u>

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 35 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE POLICE RETIREMENT - OPERATIONS. There
 36 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System,

1 to be payable from the State Police Retirement Fund, for operating expenses
 2 of the State Police Retirement System, by the Arkansas Public Employees
 3 Retirement System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
7 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$20,000
9 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
10 (C) PROF. FEES	265,950
11 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12 (E) DATA PROC.	0
13 (02) BENEFITS-NON EMPLOYEE	5,000,000
14 (03) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>25,000,000</u>
15 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$30,285,950</u></u>

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 17 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STATE POLICE RETIREMENT - CASH. There is
 18 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, to
 19 be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for payment
 20 to beneficiaries of the State Police Retirement System by check or wire
 21 transfer, by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System for the fiscal
 22 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
26 (01) BENEFITS	\$31,000,000
27 (02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>1,500,000</u>
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$32,500,000</u></u>

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 30 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - JUDICIAL RETIREMENT - OPERATIONS. There is
 31 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, to
 32 be payable from the Judges Retirement Fund, for operating expenses of the
 33 Judicial Retirement System, by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement
 34 System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

36 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
2	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$12,000
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
5	(C) PROF. FEES	140,879
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(02) BENEFITS-NON EMPLOYEE	500,000
9	(03) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>8,000,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,652,879</u></u>

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12 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - JUDICIAL RETIREMENT - CASH. There is hereby

13 appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, to be

14 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for payment to

15 beneficiaries of the Judicial Retirement System by check or wire transfer, by

16 the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System for the fiscal year ending

17 June 30, 2027, the following:

19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) BENEFITS	\$20,750,000
22	(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>250,000</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$21,000,000</u></u>

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25 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. JUDICIAL

27 RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$150,000 in the ~~2025-2026~~

28 2026-2027 fiscal year may be transferred from the Judges Retirement Fund to

29 the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund for costs incurred by

30 the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in administering the Judicial

31 Retirement System. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal

32 Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on

33 his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the

34 State.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~

36 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STATE POLICE RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$250,000 in the ~~2025-~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year may be transferred from the State Police Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund for costs incurred by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in administering the State Police Retirement System. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the State.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXEMPTION FROM PRIOR REVIEW. The Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System is hereby exempted from seeking prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee with regard to transfers between the Benefits and Refund line items in the Public Employees Retirement Cash appropriation section and the Benefits-Non Employee line item in the Public Employees Retirement Operations appropriation section which are specifically related to transfers necessitated by the changes in retirees' selection of the method of payment of retirement benefits. All other provisions of Arkansas Code §19-4-513 shall be applicable.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL STATE POLICE RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$50,000 may be transferred from the State Police Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund to share in the costs incurred by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in the purchase and implementation of a new, and for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the pension administration system, which is utilized to administer State Police

1 pension transactions for members and retirees. Said transfer shall sunset at
2 the end of fiscal year ~~2026~~ 2027. Such transfer request shall be made to the
3 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall
4 be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor
5 of the State.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
7 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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9 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL
11 JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$50,000 may be
12 transferred from the Judicial Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public
13 Employees' Retirement System Fund to share in the costs incurred by the
14 Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in the purchase and
15 implementation of a new, and for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the
16 pension administration system, which is utilized to administer Judicial
17 pension transactions for members and retirees. Said transfer shall sunset at
18 the end of fiscal year ~~2026~~ 2027. Such transfer request shall be made to the
19 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall
20 be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of
21 the State.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
23 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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25 SECTION 14. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
26 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
27 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
28 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
29 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
30 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
31 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
32 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
33 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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35 SECTION 15. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
36 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

1 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
2 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
3 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
4 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
5 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
6 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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8 SECTION 16. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
9 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
10 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
11 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
12 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
13 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
14 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
15 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
16 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
17 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
18 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.
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