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SENATE BILL 16

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 AUDITOR OF STATE -
10 OPERATIONS AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE -
16 OPERATIONS AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM
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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
25 for the Auditor of State for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum
26 number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Title	Maximum Annual	
		Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(1)	DEPUTY AUDITOR	1	\$150,144
(2)	ATTORNEY	1	\$125,986
(3)	CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$115,158
(4)	INTERNAL AUDITOR/CPA	1	\$115,158
(5)	IT TECH	1	\$115,158



1	(6)	ASST CHIEF OF STAFF/ACCOUNTING DEPT MANAGER	1	\$82,882
2	(7)	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	\$74,278
3	(8)	COMMUNICATIONS TECH	1	\$74,278
4	(9)	ACCOUNTING TECH III	2	\$74,278
5	(10)	DATA PROCESSING TECH II	1	\$74,278
6	(11)	ADMINISTRATIVE TECH II	1	\$74,278
7	(12)	DATA PROCESSING TECH I	1	\$59,663
8	(13)	ACCOUNTING TECH II	1	\$59,663
9	(14)	ADMINISTRATIVE TECH I	2	\$59,663
10	(15)	OUTREACH MGR	1	\$59,663
11	(16)	OUTREACH TECH	1	\$59,663
12	(17)	ACCOUNTING TECH I	1	\$42,959
13	(18)	WARRANTS TECH	<u>1</u>	\$42,959
14		MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	20	

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16 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 17 the Auditor of State for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum
 18 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 19 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary
 20 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 21 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 22 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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24 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 25 to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund,
 26 for personal services and operating expenses of the Auditor of State -
 27 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,519,672
32	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
33	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	489,879
34	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	615,450
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,735,001</u></u>

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6 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is
 7 hereby established for the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program for
 8 the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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10		Maximum Annual
11		Salary Rate
12	Item	Fiscal Year
13	No. Title	2023-2024
	Maximum	
	No. of	
	Employees	
14	(1) ASST. CHIEF OF STAFF/UCP OPERATIONS MANAGER	1 \$115,158
15	(2) UCP COMPLIANCE LEAD	1 \$82,882
16	(3) UCP CLAIMS LEAD	1 \$82,882
17	(4) SENIOR UCP TECH	2 \$66,570
18	(5) UCP SECURITIES TECH	1 \$59,663
19	(6) UCP TECH	<u>5</u> \$59,663
20	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10

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22 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is hereby
 23 appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State Central
 24 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Auditor of
 25 State - Unclaimed Property Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,
 26 the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	NO.	2023-2024
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$731,638
31	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	237,430
32	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	713,000
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
35	(C) PROF. FEES	1,120,000
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000

1	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,857,068</u></u>

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4 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CLAIMS - CASH.

5 There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from
6 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses and
7 the payment of claims of the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program
8 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
12	(01) OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,500
13	(02) PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CLAIMS	<u>\$29,000,000</u>
14	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$29,002,500</u></u>

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16 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED MINERAL PROCEEDS -

17 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable
18 from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses
19 and the payment of claims for abandoned mineral proceeds of the Auditor of
20 State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
24	(01) OPERATING EXPENSES	\$500
25	(02) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS FOR ABANDONED	
26	MINERAL PROCEEDS	<u>2,500,000</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,500,500</u></u>

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29 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

31 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of
32 the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
33 Budget Committee, the Auditor of State is authorized to transfer
34 appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations to any other line
35 item authorized in Operations and the Agency is authorized to transfer
36 appropriation from any line item authorized in Unclaimed Property Program to

1 any other line item authorized in Unclaimed Property Program.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022
3 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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5 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
7 POSITION REQUIREMENTS. ~~The Operations Manager shall hold and maintain a~~
8 ~~Certified Public Accountant license in good standing in the state of~~
9 ~~Arkansas.~~ The Internal Auditor shall hold and maintain an active
10 certification as a Certified Internal Auditor, with the Institute of Internal
11 Auditors, or a Certified Public Accountant license in good standing in the
12 state of Arkansas.

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
14 ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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

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

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35 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
36 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits

1 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
2 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
3 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
4 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
5 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm
6 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
7 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
8 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
9 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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11 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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