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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	<i>Item Class</i>		<i>No. of</i>	<i>Fiscal Years</i>	
	<i>No.</i>	<i>Code Title</i>		<i>Employees</i>	<i>2007-2008</i>
3	(1)	ATTORNEY GENERAL I	2	\$107,907	\$110,065
4	(2)	ATTORNEY GENERAL II	9	\$98,627	\$100,599
5	(3)	ATTORNEY GENERAL III	9	\$90,535	\$92,345
6	(4)	ATTORNEY GENERAL IV	5	\$85,786	\$87,501
7	(5)	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	\$78,280	\$79,845
8	(6)	ATTORNEY GENERAL V	9	\$77,801	\$79,357
9	(7)	NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$74,572	\$76,063
10	(8)	ATTORNEY GENERAL VI	11	\$73,377	\$74,844
11	(9)	COMM RELATIONS DIRECTOR	1	\$70,000	\$71,400
12	(10)	ATTORNEY GENERAL VII	14	\$68,737	\$70,111
13	(11)	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	\$66,000	\$67,320
14	(12)	COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	1	\$61,494	\$62,724
15	(13)	LOGISTICS DIRECTOR	1	\$60,000	\$61,200
16	(14)	FISCAL SPECIALIST I	1	\$59,740	\$60,934
17	(15)	ATTORNEY GENERAL VIII	4	\$56,543	\$57,673
18	(16)	OMBUDSMAN	1	\$56,517	\$57,647
19	(17)	HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR	1	\$55,260	\$56,365
20	(18)	INVESTIGATOR II	2	\$54,399	\$55,486
21	(19)	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST I	1	\$54,047	\$55,127
22	(20)	LEGAL ASSISTANT	1	\$52,530	\$53,581
23	(21)	LAW ED DIRECTOR	1	\$51,000	\$52,020
24	(22)	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	\$50,799	\$51,814
25	(23)	LAW ED INSTRUCTOR I	2	\$50,000	\$51,000
26	(24)	EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	1	\$48,822	\$49,798
27	(25)	NETWORK SPECIALIST I	1	\$47,277	\$48,222
28	(26)	LIBRARIAN	1	\$43,642	\$44,514
29	(27)	FISCAL SPECIALIST II	1	\$43,448	\$44,316
30	(28)	INVESTIGATOR IV	2	\$43,226	\$44,090
31	(29)	NETWORK SPECIALIST II	1	\$43,226	\$44,090
32	(30)	SECRETARY I	6	\$42,050	\$42,891
33	(31)	LAW ED INSTRUCTOR II	1	\$40,984	\$41,803
34	(32)	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	3	\$40,984	\$41,803
35	(33)	PARALEGAL I	2	\$40,202	\$41,006
36	(34)	INVESTIGATOR V	5	\$40,154	\$40,957

1	(35)	SECRETARY II	3	\$39,812	\$40,608
2	(36)	ASSIST LOGISTICS DIRECTOR	1	\$38,760	\$39,535
3	(37)	CONSUMER COUNSELOR	4	\$36,072	\$36,793
4	(38)	SECRETARY III	10	\$35,128	\$35,830
5	(39)	COURIER I	1	\$35,128	\$35,830
6	(40)	RECEPTIONIST I	2	\$33,840	\$34,516
7	(41)	COURIER II	1	\$32,447	\$33,095
8	(42)	COURIER III	<u>1</u>	\$24,701	\$25,195
9		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	127		

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

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

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
25	NO.	2007-2008	2008-2009
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 7,866,082	\$ 8,023,344
27	(02) EXTRA HELP	36,000	36,000
28	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,514,874	2,565,153
29	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,748,462	1,801,104
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	94,530	96,873
32	(C) PROF. FEES	539,429	557,609
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	95,800	98,000
34	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 12,895,177</u>	<u>\$ 13,178,083</u>

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1 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS PROGRAM. There is
 2 hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Crime Victims
 3 Reparations Program for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number
 4 of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of
 5 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et
 6 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,
 7 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein
 8 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform
 9 Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions
 10 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular
 11 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its
 12 successor.

			Maximum Annual		
			Maximum	Salary Rate	
			No. of	Fiscal Years	
Item	Class	Title	Employees	2007-2008	2008-2009
18	(1)	9842 ATTORNEY GENERAL VII	1	\$68,737	\$70,111
19	(2)	7903 CRIME VICTIM ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$47,289	\$48,243
20	(3)	9843 FISCAL SPECIALIST II	1	\$43,448	\$44,316
21	(4)	INVESTIGATOR V	<u>8</u>	\$40,154	\$40,957
22	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		11		

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

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 33 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS PROGRAM. There is
 34 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from
 35 the Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund, for personal services,
 36 operating expenses and the payment of claims by the Office of Attorney

1 General - Crime Victims Reparations Program for the biennial period ending
 2 June 30, 2009, the following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
NO.		2007-2008	2008-2009
6	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 480,715	\$ 490,326
7	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000	10,000
8	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	153,828	156,904
9	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
10	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	73,801	75,999
11	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,600	16,000
12	(C) PROF. FEES	10,300	10,600
13	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
14	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
15	(05) CLAIMS	<u>3,082,750</u>	<u>3,077,986</u>
16	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,826,994</u>	<u>\$ 3,837,815</u>

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 18 SECTION 7. REGULAR SALARIES - CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS PROGRAM - FEDERAL.
 19 There is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Crime
 20 Victims Reparations Program - Federal for the 2007-2009 biennium, the
 21 following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be
 22 governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act
 23 (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory
 24 thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum
 25 annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the
 26 provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons
 27 occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions
 28 of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-
 29 101), or its successor.

Item	Class	No. of	Maximum Annual	
			2007-2008	2008-2009
No.	Code Title	Employees	2007-2008	2008-2009
35	(1) 7331 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III	<u>1</u>	\$28,233	\$28,797
36	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 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and the payment of claims by the Office of Attorney General - Crime Victims Reparations Program - 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>

SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - STATE. There is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - State 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.

	Maximum Annual
Maximum	Salary Rate

Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Years		
No.	Code	Title	Employees	2007-2008	2008-2009
(1)	9839	ATTORNEY GENERAL II	1	\$98,627	\$100,599
(2)	9840	ATTORNEY GENERAL VI	2	\$73,377	\$74,844
(3)	9449	AUDITOR	1	\$66,973	\$68,312
(4)	7329	SECRETARY III	<u>1</u>	\$35,128	\$35,830
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5		

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

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

SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - 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

1 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its
 2 successor.

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5			Maximum	Maximum Annual	
6	Item	Class	No. of	Salary Rate	
7	No.	Code Title	Employees	2007-2008	2008-2009
8	(1)	MEDICAID DIRECTOR	1	\$90,809	\$92,625
9	(2)	ATTORNEY GENERAL IV	1	\$85,786	\$87,501
10	(3)	ATTORNEY GENERAL V	1	\$77,801	\$79,357
11	(4)	CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	1	\$77,735	\$79,289
12	(5)	INVESTIGATOR I	2	\$59,112	\$60,294
13	(6)	INVESTIGATOR III	5	\$53,912	\$54,990
14	(7)	NURSE ANALYST	2	\$53,912	\$54,990
15	(8)	ANALYST	1	\$46,764	\$47,699
16	(9)	PARALEGAL I	1	\$40,202	\$41,006
17	(10)	SECRETARY II	1	\$39,812	\$40,608
18	(11)	CASE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	\$37,471	\$38,220
19		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	17		

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21 SECTION 12. EXTRA HELP - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is
 22 hereby authorized, for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud
 23 Division - Federal 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.

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30 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is
 31 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from
 32 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 33 personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General -
 34 Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal for the biennial period ending June 30,
 35 2009, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
3	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 991,988	\$ 1,011,823
4	(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000	25,000
5	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	317,436	323,783
6	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	185,291	190,841
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	34,000	35,100
9	(C) PROF. FEES	22,800	23,450
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,500	26,000
11	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,602,015</u>	<u>\$ 1,635,997</u>

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

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 15 There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be
 16 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 17 the State, for operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General -
 18 Medicaid Fraud Division - Indirect Costs for the biennial period ending June
 19 30, 2009, the following:

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

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

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2 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - SPYWARE MONITORING - STATE. There is hereby
3 appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the
4 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for administrative expenses and other
5 associated expenses for the enforcement activities and monitoring of spyware
6 by the Office of Attorney General – Spyware Monitoring - State for the
7 biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the sum of\$100,000.
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9 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ATTORNEY
11 FEES. The disbursing officer of the appropriations provided for herein,
12 shall deposit all monies received by the Office of Attorney General as
13 attorney fees in the State Central Services Fund as direct revenues.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2005
15 2007 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.
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17 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
18 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD.
19 Any unexpended balance of appropriation provided in this Act, excluding
20 Regular Salaries, which remains at the close of the fiscal year ending June
21 30, 2008, shall be carried forward and made available for the same purpose
22 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

23 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of appropriation and/or funding as
24 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:
25 (1) Prior to June 30, 2008 the Agency shall by written statement set forth
26 its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said appropriation and/or funding
27 to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;
28 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
29 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward from
30 the first fiscal year of the biennium to the second fiscal year of the
31 biennium by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
32 Committee meeting in the second fiscal year of the biennial period which
33 report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution
34 and the amount of the appropriation and/or funding carried forward from the
35 first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item,
36 the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request

1 set forth in (1) above;

2 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
3 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
4 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
5 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
6 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
7 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
8 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
9 Committee; and

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

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

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

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

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1 SECTION 21. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
2 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
3 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
4 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
5 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
6 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
7 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
8 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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

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22 /s/ Joint Budget Committee
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