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2 94th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2023
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1064

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 ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
10 OF THE LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT OF
16 THE LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE
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. There is hereby established for the
25 Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee for
26 the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
32	(1) Q001U	LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR	1	GRADE SE05
33	(2) Q001N	ASSISTANT LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR	1	GRADE SE05
34	(3) Q003N	DEPUTY LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR	6	GRADE SE04
35	(4) Q002N	LA LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE04
36	(5) Q006N	LA AUDIT MANAGER	5	GRADE SE02



1	(6)	Q010N LA FIELD AUDIT SUPERVISOR	22	GRADE SE01
2	(7)	Q016N LA APPLICATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	2	GRADE IT10
3	(8)	Q002C LA ASSISTANT NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	3	GRADE IT10
4	(9)	Q085C LA SENIOR NETWORK SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT06
5	(10)	Q018N LA SENIOR AUDITOR	53	GRADE GS15
6	(11)	Q001C LA STAFF AUDITOR	187	GRADE GS13
7	(12)	Q275C LA EDITOR	1	GRADE GS13
8	(13)	Q022C LA ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
9	(14)	Q053C LA ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	4	GRADE GS10
10	(15)	Q096C LA ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SPEC	<u>6</u>	GRADE GS08
11		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	295	

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13 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 14 to Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, to
 15 be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and
 16 operating expenses of the Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint
 17 Auditing Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
21	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$33,713,532
22	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,784,481
23	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,914,400
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	343,000
26	(C) PROF. FEES	760,000
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
28	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$48,715,413</u>

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31 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 10,
 32 Chapter 4, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as
 33 follows:

34 10-4-430. Transfers of appropriation.

35 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the
 36 Legislative Auditor may direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to

1 transfer appropriation between the line items of the Operations section of
 2 the operative appropriation act for Arkansas Legislative Audit in amounts as
 3 are determined to be necessary.

4 (b) The Regular Salaries line item in the Operations section of the
 5 operative appropriation act for Arkansas Legislative Audit shall not be
 6 increased or decreased by a transfer under subsection (a) of this section
 7 until the transfer is reviewed by the:

8 (1) Legislative Council; or

9 (2) Joint Budget Committee, if the General Assembly is in
 10 session.

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 12 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 10,
 13 Chapter 4, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as
 14 follows:

15 10-4-431. Salaries - Arkansas Legislative Audit.

16 (a) Any adjustments in annual salary rates for employees, labor market
 17 adjustments, merit pay adjustments, or employee retention or recruitment
 18 requirements shall be made at the discretion of the Legislative Auditor.

19 (b)(1) In addition to other salary payments under this section, the
 20 Legislative Auditor may implement a merit program to reward employees for
 21 exceptional service.

22 (2) The merit program under subdivision (b)(1) of this section
 23 shall be approved by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee before
 24 implementation of the merit program.

25 (c) In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be
 26 recruited and retained, Arkansas Legislative Audit may exceed the maximum
 27 salary levels by no more than twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third
 28 (1/3) of the positions authorized in its operative appropriation act after
 29 receiving approval from the:

30 (1) Legislative Council; or

31 (2) Joint Budget Committee, if the General Assembly is in
 32 session.

33 (d) Salary payments under this section shall not be restricted to
 34 maximum amounts authorized by law.

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 36 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 10,

1 Chapter 4, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as
2 follows:

3 10-4-432. Funds received in connection with Arkansas Scholarship
4 Lottery Act.

5 Funds received by Arkansas Legislative Audit for performing its duties
6 under the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, § 23-114-101 et seq., shall be
7 deposited into the State Central Services Fund to be utilized solely by
8 Arkansas Legislative Audit in performing those duties.

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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, or their successors, and other fiscal
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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29 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
30 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
31 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
34 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm
36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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