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1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1545

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

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS
11 TECH UNIVERSITY FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING
12 JUNE 30, 2009; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY
16 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 Arkansas Tech University 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	No. of	Fiscal Years	
2	No. Title	Employees	2007-2008	2008-2009
3	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
4	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
5	(1) President, Arkansas Tech University	1	\$149,569	\$152,560
6	(2) Vice-Pres. for Academic Affairs	1	\$119,174	\$121,557
7	(3) Vice-Pres. for Admin & Finance	1	\$115,041	\$117,342
8	(4) Executive Assistant to the President	1	\$111,586	\$113,818
9	(5) Vice President for Development	1	\$111,586	\$113,818
10	(6) Vice-Pres. for Student Affairs	1	\$111,586	\$113,818
11	(7) Assoc Vice-Pres of Academic Affairs	1	\$103,978	\$106,058
12	(8) Dean of School	7	\$102,961	\$105,020
13	(9) Assoc Vice-Pres of Fiscal Affairs	1	\$98,229	\$100,194
14	(10) Dir. of Student Development Center	1	\$91,663	\$93,496
15	(11) Registrar	1	\$90,331	\$92,138
16	(12) Dir of Physical Plant/Plant Engineer	1	\$89,771	\$91,566
17	(13) Dir. of Cont. Ed. & Comm. Serv.	1	\$89,771	\$91,566
18	(14) General Counsel	1	\$85,904	\$87,622
19	(15) Associate Vice-President	1	\$84,065	\$85,746
20	(16) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$78,489	\$80,059
21	(17) Dir. of Computer Services	1	\$77,556	\$79,107
22	(18) Director of Virtual Learning Center	1	\$77,556	\$79,107
23	(19) Controller	1	\$75,815	\$77,331
24	(20) Director of Admissions	1	\$74,727	\$76,222
25	(21) Director of International Programs	1	\$74,727	\$76,222
26	(22) Director of Public Affairs	1	\$74,727	\$76,222
27	(23) Director of Student Aid	1	\$74,727	\$76,222
28	(24) Dir. of Alumni Svcs & Annual Giving	1	\$74,727	\$76,222
29	(25) Director of Media Services	1	\$73,897	\$75,375
30	(26) Business Manager	1	\$73,723	\$75,197
31	(27) Director of Enrollment Management	1	\$71,610	\$73,042
32	(28) Dean of Students	1	\$70,969	\$72,388
33	(29) Director of Budget	1	\$70,315	\$71,721
34	(30) Coord. Affirm. Action/Disability Svc	1	\$68,907	\$70,285
35	(31) Director of Administrative Services	1	\$68,836	\$70,213
36	(32) Endowment Financial Analyst	1	\$68,069	\$69,430

1	(33)	Assoc. Dean of Employmt & Career Svc	1	\$67,139	\$68,482
2	(34)	Associate Dean of Students	4	\$67,139	\$68,482
3	(35)	Associate Registrar	1	\$67,139	\$68,482
4	(36)	Dir. of Pub. & Creative Svcs.	1	\$66,962	\$68,301
5	(37)	Dir. of Corp and Foundation Giving	1	\$64,464	\$65,753
6	(38)	Dir. of Donor Relations & Development	1	\$64,404	\$65,692
7	(39)	Asst Dir of Computer Services	1	\$63,193	\$64,457
8	(40)	Dir. of Recruitment & Orientation	1	\$63,193	\$64,457
9	(41)	Student Development Specialist	4	\$63,114	\$64,376
10	(42)	Special Projects Coordinator	3	\$62,836	\$64,093
11	(43)	Coordinator of Grants Management	1	\$62,587	\$63,839
12	(44)	Director of Academic Services	1	\$62,543	\$63,794
13	(45)	Assistant Dean of Students	1	\$61,333	\$62,560
14	(46)	Major Gift Development Officer	4	\$60,800	\$62,016
15	(47)	Dir. of Learning Resource Center	1	\$59,739	\$60,934
16	(48)	Institutional Assistant	4	\$53,270	\$54,335
17	(49)	Academic Advisor	4	\$45,694	\$46,608
18	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>				
19	<u>CLASSIFIED POSITIONS</u>				
20	(50)	Asst Dir of Comp Svcs III - Inst	1		GRADE 25
21	(51)	Asst Dir of Comp Svcs II - Inst	1		GRADE 24
22	(52)	Systems Analyst III - Inst	1		GRADE 24
23	(53)	Assistant Controller	1		GRADE 23
24	(54)	Database Coordinator II - Inst	1		GRADE 23
25	(55)	DP Operations Supv III - Inst	1		GRADE 22
26	(56)	Systems Analyst II - Inst	2		GRADE 22
27	(57)	Career Plan & Plac Coordinator	1		GRADE 22
28	(58)	Accounting Supervisor II	1		GRADE 21
29	(59)	ATU Asst Dir of Physical Plt	1		GRADE 21
30	(60)	ATU Grants Manager	1		GRADE 21
31	(61)	ATU Financial Analyst	1		GRADE 21
32	(62)	Data Base Coordinator I-Inst	1		GRADE 21
33	(63)	Development Specialist	1		GRADE 21
34	(64)	Assistant Dir of Financial Aid	1		GRADE 20
35	(65)	Accounting Supervisor I	1		GRADE 20
36	(66)	Computer Suppt. Spec II -Inst	2		GRADE 20

1	(67)	Counselor II	5	GRADE 20
2	(68)	Institution Personnel Analyst	1	GRADE 20
3	(69)	DP Network Manager I - Inst	1	GRADE 20
4	(70)	HE Public Safety Supervisor	1	GRADE 20
5	(71)	Management Project Analyst II	3	GRADE 20
6	(72)	Program Coordinator	3	GRADE 20
7	(73)	ATU Payroll Services Manager	1	GRADE 20
8	(74)	Systems Programmer I - Inst	1	GRADE 20
9	(75)	Applications Programmer II - Inst	2	GRADE 19
10	(76)	ATU Dir Grounds Maintenance	1	GRADE 19
11	(77)	ATU Director of Housekeeping	1	GRADE 19
12	(78)	Budget Specialist	1	GRADE 19
13	(79)	Student Accounts Officer-ATU	1	GRADE 19
14	(80)	Coordinator of Information Scvs.	1	GRADE 19
15	(81)	Buyer	1	GRADE 19
16	(82)	Skilled Trades Foreman	2	GRADE 19
17	(83)	Accountant	7	GRADE 18
18	(84)	Assistant Registrar	1	GRADE 18
19	(85)	ATU Coliseum Manager	1	GRADE 18
20	(86)	Computer Suppt. Spec I -Inst	2	GRADE 18
21	(87)	DP Network Technician I-Inst	1	GRADE 18
22	(88)	Financial Aid Officer II	5	GRADE 18
23	(89)	HE Public Safety Officer II	7	GRADE 18
24	(90)	Personnel Assistant II - Inst	1	GRADE 18
25	(91)	Public & Student Recruit Spec II	3	GRADE 18
26	(92)	Administrative Assistant II	8	GRADE 17
27	(93)	Farm Foreman - Inst	1	GRADE 17
28	(94)	Landscape Supervisor II	1	GRADE 17
29	(95)	Library Supervisor I	1	GRADE 17
30	(96)	Museum Exhibits Specialist	2	GRADE 17
31	(97)	Skilled Trades Worker	16	GRADE 17
32	(98)	Telecommunications Coordinator	1	GRADE 17
33	(99)	TV Engineer	1	GRADE 17
34	(100)	Admissions Analyst Supervisor	1	GRADE 16
35	(101)	Computer Technician II - Inst	2	GRADE 16
36	(102)	Coordinator of Housekeeping	1	GRADE 16

1	(103)	Food Production Supervisor	2	GRADE 16
2	(104)	HE Public Safety Officer I	2	GRADE 16
3	(105)	Public & Student Recruit Spec I	1	GRADE 16
4	(106)	Accounting Technician II	9	GRADE 15
5	(107)	Administrative Assistant I	3	GRADE 15
6	(108)	Equipment Mechanic	1	GRADE 15
7	(109)	Farm Maintenance Mechanic	1	GRADE 15
8	(110)	Special Events Supervisor	7	GRADE 15
9	(111)	Administrative Secretary	6	GRADE 14
10	(112)	Library Academic Technician III	4	GRADE 14
11	(113)	Head Cashier	1	GRADE 13
12	(114)	Laboratory Technician II	3	GRADE 13
13	(115)	Secretary II	12	GRADE 13
14	(116)	Accounting Technician I	4	GRADE 12
15	(117)	Cashier II	1	GRADE 12
16	(118)	Document Examiner II	2	GRADE 12
17	(119)	Library Academic Technician II	3	GRADE 12
18	(120)	Registrar's Assistant	6	GRADE 12
19	(121)	Apprentice Tradesman	4	GRADE 11
20	(122)	Custodial Services Shift Supv.	2	GRADE 11
21	(123)	Heavy Equipment Operator	1	GRADE 11
22	(124)	Secretary I	42	GRADE 11
23	(125)	Special Events Worker	1	GRADE 11
24	(126)	Equipment Operator	1	GRADE 08
25	(127)	Maintenance Worker II	3	GRADE 05
26	(128)	Custodial Worker II	15	GRADE 04
27	(129)	Maintenance Worker I	2	GRADE 04
28	(130)	Custodial Worker I	21	GRADE 03
29	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
30	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
31	(131)	Dir of Mining, Energy & Natural Res	1	\$99,132 \$101,115
32	(132)	Department Chairperson	23	\$94,802 \$96,698
33	(133)	Research Scientist	2	\$82,921 \$84,579
34	(134)	Director of Library	1	\$80,367 \$81,974
35	(135)	Librarian	1	\$78,489 \$80,059
36	(136)	Dir. of Math and Science Institute	1	\$68,121 \$69,483

1	(137)	Associate Librarian	2	\$65,168	\$66,471
2	(138)	Dir. of ATU Museum of Pre-History	1	\$65,168	\$66,471
3	(139)	Assistant Librarian	3	\$57,274	\$58,419
4	(140)	Research Assistants	5	\$44,125	\$45,008
5		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
6		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
7	(141)	Faculty	210		
8		Professor		\$88,618	\$90,390
9		Assoc. Professor		\$78,301	\$79,867
10		Asst. Professor		\$72,115	\$73,557
11		Instructor		\$59,739	\$60,934
12	(142)	Part-Time Faculty	150	\$23,732	\$24,207
13	(143)	Graduate Assistant	65	\$15,922	\$16,240
14		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>			
15		<u>NON-CLASSIFIED POSITIONS</u>			
16	(144)	Athletic Director	1	\$94,632	\$96,525
17	(145)	Head Coach	8	\$86,463	\$88,192
18	(146)	Asst. Athletic Director	1	\$72,374	\$73,821
19	(147)	Asst. Coach	10	\$67,968	\$69,327
20	(148)	Bookstore Manager	1	\$62,098	\$63,340
21		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>			
22		<u>CLASSIFIED POSITIONS</u>			
23	(149)	ATU Director of Housing	1		GRADE 21
24	(150)	Accounting Supervisor II	1		GRADE 21
25	(151)	Student Health Services Nurse II	1		GRADE 20
26	(152)	Special Events Manager	1		GRADE 19
27	(153)	Skilled Trades Supervisor	1		GRADE 18
28	(154)	Skilled Trades Worker	1		GRADE 17
29	(155)	Resident Program Coordinator	2		GRADE 16
30	(156)	Accounting Technician II	1		GRADE 15
31	(157)	Campus Postmaster	1		GRADE 15
32	(158)	Central Supply Supervisor	1		GRADE 15
33	(159)	Bookstore Office Manager	1		GRADE 14
34	(160)	Head Cashier	1		GRADE 13
35	(161)	Cashier II	1		GRADE 12
36	(162)	Apprentice Tradesman	1		GRADE 11

1	(163)	Secretary I	1		GRADE 11
2	(164)	Shipping and Receiving Clerk	1		GRADE 11
3	(165)	Stadium Maintenance Supervisor	1		GRADE 10
4	(166)	Custodial Worker II	1		GRADE 04
5	(167)	Custodial Worker I	9		GRADE 03
6		<u>ARKANSAS VALLEY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE</u>			
7		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
8		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
9	(168)	Chancellor AVTI	1	\$123,222	\$125,686
10	(169)	Chief Academic Officer	1	\$98,901	\$100,879
11	(170)	Chief Fiscal Officer	1	\$92,744	\$94,599
12	(171)	Chief Student Life Officer	1	\$92,744	\$94,599
13	(172)	Director of Financial Aid	1	\$70,315	\$71,721
14	(173)	Associate Registrar	1	\$67,086	\$68,428
15	(174)	Director of Admin. Support Services	1	\$48,233	\$49,198
16		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
17		<u>CLASSIFIED POSITIONS</u>			
18	(175)	Coord of Information Services	1		GRADE 19
19	(176)	Plant Maintenance Supervisor	1		GRADE 18
20	(177)	Assistant Registrar	1		GRADE 18
21	(178)	Administrative Assistant II	2		GRADE 17
22	(179)	Accounting Technician II	1		GRADE 15
23	(180)	Administrative Secretary	1		GRADE 14
24	(181)	Computer Technician I-Inst	1		GRADE 14
25	(182)	Personnel Assistant I-Inst	1		GRADE 14
26	(183)	Secretary II	4		GRADE 13
27	(184)	Secretary I	2		GRADE 11
28	(185)	Bldg/Equip Maint. Repairman II	4		GRADE 08
29		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
30		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
31	(186)	Librarian	1	\$78,580	\$80,152
32	(187)	Teaching Assistant	3	\$44,692	\$45,586
33		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
34		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
35	(188)	Workforce Ed Faculty	26	\$58,121	\$59,283
36	(189)	Workforce Ed Part-Time Faculty	<u>8</u>	\$20,103	\$20,505

1 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 918

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3 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the
 4 Arkansas Tech University for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum
 5 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 6 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: four hundred sixty
 7 (460) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 8 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 9 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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11 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 12 to the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable from the Arkansas Tech
 13 University Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas
 14 Tech University for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

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16 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
17 NO.	2007-2008	2008-2009
18 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 24,489,354	\$ 24,801,028
19 (02) EXTRA HELP	1,091,515	1,091,515
20 (03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	3,750,307	3,836,591
21 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
22 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,046,675	2,046,675
23 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	29,625	29,625
24 (C) PROF. FEES	0	0
25 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
26 (E) DATA PROC.	0	0
27 (05) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	<u>348,881</u>	<u>348,881</u>
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 31,756,357</u>	<u>\$ 32,154,315</u>

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30 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to
 31 the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable from cash funds as defined by
 32 Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Arkansas Tech University, for personal services
 33 and operating expenses of the Arkansas Tech University for the biennial
 34 period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

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36 ITEM FISCAL YEARS

1	NO.	2007-2008	2008-2009
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 13,974,000	\$ 14,253,480
3	(02) EXTRA HELP	1,170,086	1,170,086
4	(03) OVERTIME	89,775	89,775
5	(04) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	6,321,416	6,447,845
6	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	16,620,349	16,620,349
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	627,500	627,500
9	(C) PROF. FEES	644,000	644,000
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	6,625,000	6,625,000
11	(E) DATA PROC.	170,000	170,000
12	(06) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	25,000	25,000
13	(07) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	26,000,000	26,000,000
14	(08) DEBT SERVICE	2,223,563	2,223,563
15	(09) FUND TRANS/REFUND/ INVESTMENTS	11,150,000	11,150,000
16	(10) CONTINGENCY	<u>16,700,000</u>	<u>16,700,000</u>
17	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 102,340,689</u>	<u>\$ 102,746,598</u>

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19 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOOD
 21 SERVICE. If Arkansas Tech University cancels the current contract for food
 22 service and chooses to operate the food service with University employees,
 23 the President, upon authorization of the Board of Trustees, is allowed to
 24 utilize the contingent positions contained in Section 1 of this Act, provided
 25 he or she has obtained approval from the Department of Higher Education and
 26 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, who has sought prior review by the
 27 Arkansas Legislative Council.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~
 29 2007 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

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31 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL
 33 ALLOWANCES. The Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University may make
 34 special allowances available to any coach who coaches more than one sport in
 35 an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per year for any one coach during each year
 36 of the ~~2005-2007~~ 2007-2009 biennium. Further, if the special allowance funds

1 authorized herein are utilized, Arkansas Tech University shall report
 2 annually to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee the exact disposition of
 3 those special allowance funds. The provisions of this section shall be in
 4 effect from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

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 6 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
 8 TECH INSTITUTE. The Arkansas Tech Institute (ATI) shall be administered
 9 under the direction of Arkansas Tech University. Utilizing a
 10 multidisciplinary collaboration of professionals, ATI shall explore, develop,
 11 implement, and evaluate new and better ways to integrate the teaching, study
 12 and performance of business, engineering, and computer sciences for academic,
 13 economic, and economic development purposes in Arkansas. ATI priorities
 14 shall include, but are not limited to, economic development, technology
 15 development, and “cyber-park” development. Arkansas Tech University shall
 16 make annual reports to the Arkansas Legislative Council on all matters of
 17 funding, existing programs, and services offered through ATI. The provisions
 18 of this section shall be in effect from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007 through June 30,
 19 ~~2007~~ 2009.

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 21 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
 23 BALANCES. The Board of Trustees in its official governing capacity charged
 24 with the management or control of the institution of higher learning and the
 25 President or Chancellor as the Chief Executive shall certify to the Chief
 26 Fiscal Officer of the State and the Legislative Council that as of December
 27 31 of each year that sufficient appropriations and funds are available, or
 28 will become available, to meet all current and anticipated obligations during
 29 the fiscal year for the payment of the obligations when they become due.
 30 This certification, signed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the
 31 President or Chancellor will be forwarded by February 28 of each year or upon
 32 release of the previous year’s audit by Legislative Audit to the Chief Fiscal
 33 Officer of the State and the Legislative Council accompanied by the Board
 34 approved published annual financial statement for the preceding fiscal year.
 35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~
 36 2007 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

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

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

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