

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 671

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC
11 DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING
12 JUNE 30, 2003; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC DEFENDER
16 COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE
17 2001-2003 BIENNIUM.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
24 established for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission – State Operations
25 for the 2001-2003 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees
26 whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform
27 Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or
28 its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any
29 position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in
30 dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification
31 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are
32 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and
33 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.
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Maximum Annual

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Years 2001-2002	Salary Rate Fiscal Years 2002-2003
(1)	8914	PUBLIC DEF COMM EXEC DIRECTOR	1	\$79,473	\$81,539
(2)	R038	ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE 26	
(3)	R170	ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	5	GRADE 25	
(4)	X301	PUB DEF COMM INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE 22	
(5)	R298	AGENCY PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 21	
(6)	R266	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	2	GRADE 20	
(7)	R010	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1	GRADE 17	
(8)	R440	BUSINESS CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE 16	
(9)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	1	GRADE 14	
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	15		

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP – STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission – State Operations for the 2001-2003 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: three (3) 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, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Defender Commission, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission – State Operations for the biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEARS	
		2001-2002	2002-2003
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 675,002	\$ 692,552
(02)	EXTRA HELP	12,000	12,000
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	164,925	168,027
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	180,093	180,093
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,000	17,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	96,000	96,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,000	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,147,020</u>	<u>\$ 1,165,672</u>

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8 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - TRIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE. There is

9 hereby established for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission - Trial Public

10 Defender Office for the 2001-2003 biennium, the following maximum number of

11 regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the

12 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et

13 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,

14 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein

15 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform

16 Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions

17 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular

18 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its

19 successor.

21				Maximum Annual		
22			Maximum	Salary Rate		
23	Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal	Years	
24	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2001-2002	2002-2003
25	(1)	9037	CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER	6	\$77,667	\$79,686
26	(2)	R015	CLASS A PUBLIC DEFENDER	28	GRADE	26
27	(3)	R016	CLASS B CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER	5	GRADE	25
28	(4)	011Z	PUB DEF DEFENSE SVCS ADMIN	1	GRADE	25
29	(5)	R029	CLASS B PUBLIC DEFENDER	92	GRADE	24
30	(6)	008Z	PUB DEFENDER NETWORK ADMINSTRATOR	1	GRADE	23
31	(7)	R047	PUBLIC DEFENDER PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE	22
32	(8)	X308	PUBLIC DEFENDER INVESTIGATOR	5	GRADE	20
33	(9)	R266	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	1	GRADE	20
34	(10)	R204	PARALEGAL/LEGAL ASSI STANT	2	GRADE	19
35	(11)	K017	PUBLIC DEFENDER SECRETARY II	<u>47</u>	GRADE	15
36			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	189		

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - TRIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission - Trial Public Defender Office for the 2001-2003 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: three (3) 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, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - TRIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Defender Commission, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission - Trial Public Defender Office for the biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2001-2002	2002-2003
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 8,636,445	\$ 8,860,985
(02) EXTRA HELP	15,000	15,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	2,086,315	2,125,986
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,000	60,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
(C) PROF. FEES	750,000	750,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,416	32,616
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 11,668,176</u>	<u>\$ 11,844,587</u>

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FEES. ~~FUNDING RESTRICTIONS. Of the total positions and appropriations authorized in Section 4 and Section 5 of this act for TRIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE, the following positions and appropriations shall be utilized only to the extent that the fees generated through the provisions of Arkansas Code §5-4-303(g) and Arkansas Code 16-87-213 are available to support it:~~

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- 2 ~~Positions to be utilized only to the extent that fee income is available:~~
- 3 ~~3 Appellate Attorneys~~
- 4 ~~20 Class B Public Defenders~~
- 5 ~~1 Public Defender Personnel Manager~~
- 6 ~~1 Public Defender Systems Coordination~~
- 7 ~~—Analyst~~
- 8 ~~3 Secretary II~~
- 9 ~~28 Secretary I~~
- 10 ~~34 Extra Help Positions~~

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12 ~~—Appropriation amounts to be utilized only to the extent that fee income~~

13 ~~is available~~

14 ~~_____ 1999 2000 2000 2001~~

15 ~~Regular Salaries \$ 1,733,952 \$1,782,501~~

16 ~~Extra Help _____ 353,041 _____ 367,163~~

17 ~~Personal Services~~

18 ~~— Matching _____ 435,897 _____ 448,302~~

19 ~~Operating Expenses _____ 98,000 _____ 94,000~~

20 ~~Capital Outlay _____ 33,500 _____ 0~~

21 ~~Professional Fees &~~

22 ~~— Serv _____ 500,000 _____ 500,000~~

23 FEE GENERATION AND SUPPORT

24 Unless specified otherwise in Arkansas Code §5-4-303(g) and Arkansas

25 Code 16-87-213 the monies collected by the courts under the authority of §5-

26 4-303(g) and 16-87-213 shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the

27 credit of the State Central Services Fund Account, ~~there to be used solely to~~

28 ~~defray the costs of the positions and appropriations as restricted by and as~~

29 ~~set out in this section.~~

30 In the event that the law requires that the fees levied under §5-4-

31 303(g) be deposited into the State Administration of Justice Fund, the State

32 Treasurer shall transfer the amount of the fees collected each month under

33 the authority of Arkansas Code §5-4-303(g) from the State Administration of

34 Justice Fund to the State Central Services Fund Account, ~~there to be used to~~

35 ~~defray the costs of the positions and appropriations as restricted by and as~~

36 ~~set out in this section.~~

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2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2001
3 through June 30, 2003.

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5 *SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
6 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRIAL*
7 *PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE FUND TRANSFER PROVISION. Immediately upon the*
8 *effective date of this act the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause*
9 *to be transferred the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) from the net*
10 *fund balance of the State Administration of Justice Fund to the State Central*
11 *Services Fund as a direct revenue for the benefit of the Trial Public*
12 *Defender Office. Of the total amount of moneys authorized to be transferred*
13 *by this section, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each fiscal year shall be*
14 *used to supplement not supplant other moneys to fund the appropriations*
15 *authorized for the Trial Public Defender Office by Section 6 of this Act.*

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17 *SECTION 9. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED*
18 *SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND BALANCES. (A) For all*
19 *appropriations as provided in this Act, the agency disbursing officer shall*
20 *monitor the level of fund balances in relation to expenditures on a monthly*
21 *basis. If any proposed expenditures would cause a fund balance to decline to*
22 *less than fifty percent (50%) of the balance available on July 1, 2001, the*
23 *disbursing officer shall immediately notify the executive head of the agency.*
24 *Prior to any obligations being made under these circumstances, the agency*
25 *head shall file written documentation with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the*
26 *State requesting approval of the expenditures. Such documentation shall*
27 *provide sufficient financial data to justify the expenditures and shall*
28 *include the following:*

- 29 1) a plan that clearly indicates the specific fiscal impact of such
30 expenditures on the fund balance.
31 2) information clearly indicating and explaining what programs would be cut
32 or any other measures to be taken by the agency to restore the fund balance.
33 3) the extent to which any of the planned expenditures are for one-time costs
34 or one-time purchase of capitalized items.
35 4) a statement certifying that the expenditure of fund balances will not
36 jeopardize the financial health of the agency, nor result in a permanent

1 depletion of the fund balance.

2 (B) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall review the request and
3 approve or disapprove all or any part of the request , after having sought
4 prior review by the Legislative Council.

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6 *SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS.* Disbursement of funds authorized
7 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
8 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
9 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
10 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
11 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
12 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
13 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
14 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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16 *SECTION 11. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.* It is the intent of the General Assembly
17 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
18 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
19 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
20 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
22 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
23 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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25 *SECTION 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.* It is found and determined by the General
26 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
27 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2001 is essential to the operation of
29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
30 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
31 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2001 could work irreparable harm upon the
32 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
33 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
34 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
35 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2001.

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/s/ Joint Budget Committee