

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

Act 980 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009
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As Engrossed: H3/27/09

A Bill

SENATE BILL 203

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS
11 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE
12 RESEARCH, AND THE INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE
13 ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
14 ENDING JUNE 30, 2010; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE
19 RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL
21 YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for
27 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2009-
28 2010 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees, the
29 grades to be assigned to the respective positions, and the maximum annual
30 salaries for each such position. The maximum annual salary for the position
31 assigned to grades shall be determined in accordance with, but shall not
32 exceed the maximum annual amount for the grade assigned herein, as
33 established in Arkansas Code 21-5-209. Except for the purpose of determining
34 the maximum annual salary rate, which is to be applicable to each of the
35 positions to which a salary grade is assigned hereinafter, in accordance with



1 the provisions of Arkansas Code 21-5-209, all positions set forth herein
 2 shall be exempt from other provisions of the Uniform Classification and
 3 Compensation Act, or its successor, but shall not be exempt from the
 4 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its
 5 successor.

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2009-2010
11	(1) Q030U	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	\$145,202
12	(2) Q029U	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	3	\$140,252
13	(3) Q007N	BLR CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE N912
14	(4) Q014N	BLR ADMINISTRATOR	7	GRADE N910
15	(5) Q022N	APPLICATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE N907
16	(6) Q023N	NETWORK MANAGER	1	GRADE N907
17	(7) Q004C	DATABASE MANAGER	1	GRADE C130
18	(8) Q007C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	18	GRADE C129
19	(9) Q006C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	8	GRADE C129
20	(10) Q026C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
21	(11) Q023C	DATABASE PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
22	(12) Q025C	NETWORK SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C127
23	(13) Q027C	NETWORK/WEB PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
24	(14) Q024C	PC SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE C127
25	(15) Q032C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	8	GRADE C126
26	(16) Q046C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	3	GRADE C124
27	(17) Q055C	BUREAU FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE C123
28	(18) Q067C	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C122
29	(19) Q066C	DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C122
30	(20) Q062C	LEGAL EDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122
31	(21) Q064C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	17	GRADE C122
32	(22) Q065C	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122
33	(23) Q063C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE C122
34	(24) Q061C	SENIOR ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	1	GRADE C122
35	(25) Q073C	LEGAL EDITOR II	3	GRADE C121
36	(26) Q077C	ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	2	GRADE C120

1	(27)	Q076C	BUREAU ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE C120
2	(28)	Q075C	DESKTOP APPLICATIONS SUPPORT	2	GRADE C120
3	(29)	Q079C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE C120
4	(30)	Q078C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C120
5	(31)	Q097C	LEGAL EDITOR	1	GRADE C118
6	(32)	Q110C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST II	7	GRADE C117
7	(33)	Q118C	REFERENCE ANALYST	1	GRADE C116
8	(34)	Q126C	DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH II	1	GRADE C114
9	(35)	Q127C	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C114
10	(36)	Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST	21	GRADE C114
11	(37)	Q130C	DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH	1	GRADE C112
12	(38)	Q131C	BLR SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C110
13			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	132	

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15 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the
 16 Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2009-2010
 17 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 18 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 19 herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or part-time employees,
 20 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 21 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 22 appropriate classification.

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24 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to
 25 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable
 26 from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating
 27 expenses of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Legislative Council
 28 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 9,184,645
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	80,000
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,479,854
35	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	967,874

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002
2	(C) PROF. FEES	602,689
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	262,012
5	(05) CONTINGENCY	1,563,480
6	(06) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 15,963,619</u>

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9 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is
 10 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
 11 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
 12 Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General
 13 Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the following:

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15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
17	(01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u>\$ 271,060</u>

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19 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby
 20 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
 21 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
 22 Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas
 23 General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee
 24 related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General
 25 Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as
 26 approved by the appropriate committee for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 27 2010, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
31	(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR	
32	MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
33	AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$ 1,419,199
34	(02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM	
35	COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE STAFF	
36	WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE APPROPRIATE	

1	COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,696,396</u>

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4 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated,
5 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing
6 Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying
7 expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending meetings of
8 the Energy Council and for other associated expenses for the fiscal year
9 ending June 30, 2010, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
13	(01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND	
14	OTHER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 65,806</u>

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16 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
18 PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research
19 is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to
20 transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and also
21 between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined
22 necessary ~~in either fiscal year of the 2007-09 2009-11 biennium.~~

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
24 ~~2007~~ 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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26 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST OF
28 LIVING INCREASES. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned
29 to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living
30 increases on July 1, ~~2007 and July 1, 2008~~ in an amount equal to that granted
31 to all other state agency, board, commission or institution of higher
32 education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual
33 salary rates for Bureau employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay
34 adjustments or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made
35 at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau. Salary payments shall not
36 be restricted to maximum amounts authorized by law, if the salary adjustments

1 exceed the maximum line item amount authorized by law for a position, the
2 amount shall be paid to the employee as a lump-sum payment.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
4 ~~2007~~ 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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6 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

8 DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the
9 Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds
10 appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses. The
11 Director shall appoint a designee who shall serve as the disbursing officer
12 in his/her absence. In the event there is no Director, the Co-Chairs of the
13 Arkansas Legislative Council can appoint a disbursing officer. All
14 expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in
15 accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in
16 accordance with appropriate law.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
18 ~~2007~~ 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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20 SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
21 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
22 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
23 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
24 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
25 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
26 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
27 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
28 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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30 SECTION 11. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
31 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
32 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
33 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
34 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
35 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
36 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or

1 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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3 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
4 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
5 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
6 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of
7 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
8 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
9 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the
10 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
11 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
12 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
13 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.

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15 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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17 **APPROVED: 4/7/2009**