



STATE OF ARKANSAS
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March 9, 2017

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

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to SB267, the 2017-2018 Annual Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Agriculture Department.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – OPERATIONS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Table with 4 columns: Item No., Class Code, Title, and Maximum Annual Salary Rate. It lists various positions such as 'ARK BUREAU OF STANDARDS DIRECTOR', 'MANAGING ATTORNEY', 'VETERINARY VIROLOGIST', etc., with their respective counts and grades.

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(62) X114C	SR-AGRI-COMM-COMPLIANCE-INSP	3		GRADE C116
(64) C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	5	GRADE C115
(67) X146C	ARLPC AGRI	7	8	GRADE C115
	INSPECTOR/INVESTIGATOR III			GS06
(74) X157C	EIA AGRI INSPECTOR II		3	GRADE C114
				GS05
(77) B096C	SENIOR AGRI SEED ANALYST	4	6	GRADE C114
				GS04
(79) X165C	LIVESTOCK INSPECTOR	27	51	GRADE C113
	AGRI INSPECTOR I			GS04
(81) X164C	PLANT-BOARD INSPECTOR		24	GRADE C113
(87) B104C	SEED ANALYST	2		GRADE C112

Please insert the following SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. SHARED SERVICES and renumber accordingly:

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall be authorized to create paying accounts, on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and Auditor of State for the payment of all personal services and operating expenses of the Department, as well as grant programs as determined by the Secretary of the Arkansas Agriculture Department. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of positions, funds and appropriations to the paying accounts on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for the efficient operations of the Department.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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