

State of Arkansas  
76th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 1987  
By: Joint Budget Committee

HOUSE BILL 1860

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO PAY FOR MERIT RAISES TO CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES 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. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated to be payable from the Merit Adjustment Fund which shall be supplemental and in addition to other appropriations provided for Regular Salaries or Personal Services matching, for transfer by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to those state agencies to pay salary increases to those employees whose performance has been evaluated as provided for in Act 981 of 1985; if needed.

	FY88	FY89
Personal Services	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFER PROCEDURES. In the event that there is not sufficient appropriation provided for by the General Assembly for payment of Personal Services for any state agency due to legislative enactments authorizing a merit pay system for the biennium ending June 30, 1989 said agency may request a transfer from appropriations provided herein, from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, stating clearly the amount required and the fund or fund account from which the employees are currently being paid. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and after seeking the advice of the Arkansas Legislative Council, the State Auditor shall be notified as to the amount and the purposes for which said appropriation is to be made. The appropriation shall then be established upon the books of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State

Auditor. The appropriation shall be supplemental and in addition to the appropriation provided by the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly for the benefitting agency and shall be made payable from the fund or fund account from which the employees of the benefitting agency are authorized to be paid by law. Such appropriation transfers shall be limited to the Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching classification of appropriations.

SECTION 3. FUNDING PROCEDURES. Funding for the appropriation transfers authorized in Section 2 of this Act for those state agencies which are supported in whole or in part from general revenues shall, if required, be provided by a transfer from the merit adjustment fund to the various State Treasury funds, fund accounts or accounts, in such amounts as determined by and approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, after seeking the advice of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee. In no event shall the transfers authorized by this Section exceed the sum of six million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$6,800,000) in each year of the biennium.

SECTION 4. 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.

