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1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999  
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# A Bill

Act 300 of 1999  
HOUSE BILL 1553

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 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY  
11 GENERAL FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2001;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY  
15 GENERAL - BIENNIAL OPERATIONS  
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1999-2001  
17 BIENNIUM. "

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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 for  
24 the Office of Attorney General for the 1999-2001 biennium, the following  
25 maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the  
26 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code  
27 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.  
28 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary  
29 is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said  
30 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions  
31 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular  
32 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its  
33 successor.  
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Maximum Annual  
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1	Item Class			No. of	Fiscal Years	
2	No.	Code	Title	Employees	1999-2000	2000-2001
3	(1)	7304	ATTY GEN CHIEF DEPUTY	1	\$77,168	\$79,328
4	(2)	7550	ATTY GEN ATTORNEY	1	\$77,168	\$79,328
5	(3)	8050	ATTY GEN COUNSEL TO ATTY GEN	1	\$75,000	\$77,100
6	(4)	7305	ATTY GEN DEPUTY ATTY GEN	5	\$74,637	\$76,726
7	(5)	7900	ATTY GEN DEPUTY ATTY GEN	2	\$72,212	\$74,233
8	(6)	7284	C U R A D DIRECTOR	1	\$71,697	\$73,704
9	(7)	7061	ATTY GEN DEATH PENALTY SPECIALIST	1	\$69,927	\$71,884
10	(8)	7306	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	1	\$69,927	\$71,884
11	(9)	7307	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	3	\$63,649	\$65,431
12	(10)	7308	ATTY GEN DEPUTY ATTY GEN	1	\$60,386	\$62,076
13	(11)	7291	CNSMR PROTECT DIV CONSUMER COUNSEL	1	\$60,377	\$62,067
14	(12)	7197	ATTY GEN DIR OF OPERATIONS	1	\$60,000	\$61,680
15	(13)	7309	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN (FLS)	1	\$59,725	\$61,397
16	(14)	7310	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	1	\$59,306	\$60,966
17	(15)	7311	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	4	\$59,035	\$60,687
18	(16)	7303	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	3	\$58,323	\$59,956
19	(17)	7312	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	1	\$57,839	\$59,458
20	(18)	7313	ATTY GEN STATISTICIAN	1	\$57,839	\$59,458
21	(19)	7314	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT A G-STATE POLICE	1	\$55,570	\$57,125
22	(20)	7315	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	1	\$55,322	\$56,871
23	(21)	8059	ATTY GEN ATTY-OPINIONS DIV	1	\$55,000	\$56,540
24	(22)	8060	ATTY GEN ATTY-CNSMR PROTECTION	1	\$55,000	\$56,540
25	(23)	7316	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	5	\$54,512	\$56,038
26	(24)	7336	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	1	\$52,771	\$54,248
27	(25)	7285	C U R A D ECONOMIST	1	\$52,066	\$53,523
28	(26)	7286	C U R A D ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL	2	\$51,894	\$53,347
29	(27)	7317	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	13	\$49,501	\$50,887
30	(28)	7901	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	2	\$48,603	\$49,963
31	(29)	7302	ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	1	\$47,145	\$48,465
32	(30)	7287	C U R A D ATTORNEY	1	\$46,680	\$47,987
33	(31)	7288	C U R A D ACCOUNTANT	2	\$45,224	\$46,490
34	(32)	7198	ATTY GEN CPA	1	\$45,000	\$46,260
35	(33)	7292	CNSMR PROTECT DIV CHF INVESTIGATOR	1	\$40,733	\$41,873
36	(34)	8057	ATTY GEN INVESTIGATOR CMSMR PROT DI	1	\$40,000	\$41,120

1	(35)	7998	ATTY GEN ASSI STANT ATTY GEN	1	\$39,172	\$40,268
2	(36)	7322	ATTY GEN CRIMINAL LAW ED DIR	1	\$37,520	\$38,570
3	(37)	7551	ATTY GEN INVESTIGATOR	1	\$36,940	\$37,974
4	(38)	7334	ATTY GEN INVESTIGATOR	2	\$36,451	\$37,471
5	(39)	7341	ATTY GEN PARALEGAL	1	\$36,370	\$37,388
6	(40)	7335	ATTY GEN PARALEGAL	1	\$36,104	\$37,114
7	(41)	8044	ATTY GEN ASST COMPUTER SVCS	1	\$35,000	\$35,980
8	(42)	8051	ATTY GEN ADMIN ASST	1	\$35,000	\$35,980
9	(43)	8054	ATTY GEN ASST COMMUNICATIONS DIR	1	\$35,000	\$35,980
10	(44)	8056	ATTY GEN GOVTL RELATIONS DIRECTOR	1	\$35,000	\$35,980
11	(45)	8058	ATTY GEN PARALEGAL/CRIMINAL	1	\$35,000	\$35,980
12	(46)	7323	ATTY GEN INVESTIGATOR	1	\$34,717	\$35,689
13	(47)	8915	CNSMR PROTECT DIV COUNSELOR III	1	\$34,155	\$35,111
14	(48)	7332	ATTY INVESTIGATOR	2	\$32,639	\$33,552
15	(49)	7333	ATTY GEN SECRETARY I	1	\$32,056	\$32,953
16	(50)	8916	CNSMR PROTECT DIV COUNSELOR II	1	\$31,623	\$32,508
17	(51)	7325	ATTY GEN CASE-WORK COORDINATOR	1	\$30,198	\$31,043
18	(52)	7327	ATTY GEN INVESTIGATOR	1	\$30,023	\$30,863
19	(53)	7293	CNSMR PROTECT DIV INVESTIGATOR	3	\$30,023	\$30,863
20	(54)	7902	ATTY GEN SECRETARY	3	\$29,991	\$30,830
21	(55)	7342	ATTY GEN SECRETARY	1	\$29,161	\$29,977
22	(56)	8917	CNSMR PROTECT DIV COUNSELOR	2	\$29,093	\$29,907
23	(57)	7328	ATTY GEN SECRETARY GENERAL	1	\$28,786	\$29,592
24	(58)	7294	CNSMR PROTECT DIV SECRETARY	2	\$28,177	\$28,965
25	(59)	7330	ATTY GEN SECRETARY	1	\$28,172	\$28,960
26	(60)	7329	ATTY GEN SECRETARY III	6	\$28,170	\$28,958
27	(61)	7290	C U R A D SECRETARY	1	\$27,948	\$28,730
28	(62)	8047	ATTY GEN RECEPTIONIST	1	\$27,400	\$28,167
29	(63)	7488	CNSMR PROT ADMR AST-MISS CHILD SVCS	1	\$27,399	\$28,166
30	(64)	7331	ATTY GEN RESEARCH ANALYST	1	\$26,271	\$27,006
31	(65)	8045	ATTY GEN LIBRARIAN	1	\$25,000	\$25,700
32	(66)	8048	ATTY GEN MAIL ROOM SUPERVISOR	1	\$24,000	\$24,672
33	(67)	8049	ATTY GEN OFFICE ASST	<u>1</u>	\$18,000	\$18,504
34			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			111

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36 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the

Office of Attorney General for the 1999-2001 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1999-2000	2000-2001
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 5,107,223	\$ 5,250,177
(02) EXTRA HELP	18,336	18,336
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	1,255,072	1,281,760
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	646,940	646,940
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	31,088	31,088
(C) PROF. FEES	155,663	155,663
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	198,088	120,000
(E) DATA PROC.	9,267	9,267
(05) RENTAL EXPENSE	<u>472,454</u>	<u>483,294</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 7,894,131</u>	<u>\$ 7,996,525</u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS PROGRAM. There is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Crime Victims Reparations Program for the 1999-2001 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and

Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

Item	Class	No.	Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Years	
						1999-2000	2000-2001
(1)	7901			ATTY GEN ASSISTANT ATTY GEN	1	\$48,603	\$49,963
(2)	7903			ATTY GEN CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCATE	1	\$45,825	\$47,108
(3)	7997			ATTY GEN CRIME VICTIM INVESTIGATOR	1	\$28,202	\$28,991
(4)	7904			ATTY GEN CRIME VICTIM INVESTIGATOR	<u>2</u>	\$27,771	\$28,548
				MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5		

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS PROGRAM. There is hereby authorized, for the Office of Attorney General - Crime Victims Reparations Program for the 1999-2001 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, and payment of claims by the Office of Attorney General - Crime Victims Reparations Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEARS	
		1999-2000	2000-2001
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 178,172	\$ 183,158
(02)	EXTRA HELP	10,000	10,000
(03)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	48,457	49,345
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	23,895	23,895
(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	2,678	2,678

1	(C) PROF. FEES	1,738	1,738
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
4	(05) CLAIMS	<u>2,828,691</u>	<u>2,828,691</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,093,631</u>	<u>\$ 3,099,505</u>

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7 SECTION 7. REGULAR SALARIES - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS - FEDERAL. There

8 is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Crime Victims

9 Reparations - Federal for the 1999-2001 biennium, the following maximum number

10 of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the

11 Uni form Classi fication and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et

12 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,

13 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein

14 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uni form Classi fication

15 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying posi tions authorized herein are

16 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and

17 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

19			Maximum Annual	
20			Salary Rate	
21	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Years	
22	No. Code Title	Empl oyees	1999-2000	2000-2001
23	(1) 7332 ATTY INVESTIGATOR	<u>1</u>	\$32,639	\$33,552
24	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1		

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26 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS - FEDERAL. There is

27 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the

28 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

29 personal services, operating expenses, and payment of claims by the Office of

30 Attorney General - Crime Victims Reparations - Federal for the biennial period

31 ending June 30, 2001, the following:

33	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
34	NO.		1999-2000	2000-2001
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$	32,639	\$ 33,552
36	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING		9,009	9,170

1	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	16,000	16,000
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
7	(04) CLAIMS	<u>719,345</u>	<u>719,345</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 776,993</u>	<u>\$ 778,067</u>

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10 SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is

11 hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud

12 Division - Federal for the 1999-2001 biennium, the following maximum number of

13 regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the

14 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et

15 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,

16 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein

17 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification

18 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are

19 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and

20 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

21				22	Maximum Annual	
23				Maximum	Salary Rate	
24	Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal Years	
25	No.	Code	Title	Employees	1999-2000	2000-2001
26	(1)	7305	ATTY GEN DEPUTY ATTY GEN	1	\$74,637	\$76,726
27	(2)	7296	MEDI CAID FRAUD DIRECTOR	1	\$74,421	\$76,504
28	(3)	7297	MEDI CAID FRAUD ASSI STANT DIRECTOR	1	\$66,251	\$68,106
29	(4)	7307	ATTY GEN ASSI STANT ATTY GEN	1	\$63,649	\$65,431
30	(5)	7311	ATTY GEN ASSI STANT ATTY GEN	1	\$59,035	\$60,687
31	(6)	7298	MEDI CAID FRAUD ASST ATTORNEY GEN	3	\$54,517	\$56,043
32	(7)	8803	ATTY GEN GRANT ADMR/INVESTIGATOR	1	\$49,777	\$51,170
33	(8)	7591	CISQ ANALYST	1	\$44,841	\$46,096
34	(9)	7299	MEDI CAID FRAUD INVESTIGATOR	8	\$43,663	\$44,885
35	(10)	7300	MEDI CAID FRAUD SECRETARY	3	\$31,176	\$32,048
36	(11)	7342	ATTY GEN SECRETARY	<u>1</u>	\$29,161	\$29,977

MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES

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SECTION 10. EXTRA HELP - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is hereby authorized, for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal for the 1999-2001 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: four (4) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1999-2000	2000-2001
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,068,155	\$ 1,098,050
(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000	25,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	195,359	199,387
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	14,019	14,019
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
(C) PROF. FEES	20,000	20,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000	50,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,372,533</u>	<u>\$ 1,406,456</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - State for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:



ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1999-2000	2000-2001
(01) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	\$ 165,121	\$ 166,462
(02) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	235,055	235,055
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	21,033	21,033
(C) PROF. FEES	18,013	18,013
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000	25,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 464,222</u>	<u>\$ 465,563</u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - INDIRECT COSTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - Indirect Costs for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1999-2000	2000-2001
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	175,000	175,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
(C) PROF. FEES	90,000	90,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000	25,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 290,000</u>	<u>\$ 290,000</u>

SECTION 14. EXTRA HELP - COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION LAW EDUCATION. There is hereby authorized, for the Office of Attorney General - Community Crime Prevention Law Education for the 1999-2001 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION LAW EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General - Community Crime Prevention Law Education for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1999-2000	2000-2001
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 157,426	\$ 161,356
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,000	1,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	59,856	60,556
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	16,000	16,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
(C) PROF. FEES	30,000	30,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 264,282</u>	<u>\$ 268,912</u>

SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ATTORNEY FEES. The disbursing officer of the appropriations provided for herein, shall deposit all monies received by the Office of Attorney General as attorney fees in the State Central Services Fund as direct revenues.

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

1 SECTION 18. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
 2 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
 3 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
 4 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
 5 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
 6 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
 7 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
 8 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 10 SECTION 19. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent  
 11 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
 12 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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 14 SECTION 20. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act or the application  
 15 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall  
 16 not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given  
 17 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the  
 18 provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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 20 SECTION 21. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with  
 21 this act are hereby repealed.

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 23 SECTION 22. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
 24 Eighty-second General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas  
 25 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that  
 26 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1999 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 Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
 29 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1999 could work irreparable harm upon the  
 30 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
 31 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
 32 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
 33 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1999.

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 36 APPROVED: 2/24/1999