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3 Regular Session, 2007  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1327

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 OFFICE OF  
11 ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING  
12 JUNE 30, 2009; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY  
16 GENERAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2007-2009  
17 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for  
24 the Office of Attorney General for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following  
25 maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the  
26 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code  
27 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.  
28 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual  
29 salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of  
30 said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying  
31 positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the  
32 Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101),  
33 or its successor.  
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35 Maximum Annual  
36 Maximum Salary Rate



1	Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal Years	
2	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2007-2008	2008-2009
3	(1)	7304	ATTORNEY GENERAL I	2	\$93,822	\$95,698
4	(2)	7305	ATTORNEY GENERAL II	8	\$90,809	\$92,625
5	(3)	7061	ATTORNEY GENERAL III	8	\$85,205	\$86,909
6	(4)	7307	ATTORNEY GENERAL IV	5	\$77,735	\$79,289
7	(5)	7308	ATTORNEY GENERAL V	10	\$73,850	\$75,327
8	(6)	7303	NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$71,394	\$72,821
9	(7)	7314	ATTORNEY GENERAL VI	11	\$66,973	\$68,312
10	(8)	7197	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	\$66,817	\$68,153
11	(9)	7286	FINANCIAL MANAGER	1	\$63,745	\$65,019
12	(10)	7317	ATTORNEY GENERAL VII	13	\$60,897	\$62,114
13	(11)	7290	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	\$60,897	\$62,114
14	(12)	7322	OMBUDSMAN	1	\$56,517	\$57,647
15	(13)	7288	INVESTIGATOR I	1	\$54,399	\$55,486
16	(14)	7311	ADMINISTRATIVE AID	1	\$54,047	\$55,127
17	(15)	7312	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	\$53,641	\$54,713
18	(16)	7287	FISCAL SPECIALIST	1	\$52,490	\$53,539
19	(17)	7198	HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR	1	\$50,459	\$51,468
20	(18)	7292	COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	1	\$50,306	\$51,312
21	(19)	7998	ATTORNEY GENERAL VIII	4	\$48,378	\$49,345
22	(20)	9450	NETWORK SPECIALIST I	1	\$47,277	\$48,222
23	(21)	8057	LOGISTICS MANAGER	1	\$46,934	\$47,872
24	(22)	7334	LAW ED DIRECTOR	1	\$46,839	\$47,775
25	(23)	8054	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	2	\$44,497	\$45,386
26	(24)	8058	PARALEGAL II	1	\$43,226	\$44,090
27	(25)	8051	INVESTIGATOR III	1	\$43,226	\$44,090
28	(26)	8044	NETWORK SPECIALIST II	1	\$43,226	\$44,090
29	(27)	7323	EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	1	\$42,049	\$42,889
30	(28)	8916	LAW ED INSTRUCTOR	4	\$40,984	\$41,803
31	(29)	7294	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1	\$40,984	\$41,803
32	(30)	8050	ASSISTANT AG/LIBRARIAN	1	\$40,248	\$41,052
33	(31)	7325	INVESTIGATOR IV	4	\$40,154	\$40,957
34	(32)	7332	SECRETARY I	5	\$39,812	\$40,608
35	(33)	7328	SECRETARY II	5	\$37,471	\$38,220
36	(34)	7293	PURCHASING AGENT	1	\$36,435	\$37,163

1	(35)	7556	CONSUMER COUNSELOR	2	\$36,072	\$36,793
2	(36)	7329	SECRETARY III	12	\$35,128	\$35,830
3	(37)	8047	RECEPTIONIST I	2	\$33,840	\$34,516
4	(38)	8045	COURIER	1	\$32,447	\$33,095
5	(39)	8063	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IV	<u>1</u>	\$24,701	\$25,195
6			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	120		

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8 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the  
 9 Office of Attorney General for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum  
 10 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",  
 11 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: eight (8)  
 12 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed  
 13 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 14 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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16 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
 17 the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 18 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney  
 19 General for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

21	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
22	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
23	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 6,928,432	\$ 7,066,942
24	(02)	EXTRA HELP	36,000	36,000
25	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,922,320	1,950,617
26	(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
27	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	1,606,910	1,606,910
28	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	91,800	91,800
29	(C)	PROF. FEES	176,501	176,501
30	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
31	(E)	DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
32		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 10,761,963</u>	<u>\$ 10,928,770</u>

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34 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS PROGRAM. There is  
 35 hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Crime Victims  
 36 Reparations Program for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number

1 of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of  
 2 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et  
 3 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,  
 4 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein  
 5 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform  
 6 Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions  
 7 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular  
 8 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its  
 9 successor.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
				2007-2008	2008-2009
15	(1) 9842	ATTORNEY GENERAL VII	1	\$68,737	\$70,111
16	(2) 7903	CRIME VICTIM ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$46,839	\$47,775
17	(3) 9843	FISCAL SPECIALIST II	1	\$43,448	\$44,316
18	(4) 9841	INVESTIGATOR III	<u>8</u>	\$40,154	\$40,957
19	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		11		

21 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS PROGRAM. There is  
 22 hereby authorized, for the Office of Attorney General - Crime Victims  
 23 Reparations Program for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number  
 24 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable  
 25 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-  
 26 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in  
 27 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this  
 28 act for the appropriate classification.

30 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS PROGRAM. There is  
 31 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from  
 32 the Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund, for personal services,  
 33 operating expenses and the payment of claims by the Office of Attorney  
 34 General - Crime Victims Reparations Program for the biennial period ending  
 35 June 30, 2009, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2007-2008	2008-2009
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 480,256	\$ 489,858
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000	10,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	145,105	147,067
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	73,801	75,999
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,600	16,000
(C) PROF. FEES	10,300	10,600
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
(05) CLAIMS	<u>3,082,750</u>	<u>3,077,986</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,817,812</u>	<u>\$ 3,827,510</u>

SECTION 7. REGULAR SALARIES - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Crime Victims Reparations Program - Federal for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), 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 (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
				Fiscal Years 2007-2008	Fiscal Years 2008-2009
(1)	7331	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III	<u>1</u>	\$28,233	\$28,797
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1		

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be

1 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 2 the State, for personal services, operating expenses and the payment of  
 3 claims by the Office of Attorney General - Crime Victims Reparations Program  
 4 - Federal for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2007-2008	2008-2009
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 28,233	\$ 28,797
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,967	10,083
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	26,900	26,900
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
(04) CLAIMS	<u>1,413,799</u>	<u>1,413,799</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,478,899</u>	<u>\$ 1,479,579</u>

19 SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - STATE. There is  
 20 hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud  
 21 Division - State for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number of  
 22 regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the  
 23 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et  
 24 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,  
 25 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein  
 26 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform  
 27 Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions  
 28 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular  
 29 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its  
 30 successor.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Years	
				2007-2008	2008-2009
(1)	9839	ATTORNEY GENERAL II	1	\$98,627	\$100,599

1	(2)	9840	ATTORNEY GENERAL VI	2	\$73,377	\$74,844
2	(3)	9449	AUDITOR	1	\$66,973	\$68,312
3	(4)	7329	SECRETARY III	<u>1</u>	\$35,128	\$35,830
4			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5		

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 6 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - STATE. There is  
 7 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from  
 8 the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses  
 9 of the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - State for the  
 10 biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

12	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
13	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
14	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 347,482	\$ 354,429
15	(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	91,990	93,408
16	(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
17	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	63,300	65,200
18	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	11,199	11,500
19	(C)	PROF. FEES	7,400	7,500
20	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	6,700	7,000
21	(E)	DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
22		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 528,071</u>	<u>\$ 539,037</u>

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 24 SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There  
 25 is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud  
 26 Division - Federal for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number  
 27 of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of  
 28 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et  
 29 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,  
 30 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein  
 31 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform  
 32 Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions  
 33 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular  
 34 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its  
 35 successor.

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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate		
				2007-2008	2008-2009	
1	(1)	7296	MEDICAID DIRECTOR	1	\$90,809	\$92,625
2	(2)	9836	ATTORNEY GENERAL IV	1	\$85,786	\$87,501
3	(3)	9837	ATTORNEY GENERAL V	1	\$77,801	\$79,357
4	(4)	7297	MEDICAID ASST DIRECTOR	1	\$77,735	\$79,289
5	(5)	8803	INVESTIGATOR I	1	\$59,112	\$60,294
6	(6)	7299	INVESTIGATOR II	8	\$53,912	\$54,990
7	(7)	7591	ANALYST	1	\$46,764	\$47,699
8	(8)	9838	PARALEGAL II	1	\$40,202	\$41,006
9	(9)	7328	SECRETARY II	1	\$37,471	\$38,220
10	(10)	7300	CASE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	\$37,471	\$38,220
11	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			17		

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17 SECTION 12. EXTRA HELP - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is  
 18 hereby authorized, for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud  
 19 Division - Federal for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number  
 20 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable  
 21 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-  
 22 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in  
 23 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this  
 24 act for the appropriate classification.

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26 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is  
 27 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from  
 28 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 29 personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General -  
 30 Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal for the biennial period ending June 30,  
 31 2009, the following:

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ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS		
	2007-2008	2008-2009	
33 (01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 984,447	\$ 1,004,131
34 (02)	EXTRA HELP	25,000	25,000

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1	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	274,496	278,517
2	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	185,291	190,841
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	34,000	35,100
5	(C) PROF. FEES	22,800	23,450
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,500	26,000
7	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,551,534</u>	<u>\$ 1,583,039</u>

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SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - INDIRECT COSTS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - Indirect Costs for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
19	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 215,000	\$ 215,000
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
22	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000	50,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000	25,000
24	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 290,000</u>	<u>\$ 290,000</u>

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SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - SPYWARE MONITORING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the Spyware Monitoring Fund, for administrative expenses and other associated expenses for the enforcement activities and monitoring of spyware by the Office of Attorney General - Spyware Monitoring for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the sum of .....\$100,000.

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SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - SPYWARE MONITORING - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for administrative expenses and other

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1 associated expenses for the enforcement activities and monitoring of spyware  
2 by the Office of Attorney General – Spyware Monitoring - State for the  
3 biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the sum of .....\$100,000.  
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5 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ATTORNEY  
7 FEES. The disbursing officer of the appropriations provided for herein,  
8 shall deposit all monies received by the Office of Attorney General as  
9 attorney fees in the State Central Services Fund as direct revenues.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2005  
11 2007 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.  
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13 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE  
14 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD.

15 Any unexpended balance of appropriation provided in this Act, excluding  
16 Regular Salaries, which remains at the close of the fiscal year ending June  
17 30, 2008, shall be carried forward and made available for the same purpose  
18 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

19 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of appropriation and/or funding as  
20 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

21 (1) Prior to June 30, 2008 the Agency shall by written statement set forth  
22 its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said appropriation and/or funding  
23 to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

24 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall  
25 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward from  
26 the first fiscal year of the biennium to the second fiscal year of the  
27 biennium by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
28 Committee meeting in the second fiscal year of the biennial period which  
29 report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution  
30 and the amount of the appropriation and/or funding carried forward from the  
31 first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item,  
32 the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request  
33 set forth in (1) above;

34 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written  
35 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
36 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written

1 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for  
2 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)  
3 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents  
4 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget  
5 Committee; and

6 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include  
7 all information obtained in item (3) above in the biennial budget manuals  
8 and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or  
9 Institution.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007  
11 through June 30, 2009.

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13 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE  
14 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
15 PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
16 State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council, the Office of  
17 Attorney General is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item  
18 authorized in Section 3 Appropriation - Operations of the Office of Attorney  
19 General in this Act to any other line item authorized in Section 3.  
20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007  
21 through June 30, 2009.

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23 SECTION 20. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
24 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
25 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
26 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
27 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
28 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
29 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
30 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
31 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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33 SECTION 21. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
34 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
35 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
36 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations

1 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
2 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
3 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
4 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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6 SECTION 22. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
7 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
8 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
9 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of  
10 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
11 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
12 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the  
13 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
14 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
15 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
16 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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18 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*  
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