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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
LESLIE RUTLEDGE

March 27, 2024

The Hon. Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
The Hon. Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee

Dear Senator Dismang & Representative Jean,

On March 6, 2024, Governor Sarah Sanders announced a pay plan proposal for executive agencies that would include a maximum salary range increase for all state employee pay grades by 10%. Contingent upon the General Assembly’s approval of Governor Sanders’s plan, I would respectfully request an increase in appropriations for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor’s regular salaries and personal services matching funds for three positions for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, a cumulative total of \$30,744, which is proportional to the Governor’s proposal. These updated salaries will help my office retain qualified, experienced staff and remain competitive with private entities, state agencies, and other constitutional offices.

Currently, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor’s Fiscal Year 2023-2024 appropriation (SB18) for regular salaries is \$359,100 and personal services matching fund of \$118,820 for a total of five positions. Contingent upon the approval of Governor Sanders’s pay plan proposal, I would request the following for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor effective Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

- (1) A line-item max increase for three positions, as shown below, totaling a regular salary appropriation of \$379,600 (\$20,500 increase). It should be noted that the salary rates for these three positions have not increased in eight years.
- (2) An increase in the personal services matching appropriation to \$129,064 (\$10,244 increase).

Item No.	Title	No. of Employees	FY2024 Max Salary	FY2025 Max Salary
1	Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel	1	\$95,000	\$104,500
2	Communications/Policy Director	1	\$70,000	\$77,000
3	Executive Assistant/Scheduler	1	\$40,000	\$44,000
1.1	Security Officer	2	\$75,000	\$75,000

I appreciate your consideration of this request and the countless hours that this committee and its staff dedicate to serving our great State. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Leslie Rutledge
Lieutenant Governor

ARKANSAS SENATE
94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 3

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025
FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 3

Amend Senate Bill No. 3 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 30, delete "\$95,000" and substitute "\$104,500"

AND

Page 1, line 32, delete "\$70,000" and substitute "\$77,000"

AND

Page 1, line 33, delete "\$40,000" and substitute "\$44,000"

AND

Page 2, line 8, delete "\$359,100" and substitute "\$379,600"

AND

Page 2, line 9, delete "120,800" and substitute "129,064"

AND

Page 2, line 16, delete "\$543,438" and substitute "\$572,202".

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
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Secretary