



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.

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2024  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 3

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 THE OFFICE OF THE  
10 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE  
11 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT  
15 GOVERNOR APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025  
16 FISCAL YEAR.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
23 for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the  
24 following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
30 (1)	CHIEF OF STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL	1	\$95,000
31 (2)	LT. GOV. SECURITY OFFICER	2	\$75,000
32 (3)	COMMUNICATIONS/POLICY DIRECTOR	1	\$70,000
33 (4)	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/SCHEDULER	<u>1</u>	\$40,000
34	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5	

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36 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,



1 to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, to be payable from the State  
2 Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
3 Office of the Lieutenant Governor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,  
4 the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$359,100
9 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	120,800
10 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	52,304
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	11,234
13 (C) PROF. FEES	0
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
15 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$543,438</u></u>

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18 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
19 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
21 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
24 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
25 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
26 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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28 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
29 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
30 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
31 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
32 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
33 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
34 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
35 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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1        SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
2 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
3 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
4 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of  
5 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
6 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
7 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm  
8 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
9 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
10 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
11 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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# Lt. Governor

Title	Current LIM		Requested LIM		Pos # Change	Percent Change
Chief of Staff / Legal Counsel	1	\$ 95,000	1	\$ 104,500	0	10%
Lt. Gov. Security Officer	2	\$ 75,000	2	\$ 75,000	0	0%
Communications / Policy Director	1	\$ 70,000	1	\$ 77,000	0	10%
Executive Assistant / Scheduler	1	\$ 40,000	1	\$ 44,000	0	10%
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## Section 2. Appropriation - Operations - State Central Services

	Current	Requested	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>(01) Regular Salary</b>	\$ 359,100.00	\$ 379,600.00	\$ 20,500.00	5.71%
<b>(03) Matching</b>	\$ 120,800.00	\$ 129,064.00	\$ 8,264.00	6.84%
<b>Total Appropriation Change Related to Positions</b>			<b>\$ 28,764.00</b>	