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HOUSE BILL 1070

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 SOUTHERN ARKANSAS
11 UNIVERSITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE SOUTHERN ARKANSAS
16 UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-
17 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
24 for the Southern Arkansas University for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
25 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, Southern Arkansas Univ.	1	\$332,620
(2)	Project/Program Administrator	28	
	Executive Project/Program Director		\$213,928
	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$186,892



1	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$172,738
2	Project/Program Director		\$140,094
3	Project/Program Manager		\$126,956
4	Executive Assistant		\$118,680
5	Project/Program Specialist		\$109,536
6	(3) VP for Acad. Affairs & Prov.	1	\$207,742
7	(4) IT Pool	13	
8	Network Engineer		\$207,404
9	Information Systems Manager		\$133,122
10	Computer Network Coordinator		\$132,901
11	Technical Support Staff		\$126,956
12	Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$125,461
13	Coord., Administrative Computing		\$125,461
14	Coordinator of Information Tech		\$123,806
15	Website Developer/Programmer		\$123,806
16	System Programmer/Web Developer		\$122,387
17	Computer Systems Mgr.		\$112,475
18	Database Administrator		\$110,019
19	Systems Administrator		\$108,925
20	Information Systems Security Spec		\$106,894
21	Institution Information Tech Coord.		\$104,736
22	Assistant Database Administrator		\$100,790
23	Computer Support Manager		\$100,708
24	Information Systems Coordinator		\$100,708
25	Senior Software Support Specialist		\$100,708
26	Systems Specialist		\$100,708
27	Information Technology Manager		\$99,493
28	Network Support Specialist		\$96,834
29	Senior Software Support Analyst		\$96,834
30	Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$95,330
31	Tech Support/Applications Support		\$95,330
32	Information Systems Business Mgr.		\$93,110
33	Security Analyst		\$93,110
34	Systems Analyst		\$93,110
35	Information Technology Specialist		\$91,166
36	Computer Support Coordinator		\$89,529

1	Software Support Analyst		\$89,529
2	Systems Applications Supervisor		\$89,529
3	Computer Operations Coordinator		\$86,085
4	Information Technology Manager		\$86,085
5	Systems Coordination Analyst		\$86,085
6	PC Support Specialist		\$84,480
7	Computer Support Specialist		\$82,775
8	Database Analyst		\$82,775
9	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$79,590
10	Network Support Analyst		\$79,590
11	Website Developer		\$79,590
12	Information Systems Analyst		\$76,530
13	Info Systems Security Analyst		\$76,530
14	Computer Support Analyst		\$76,530
15	Software Support Specialist		\$73,587
16	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$73,587
17	Media Specialist		\$72,215
18	Computer Support Technician		\$70,756
19	Help Desk Specialist		\$70,756
20	Computer Operator		\$68,035
21	Network Analyst		\$68,035
22	Telecommunications Specialist		\$68,035
23	Multimedia Specialist		\$64,199
24	Information Technology Assistant		\$60,483
25	Computer Lab Technician		\$58,156
26	Multimedia Technician		\$52,766
27	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$48,785
28	(5) Vice-Pres. for Finance	1	\$200,539
29	(6) Vice-Pres. for Administration	1	\$194,516
30	(7) Vice-Pres. for Student Affairs	1	\$194,516
31	(8) Vice-Pres. for Univ. Advancement	1	\$194,516
32	(9) Dean	7	\$179,480
33	(10) Associate Vice President	2	\$171,579
34	(11) Director of Counseling	1	\$159,757
35	(12) Business Manager	1	\$156,487
36	(13) Dir. of Physical Plant/Plant Eng.	1	\$156,487

1	(14)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$150,231
2	(15)	Registrar	1	\$143,637
3	(16)	Director of Continuing Education	1	\$140,930
4	(17)	Development/Advancement Admin	4	
5		Development/Advancement Director		\$140,091
6		Development/Advancement Manager		\$126,956
7		Development/Advancement Specialist		\$109,536
8	(18)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$136,820
9	(19)	Director of Engineering Systems	1	\$132,901
10	(20)	Controller	1	\$132,159
11	(21)	Counselor	4	\$131,587
12	(22)	Director of Academic Advising	1	\$130,264
13	(23)	Director of Admissions	1	\$130,264
14	(24)	Dir. of Enrollment Services	1	\$130,264
15	(25)	Director of International Programs	1	\$130,264
16	(26)	Director of Student Aid	1	\$130,264
17	(27)	Director of Media Services	1	\$128,818
18	(28)	Associate Registrar	1	\$126,866
19	(29)	Director of Public Safety	1	\$126,866
20	(30)	Dean of Students	1	\$123,712
21	(31)	Associate Dean of Students	3	\$117,036
22	(32)	Dir. of Instructional Technology	1	\$110,158
23	(33)	Assistant Dean of Students	3	\$110,156
24	(34)	Associate Dir. of Computer Services	2	\$110,156
25	(35)	Director of Disability Support	1	\$101,826
26	(36)	Assistant Controller	1	\$98,830
27	(37)	Fiscal Support Pool	12	
28		Fiscal Support Manager		\$95,029
29		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$78,106
30		Accountant II		\$75,103
31		Accountant I		\$72,215
32		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$69,437
33		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$61,729
34		Accounting Technician		\$57,071
35		Fiscal Support Technician		\$52,766
36	(38)	Public Safety Pool	12	

1	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$93,110
2	Director Public Safety I		\$91,374
3	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$89,529
4	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$86,085
5	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$76,530
6	Public Safety Officer		\$73,587
7	Public Safety Officer II		\$68,035
8	Security Officer Supervisor		\$64,199
9	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$58,156
10	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$48,785
11	Parking Control Supv.		\$48,785
12	Security Officer		\$48,785
13	Parking Control Officer		\$46,909
14	Watchman		\$40,098
15	(39) Accounting Coordinator	1	\$87,860
16	(40) Grants Manager	1	\$87,860
17	(41) Personnel Manager	1	\$87,860
18	(42) Assistant Dir. of Computer Services	2	\$86,085
19	(43) Campus Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$81,232
20	(44) Career Plng & Placement Coord.	1	\$78,106
21	(45) Skilled Trades Pool	26	
22	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$76,530
23	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$73,587
24	Skilled Tradesman		\$70,756
25	Skilled Trades Helper		\$53,769
26	Apprentice Tradesman		\$47,801
27	(46) Assistant Dir. of Financial Aid	1	\$75,103
28	(47) Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$75,103
29	(48) Administrative Support Pool	62	
30	Administrative Assistant		\$69,437
31	Administrative Analyst		\$69,437
32	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$64,199
33	Administrative Specialist III		\$61,729
34	Administration Support Specialist		\$61,729
35	Administrative Specialist II		\$54,877
36	Administrative Support Specialist		\$54,877

1	Administrative Specialist I		\$48,785
2	Extra Help Assistant		\$40,098
3	(49) Assistant Registrar	2	\$69,437
4	(50) Financial Aid Analyst	3	\$69,437
5	(51) Library Support Pool	2	
6	Library Supervisor		\$69,437
7	Library Specialist		\$59,355
8	Library Technician		\$54,877
9	Library Support Assistant		\$50,737
10	(52) Purchasing Specialist	1	\$69,437
11	(53) Student Accounts Officer	1	\$69,437
12	(54) Heavy Equipment Operator	3	\$54,877
13	(55) Registrar's Assistant	1	\$50,737
14	(56) Equipment Operator	2	\$46,909
15	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
16	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
17	(57) Dir. of Nursing, SAU System	1	\$169,125
18	(58) Department Chairperson	23	\$165,258
19	(59) Director of Library	1	\$140,094
20	(60) Assoc. Librarian	1	\$113,600
21	(61) Asst. Librarian	5	\$99,839
22	<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
23	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
24	(62) Faculty	200	
25	Distinguished Professor		\$163,735
26	University Professor		\$159,107
27	Professor		\$154,477
28	Assoc. Professor		\$136,493
29	Asst. Professor		\$125,710
30	Instructor		\$104,137
31	(63) Part-Time Faculty	51	\$57,840
32	<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
33	<u>POSITIONS</u>		
34	(64) Project/Program Administrator	7	
35	Executive Project/Program Director		\$213,928
36	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$186,892

1	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$172,738
2	Project/Program Director		\$140,094
3	Project/Program Manager		\$126,956
4	Executive Assistant		\$118,680
5	Project/Program Specialist		\$109,536
6	(65) Dir. of Athletics	1	\$164,962
7	(66) Head Coach	3	\$150,721
8	(67) Director of Health Services	1	\$140,351
9	(68) Coach	4	\$118,481
10	(69) Residential Life Coordinator	<u>2</u>	\$76,127
11	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	529	

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13 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 14 the Southern Arkansas University for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following
 15 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 16 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one
 17 thousand nine hundred (1,900) temporary or part-time employees, when needed,
 18 at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification
 19 and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 20 classification.

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22 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 23 appropriated, to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from the
 24 Southern Arkansas University Fund, for personal services and operating
 25 expenses of the Southern Arkansas University for the fiscal year ending June
 26 30, 2027, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$19,354,073
31	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,000,000
32	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	75,000
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
35	(C) PROF. FEES	0
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>1,071,454</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$22,500,527</u>

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5 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SAU - SYSTEM. There is hereby appropriated,
 6 to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from the Southern Arkansas
 7 University Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Southern
 8 Arkansas University System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 9 following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$45,000
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	13,500
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	41,500
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
18	(C) PROF. FEES	0
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
21	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$100,000</u>

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23 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
 24 to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from cash funds as defined
 25 by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of
 26 the Southern Arkansas University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
 27 the following:

29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,773,000
32	(02) EXTRA HELP	2,943,000
33	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	8,144,000
34	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	24,001,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,000,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	1,000,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,500,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,500,000
5	(06) DEBT SERVICE	9,800,000
6	(07) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
7	INVESTMENTS	<u>50,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$58,711,000</u></u>

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10 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 11 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 12 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 13 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
 16 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
 17 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
 18 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
 19 disbursement of said funds.

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

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30 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 31 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 32 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
 34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 35 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 36 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm

1 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
2 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
3 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
4 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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