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SENATE BILL 261

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, AND THE INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2007; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2005-2007 BIENNIUM.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2005-2007 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees, the grades to be assigned to the respective positions, and the maximum annual salaries for each such position. The maximum annual salary for the position assigned to grades shall be determined in accordance with, but shall not exceed the maximum annual amount for the grade assigned herein, as established in Arkansas Code 21-5-209. Except for the purpose of determining the maximum annual salary rate, which is to be applicable to each of the positions to which a salary grade is assigned hereinafter, in accordance with the provisions of Arkansas Code 21-5-209, all positions set forth herein shall be



exempt from other provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, but shall not be exempt from the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its successor.

Item	Class	No. of Employees	Title	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
				2005-2006	2006-2007
(1)	9147	1	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	130,057	132,918
(2)	9148	2	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	125,593	128,387
(3)	9149	1	ADMIN., BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW	101,499	103,931
(4)	9150	1	ADMIN., LEGAL STAFF	101,499	103,931
(5)	9187	1	ADMIN., LEGIS COMMITTEE STAFF	101,499	103,931
(6)	9152	1	ADMIN., PERSONNEL REVIEW	101,499	103,931
(7)	9337	1	ADMIN., LEG. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	101,499	103,931
(8)	9153	1	ADMIN., PERFORMANCE BUDGET	96,460	98,817
(9)	9151	1	ADMIN., ECONOMIC & TAX POLICY	90,257	92,521
(10)	9158	1	NETWORK PLANNING COORDINATOR	GRADE	26
(11)	9267	1	APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT MGR.	GRADE	26
(12)	9334	2	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	GRADE	26
(13)	9159	7	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	GRADE	25
(14)	9161	1	PROGRAM ANALYST	GRADE	25
(15)	9338	1	LEGISLATIVE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	GRADE	25
(16)	9157	10	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	GRADE	24
(17)	9336	2	SENIOR PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	GRADE	24
(18)	9162	1	SPECIAL PROJECTS ANALYST	GRADE	22
(19)	9163	1	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	GRADE	22
(20)	9164	1	DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	GRADE	22
(21)	9165	24	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	GRADE	22
(22)	9166	5	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	GRADE	22
(23)	9170	1	BUREAU FISCAL OFFICER	GRADE	22
(24)	9168	2	ASSISTANT TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	GRADE	21
(25)	9339	1	BLR ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER	GRADE	20
(26)	9167	8	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT	GRADE	20
(27)	9340	1	PROOFING SUPERVISOR	GRADE	20
(28)	9169	1	LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH ASSISTANT	GRADE	19

1	(29)	9171	REFERENCE ANALYST	1	GRADE	18
2	(30)	9172	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	7	GRADE	18
3	(31)	9173	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	18
4	(32)	9174	LEGIS MICRO / PHOTO SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	17
5	(33)	9176	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY	11	GRADE	17
6	(34)	9175	DATA CONTROL CLERK	1	GRADE	16
7	(35)	9177	COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM MGR	1	GRADE	13
8	(36)	9191	LEGISLATIVE CLERICAL SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	11
9	(37)	9179	FACILITIES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	10
10	**SENIOR CAREER SERVICE POSITIONS**					
11	(38)	9335	SENIOR LEGS ANALYST-SR CAREER SERV	1	GRADE	25
12	(39)	9183	ADMINISTRATIVE COORD-SR CAREER SERV	1	GRADE	25
13	(40)	9184	DIR'S EXEC. ASST-SR CAREER SERV	1	GRADE	25
14	(41)	9160	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST-SR CAREER SERV	5	GRADE	24
15	(42)	9185	LEGIS MICRO/PHOTO SUPV-SR CAREER SERV	1	GRADE	20
16	*****CONTINGENCY POSITIONS*****					
17	(43)	9159	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	1	GRADE	25
18	(44)	9157	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE	24
19	(45)	9189	NETWORK CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE	22
20	(46)	9190	APPLICATIONS / TEXT PROGRAMMER	2	GRADE	22
21	(47)	9165	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE	22
22	(48)	9172	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	5	GRADE	18
23	(49)	9191	LEGISLATIVE CLERICAL SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	GRADE	11
24	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			132		

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26 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the
 27 Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2005-2007
 28 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees,
 29 to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 30 purposes: twenty-five (25) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
 31 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 32 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 33 classification.

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35 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to
 36 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable

from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Legislative Council for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO.	2005-2006	2006-2007
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 8,222,539	\$ 8,447,918
(02) EXTRA HELP	70,000	70,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,058,669	2,100,932
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	908,845	700,167
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	195,830	195,830
(C) PROF. FEES	425,295	425,295
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000	400,000
(E) DATA PROC.	262,012	262,012
(05) CONTINGENCY	1,563,480	1,563,480
(06) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>105,063</u>	<u>105,063</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 14,211,733</u>	<u>\$ 14,270,697</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO.	2005-2006	2006-2007
(01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u>\$ 271,060</u>	<u>\$ 271,060</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as

approved by the appropriate committee for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2005-2006	2006-2007
(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$ 1,419,199	\$ 1,419,199
(02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE STAFF WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>	<u>277,197</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,696,396</u>	<u>\$ 1,696,396</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending meetings of the Energy Council and for other associated expenses for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2005-2006	2006-2007
(01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND OTHER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 65,806</u>	<u>\$ 65,806</u>

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. Any unexpended balance of any appropriation provided in this Act which remains at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006, shall be transferred forward and made available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007. In the event that unforeseen circumstances arise during the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006 such that any appropriations made available for that year are insufficient, the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council shall certify the amount thereof to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,

1 who upon receipt of the certification, shall transfer the amount so certified
2 from the appropriation authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2005~~
3 2007 to the appropriate appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
4 ~~2004~~ 2006. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July
5 1, ~~2003~~ 2005 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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7 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
9 PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research
10 is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to
11 transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and also
12 between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined
13 necessary in either fiscal year of the ~~2003-05~~ 2005-07 biennium. The
14 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005
15 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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17 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
19 CONTINGENCY POSITIONS - RESTRICTIONS. The positions authorized as
20 Contingency in this Act shall be filled only in the event that programs are
21 required to be implemented that were not contemplated at the time of the
22 submission by the Bureau of Legislative Research of its ~~2003-05~~ 2005-07
23 biennial budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council. The provisions
24 of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005 through June
25 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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27 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SENIOR
29 CAREER SERVICE POSITIONS. The positions authorized in this Act as "Senior
30 Career Service Positions" shall be utilized only for those incumbents on June
31 30, 1997 who would otherwise be unable to obtain the pay increases approved
32 by the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research due to the exceptional
33 tenure and circumstances of the incumbents. In the event that the employee
34 being paid from a "Senior Career Service Position" is no longer employed by
35 the Bureau of Legislative Research, the position shall remain vacant. As
36 long as any "Senior Career Service Position" is filled, a position with the

1 same title authorized as a regular employee in Section 1 shall not be filled.

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3 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST OF
5 LIVING INCREASES. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned
6 to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living
7 increases on July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005 and July 1, ~~2004~~ 2006 in an amount equal to
8 that granted to all other state agency, board, commission or institution of
9 higher education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in
10 annual salary rates for Bureau employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay
11 adjustments or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made
12 at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau.

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~
14 2005 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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16 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
18 DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the
19 Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds
20 appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses and
21 all expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in
22 accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in
23 accordance with appropriate law.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~
25 2005 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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27 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
29 PERFORMANCE REWARDS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research may
30 implement a program to reward employees of the bureau for exceptional service
31 similar to the state Career Ladder Incentive Plan bonus program authorized by
32 Arkansas Code 21-5-1101. The plan shall be approved by the Legislative
33 Council prior to its implementation. The provisions of this section shall be
34 in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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36 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. *Arkansas Code § 10-2-215 is amended to*

1 read as follows:

2 10-2-215. Additional compensation for committee chairs and cochairs.

3 (a) In addition to the expense allowance provided by § 10-2-212 and all
4 laws amendatory and supplemental thereto, the chair of each of the standing,
5 select, and joint committees of either house of the General Assembly, the
6 cochairs of the Legislative Council and the cochairs of the Legislative Joint
7 Auditing Committee, the Speaker Designate of the House of Representatives,
8 the House chairs of the Review/PEER Subcommittee, ~~and~~ the Personnel
9 Subcommittee, the Claims Subcommittee, and the Special Language Subcommittee
10 of the Joint Budget Committee, and the cochair of any committee of the
11 General Assembly which does not function during the legislative session shall
12 be eligible to receive an additional two thousand four hundred dollars
13 (\$2,400) per year and the chair of each subcommittee of each standing
14 committee of either house shall be eligible to receive an additional one
15 thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per year.

16 (b) This additional allowance shall be paid from the same funds and
17 appropriation and in the same manner as provided for the allowances
18 authorized by § 10-2-212 and all laws amendatory and supplemental thereto.
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20 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code § 10-3-301(g), concerning
21 subcommittees of the Joint Budget Committee, is amended to read as follows:

22 (g) The House chairs and vice chairs of the Review/PEER Subcommittee, ~~and~~
23 the Personnel Subcommittee, and the Claims Subcommittee of the Joint Budget
24 Committee shall serve on the corresponding subcommittees of the Legislative
25 Council as ex officio nonvoting members.
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27 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code § 10-3-502, concerning the
28 membership of the Legislative Council, is amended to read as follows:

29 (d) The chairs of the Personnel Subcommittee, the Review Subcommittee,
30 ~~and~~ the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Subcommittee, and
31 Claims Subcommittee of the Legislative Council shall serve as ex officio
32 nonvoting members of the corresponding Joint Budget Committee subcommittees.
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34 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code § 10-3-507, concerning
35 presession budget hearings, is amended to add an additional subsection to
36 read as follows:

1 (d) The House chair of the Special Language Subcommittee of the Joint
2 Budget Committee shall serve on the corresponding subcommittee of the
3 Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee presession budget hearings as ex
4 officio nonvoting members.

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6 SECTION 18. 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 Procurement 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 19. 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 20. 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, 2005 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, 2005 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, 2005.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee

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