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2 88th General Assembly  
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As Engrossed: S3/17/11  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 10

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL  
9 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS  
10 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE  
11 RESEARCH, AND THE INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE  
12 ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
13 ENDING JUNE 30, 2012; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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16 **Subtitle**

17 AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE  
18 RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL  
20 YEAR.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
26 for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the  
27 2011-2012 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item	Class	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2011-2012
33	(1)	Q030U	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1 \$151,303
34	(2)	Q029U	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	3 \$146,145
35	(3)	Q007N	BLR CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1 GRADE N912
36	(4)	Q014N	BLR ADMINISTRATOR	7 GRADE N910



1	(5)	Q022N	APPLICATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE N907
2	(6)	Q023N	NETWORK MANAGER	1	GRADE N907
3	(7)	Q004C	DATABASE MANAGER	1	GRADE C130
4	(8)	Q007C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	17	GRADE C129
5	(9)	Q006C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	8	GRADE C129
6	(10)	Q026C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
7	(11)	Q023C	DATABASE PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
8	(12)	Q025C	NETWORK SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C127
9	(13)	Q027C	NETWORK/WEB PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
10	(14)	Q024C	PC SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE C127
11	(15)	Q032C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	6	GRADE C126
12	(16)	Q046C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	3	GRADE C124
13	(17)	Q055C	BUREAU FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE C123
14	(18)	Q067C	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C122
15	(19)	Q066C	DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C122
16	(20)	Q062C	LEGAL EDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122
17	(21)	Q064C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	17	GRADE C122
18	(22)	Q065C	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122
19	(23)	Q063C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE C122
20	(24)	Q061C	SENIOR ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	1	GRADE C122
21	(25)	Q073C	LEGAL EDITOR II	3	GRADE C121
22	(26)	Q077C	ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	2	GRADE C120
23	(27)	Q076C	BUREAU ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE C120
24	(28)	Q075C	DESKTOP APPLICATIONS SUPPORT	2	GRADE C120
25	(29)	Q079C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE C120
26	(30)	Q078C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C120
27	(31)	Q097C	LEGAL EDITOR	1	GRADE C118
28	(32)	Q110C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT II	7	GRADE C117
29	(33)	Q118C	REFERENCE ANALYST	1	GRADE C116
30	(34)	Q126C	DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH II	1	GRADE C114
31	(35)	Q127C	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C114
32	(36)	Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	21	GRADE C114
33	(37)	Q130C	DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH	1	GRADE C112
34	(38)	Q131C	BLR SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C110
35			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	129	

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1 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 2 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2011-  
 3 2012 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary  
 4 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated  
 5 herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or part-time employees,  
 6 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform  
 7 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the  
 8 appropriate classification.

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10 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 11 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be  
 12 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and  
 13 operating expenses, contingency, committee rooms and construction and capital  
 14 improvements of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Legislative  
 15 Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the following:

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17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
19 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,685,940
20 (02) EXTRA HELP	80,000
21 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,596,032
22 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,533,686
24 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002
25 (C) PROF. FEES	298,889
26 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
27 (E) DATA PROC.	0
28 (05) CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000
29 (06) CONTINGENCY	1,563,480
30 (07) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,631,092</u>

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33 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is  
 34 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
 35 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 36 Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General

1 Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
5 (01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u>\$271,060</u>

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7 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby  
 8 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
 9 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 10 Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas  
 11 General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee  
 12 related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General  
 13 Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as  
 14 approved by the appropriate committee for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 15 2012, the following:

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17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
19 (01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR	
20 MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL	
21 ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$1,419,199
22 (02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM	
23 COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE	
24 STAFF WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE	
25 APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>
26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,696,396</u>

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28 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby  
 29 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
 30 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 31 Fund, for paying expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly  
 32 attending meetings of the Energy Council and for other associated expenses  
 33 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the following:

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35 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>

1 (01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND  
 2 OTHER EXPENSES \$65,806

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 4 SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau  
 5 of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable from the  
 6 State Central Services Fund, from the balance of the appropriation remaining  
 7 on June 30, 2011 in Section 3 of Act 164 of 2010, there to be used for the  
 8 same purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, in a sum not to  
 9 exceed.....\$2,000,000.

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11 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
 13 PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research  
 14 is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to  
 15 transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and also  
 16 between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined  
 17 necessary.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2010~~  
 19 2011 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012.

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21 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST OF  
 23 LIVING INCREASES. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned  
 24 to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living  
 25 increases on July 1, in an amount equal to that granted to all other state  
 26 agency, board, commission or institution of higher education employees on  
 27 those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual salary rates for Bureau  
 28 employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee  
 29 retention or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the  
 30 Director of the Bureau. Salary payments shall not be restricted to maximum  
 31 amounts authorized by law, if the salary adjustments exceed the maximum line  
 32 item amount authorized by law for a position, the amount shall be paid to the  
 33 employee as a lump-sum payment.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2010~~  
 35 2011 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012.

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1 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
3 DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the  
4 Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds  
5 appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses. The  
6 Director shall appoint a designee who shall serve as the disbursing officer  
7 in his/her absence. In the event there is no Director, the Co-Chairs of the  
8 Arkansas Legislative Council can appoint a disbursing officer. All  
9 expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in  
10 accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in  
11 accordance with appropriate law.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2010~~  
13 2011 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012.

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

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25 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
27 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
28 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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34 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
35 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
36 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

1 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of  
2 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
3 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
4 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm  
5 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
6 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
7 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
8 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.

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