



STATE OF ARKANSAS
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March 9, 2016

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs,

I respectfully request consideration of the following amendment to the Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Correction for FY2017.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES as follows:

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2016-2017
(100)	To65C	ADC/DCC CORRECTIONAL SERGEANT	884 886	GRADE C115
(120)	To75C	ADC/DCC CORPORAL	2355 2388	GRADE C113
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	4,717 4752	

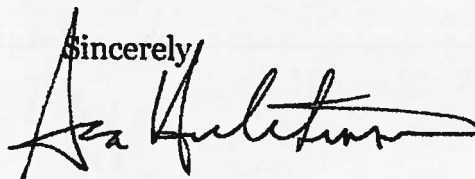
Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – INMATE CARE & CUSTODY as follows:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
NO.		2016-2017
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$170,283,254 \$171,217,279
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	\$65,372,883 \$65,773,449
(07)	OUT-OF- STATE BEDS	\$4,427,136 \$4,427,136
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$362,485,628 \$368,247,355

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This request will allow the Department of Correction to add positions authorized by Act 822 of 2015 to their Operations Appropriation Bill, and provide twenty additional positions for the Ouachita River Correctional Facility. The request also adds appropriation for lease of beds from out of state facilities.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Asa Hutchinson

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