

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

HOUSE BILL 1561

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS
11 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE
12 BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC
16 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2003-2005
18 BIENNIUM.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Arkansas
26 Public Employees Retirement System for the 2003-2005 biennium, the following
27 maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the
28 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code
29 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.
30 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual
31 salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of
32 said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying
33 positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the
34 Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101),
35 or its successor.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
				Fiscal Year 2003-2004	Fiscal Year 2004-2005
(1)	9977	PERS DIRECTOR	1	\$125,000	\$127,600
(2)	9029	PERS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	\$77,912	\$79,793
(3)	9028	PERS ASSOC DIR - INVESTMENTS	1	\$65,987	\$67,641
(4)	297Z	GENERAL BUSINESS MANAGER	1	GRADE 24	
(5)	608Z	PERS MEMBER SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE 23	
(6)	610Z	PERS PROG MGR/ADMIN SVCS	1	GRADE 23	
(7)	D046	SYSTEMS APPLICATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 23	
(8)	R017	PERS INFORMATION SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE 23	
(9)	D124	LEAD PROGRAMMER/ANALYST	1	GRADE 22	
(10)	A097	RETIREMENT COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE 21	
(11)	A132	APERS MANAGER/SUPERVISOR MEMBERSHIP	2	GRADE 21	
(12)	A164	RETIREMENT FUND INVESTMENT SUPV	1	GRADE 21	
(13)	A061	SENIOR INVESTMENT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE 20	
(14)	A056	INTERNAL AUDITOR	1	GRADE 20	
(15)	A061	SENIOR INVESTMENT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE 20	
(16)	A062	SENIOR RETIREMENT COUNSELOR	12	GRADE 20	
(17)	A124	ACCOUNTING SERVICES REP II	1	GRADE 20	
(18)	D121	USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE 20	
(19)	R266	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	3	GRADE 20	
(20)	R150	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE 19	
(21)	A111	ACCOUNTANT	1	GRADE 18	
(22)	R010	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1	GRADE 17	
(23)	A092	REPORTING SPECIALIST III	7	GRADE 15	
(24)	A108	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II	3	GRADE 15	
(25)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	2	GRADE 14	
(26)	K153	SECRETARY II	4	GRADE 13	
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	56		

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33 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas
34 Public Employees Retirement System for the 2003-2005 biennium, the following
35 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
36 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: four (4)

1 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 2 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 3 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 5 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - AGENCY OPERATIONS/ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM. There
 6 is hereby appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set
 7 out herein, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System for the
 8 biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

9 (a) For the Agency Operations/Administration program, the sum of \$12,884,406
 10 for the 2003-2004 fiscal year and \$13,061,201 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

11 (1) Program Description. To provide high quality member services,
 12 including education and counseling to customers (ie. members, retirees,
 13 employers) about the benefit program and other available services. To
 14 effectively manage the investment of the assets of APERS, ASPRS & AJRS &
 15 *District Judges Retirement System*. To provide administrative and support
 16 services for APERS, ASPRS & AJRS & *District Judges Retirement System*.

17 (2) Appropriation payable from:

FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
(A) Trust Funds	\$ 12,884,406	\$ 13,061,201

20 (3) Performance Targets:

(A) Percent of customers satisfied with accessibility, accuracy and timeliness of services.	95	95
(B) Number of educational seminars provided for members per year.	22	22
(C) Number of newsletters distributed to members per year.	3	4
(D) Percent of public employers determined to be in compliance with the Social Security and Medicare coverage regulations applicable to public employers.	75	80
(E) Number of agency proprietary systems administered.	2	2
(F) Agency information technology budget as a percentage of total		

1	agency budget - APERS.	20	20
2	(G) Agency information technology		
3	budget as a percentage of total		
4	agency budget - ASPRS.	8	8
5	(H) Agency information technology		
6	budget as a percentage of total		
7	agency budget - AJRS.	10	10
8	(I) Percentage of investment		
9	transactions by external money		
10	managers reviewed/reconciled by		
11	agency staff.	100	100
12	(J) Percentage of investments		
13	reviewed on a quarterly basis for		
14	compliance with asset allocation		
15	as set forth by the Board of		
16	Trustees.	100	100
17	(K) Administrative cost in dollars		
18	per active and retired member -		
19	APERS.	58	58
20	(L) Administrative cost in dollars		
21	per active and retired member -		
22	ASPRS.	70	70
23	(M) Administrative cost in dollars		
24	per active and retired member -		
25	AJRS.	231	231
26	(N) Number of prior year audit		
27	findings repeated in subsequent		
28	audit.	0	0
29	(O) Percentage of performance		
30	measures achieved.	80	80

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32 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - BENEFIT PAYMENTS PROGRAM. There is hereby
 33 appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set out
 34 herein, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System for the biennial
 35 period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

36 (a) For the Benefit Payments program, the sum of \$259,500,000 for the 2003-

2004 fiscal year and \$276,300,000 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

(1) Program Description. To produce accurate and timely benefit payments to retired members or eligible beneficiaries and refunds to active/inactive members or employers of APERS, ASPRS & AJRS & District Judges Retirement System.

(2) Appropriation payable from:	FISCAL YEARS	
	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
(A) Cash Funds	\$ 186,500,000	\$ 202,900,000
(B) Trust Funds	\$ 73,400,000	\$ 73,400,000

(3) Performance Targets:

(A) Percent of initial benefit payments made to a retired member or eligible beneficiary at their requested retirement date or within 30 days of the receipt of required documentation.	100	100
(B) Percent of member earnings, service and contributions recorded correctly in the membership database.	97	98

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD. The remaining balance as of June 30, 2004, of unexpended appropriation for the Agency Operations/Administration Program and available to be used for Operating Expense, up to \$765,393; Professional Fees, up to \$4,981,959; and Capital Outlay, up to \$25,000 shall be carried forward into fiscal year 2004-2005 to be used for the same purposes.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed ~~\$19,122~~ \$20,681 in the ~~2001-~~ ~~2002~~ 2003-2004 fiscal year, and ~~\$19,696~~ \$21,715 in the ~~2002-2003~~ 2004-2005 fiscal year may be transferred from the Judges Retirement Fund to the

1 Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System Fund for costs incurred by the
2 Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in administering the Judicial
3 Retirement System. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal
4 Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on
5 his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the
6 State. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1,~~
7 ~~2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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9 *SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
10 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.*
11 *TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed ~~\$31,935~~ \$34,538 in the ~~2001-2002~~ 2003-2004*
12 *fiscal year, and ~~\$32,893~~ \$36,265 in the ~~2002-2003~~ 2004-2005 fiscal year may*
13 *be transferred from the State Police Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public*
14 *Employees Retirement System Fund for costs incurred by the Arkansas Public*
15 *Employees Retirement System in administering the State Police Retirement*
16 *System. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal Officer of*
17 *the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on his books*
18 *and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the State.*

19 *The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~*
20 *July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.*

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22 *SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
23 *CODE, NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. A sum not*
24 *to exceed \$59,269 in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, and \$126,003 in the 2004-2005*
25 *fiscal year may be transferred from the District Judges Retirement Fund to*
26 *the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System Fund for costs incurred by*
27 *the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in administering the District*
28 *Judge Retirement Fund. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief*
29 *Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be*
30 *made on his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of*
31 *the State.*

32 *The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003*
33 *through June 30, 2005.*

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35 *SECTION 9. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized*
36 *by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds*

1 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
2 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
3 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
4 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
5 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
6 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
7 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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9 *SECTION 10. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.* It is the intent of the General Assembly
10 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
11 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
12 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
13 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
14 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
15 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
16 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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18 *SECTION 11. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.* It is found and determined by the General
19 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
20 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
23 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
24 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
25 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
26 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
27 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
28 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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30 /s/ Joint Budget Committee
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