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HOUSE BILL 1248

By: Joint Budget Committee

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1989; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Veteran Affairs for the 1987-89 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its successor.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
				1987-88	1988-89
(1)	9989	VETERANS DIR DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIR	1	\$41,952	\$41,952
(2)	751Z	VETERANS AFFAIRS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1		GRADE 24
(3)	754Z	SUPERVISOR OF VETERANS SERVICE	1		GRADE 20
(4)	R315	VET AFFAIRS EXEC ASST TO DIRECTOR	1		GRADE 19
(5)	753Z	VETERANS CHIEF FIELD SVC DIV	1		GRADE 18
	755Z	VETERANS DEP DIR CLAIMS	1		
(6)	M098	VETERANS CLAIMS SPECIALIST	11		GRADE 17
(7)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	1		GRADE 13

(8) A013 BOOKKEEPER II/ACCOUNTING ASST II	1	GRADE 11
K153 SECRETARY II	6	
(9) K023 CLERK TYPIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE 07
MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	26	

SECTION 2. REGULAR SALARIES - VETERANS HOME. There is hereby established for the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division for the 1987-89 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its successor.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
				Fiscal Year 1987-88	Fiscal Year 1988-89
(1)	752Z	VETERANS HOME SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 21	
(2)	L078	NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 20	
(3)	R438	VETERANS HOME ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 19	
(4)	M086	SOCIAL WORKER II/SOCIAL WORKER I	1	GRADE 18	
(5)	A004	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE 17	
	G028	BUILDING PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV II	1		
	H032	FOOD PRODUCTION MANAGER	1		
	M054	REHAB COUNSELOR II	1		
(6)	G161	GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRMAN	1	GRADE 16	
	G167	EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER I	1		
	L117	LPTN SUPERVISOR	2		
(7)	A002	ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE 15	
(8)	M048	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	1	GRADE 14	
	R009	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	1		
(9)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	1	GRADE 13	
	L049	LPN II	9		
(10)	A013	BOOKKEEPER II/ACCOUNTING ASST II	2	GRADE 11	

	K153 SECRETARY II	1	
	T045 SECURITY OFFICER II	7	
(11)	H005 BAKER II	1	GRADE 10
	H027 COOK II	4	
(12)	K155 SECRETARY I	2	GRADE 09
	V029 INVENTORY CONTROL CLERK	1	
(13)	H025 COOK I	4	GRADE 08
(14)	G109 BLDG/EQUIP MAINT REPAIRMAN II	3	GRADE 07
	L079 NURSING AIDE/NURSING ASST I	26	
(15)	G107 BLDG/EQUIP MAINT REPAIRMAN I	2	GRADE 05
(16)	G075 HOUSEKEEPER	10	GRADE 03
(17)	H039 FOOD SERVICE WORKER I	4	GRADE 02
	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	92	

SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS HOME DIVISION. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division for the 1987-89 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: Four (4) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veteran Affairs, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veteran Affairs for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1987-88	1988-89
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 484,962	\$ 496,036
(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	112,926	120,191
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSES	\$ 56,201	\$ 56,201
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,848	6,848
(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0

(E) DATA PROCESSING	_____0	_____0		
TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.			63,049	63,049
(04) AID TO COUNTY OFFICE			_____234,500	_____234,500
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED			\$ 895,437	\$ 913,776

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - VETERANS HOME DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veteran Affairs, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO. _____	1987-88 _____	1988-89 _____
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,085,882	\$ 1,112,966
(02) EXTRA HELP	15,000	15,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	286,389	307,177
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSES	\$ 352,737	\$ 377,737
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,927	1,927
(C) PROF. FEES	36,036	37,116
(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROCESSING	_____0	_____0
TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.	_____390,700	_____416,780
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 1,777,971	\$ 1,851,923

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - VETERANS HOME DIVISON - CASH. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Veteran Affairs, to be payable from cash funds of the Department of Veteran Affairs, for refunds of unused fees paid by residents of the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO. _____	1987-88 _____	1988-89 _____
(01) REFUNDS	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,900,000

SECTION 7. The funds appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for Aid to County Veterans Service Offices in Section 4 of this Act, shall be used each year by the Department of Veterans Affairs for assisting the coun-

ties in paying the salaries or expense allowances in lieu of salaries of county veterans service officers in the manner and to the extent provided herein, not to exceed one (1) service officer per county.

SECTION 8. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to County Veterans Service Offices may also be used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to pay expenses of County Veterans Service Officers for attending regional or state-wide training conferences approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs and designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans Service Officers in the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on the same reimbursement basis as the reimbursement of state employees for expenses incurred in attending their official business. Provided, no County Veterans Service Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending more than two (2) approved conferences per year, per county.

SECTION 9. Whereas funds appropriated in Conference Fees and Travel may be used to compensate members of the Governor's Task Force on Veterans' Affairs at a maximum rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day and for reimbursement for travel expenses at the same rate per mile as is paid to state employees pursuant to State Travel Regulations.

SECTION 10. Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs - Veterans Home Division receives both general revenues and non-revenues to be deposited in their State General Services Fund Account, and whereas such non-general revenue monies should remain in their account at year-end, the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall at the end of each fiscal year, certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State such amount of non-revenues to be retained in the State General Services Fund Account. All other monies shall be transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund in accordance with existing laws.

SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and

Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 13. CONTRACT RESTRICTIONS. The agency, board, commission, department or institution to whom funds are appropriated by this Act shall not enter into any contract for any professional or consultant services which shall extend for more than twenty (20) actual working days or the total compensation exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000) during any one fiscal year without first seeking the advice of the Arkansas Legislative Council. Provided further, that all contracts for professional or consultant services shall be submitted monthly to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for reporting to the Legislative Council.

SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1987 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1987 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and

safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1987.