

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.

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

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 138

4  
5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
6  
7

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL  
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS  
11 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE  
12 RESEARCH, AND THE INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE  
13 ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD  
14 ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
15

## Subtitle

16  
17  
18 AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE  
19 RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2007-2009  
21 BIENNIUM.  
22  
23

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
25

26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for  
27 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2007-  
28 2009 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees, the grades  
29 to be assigned to the respective positions, and the maximum annual salaries  
30 for each such position. The maximum annual salary for the position assigned  
31 to grades shall be determined in accordance with, but shall not exceed the  
32 maximum annual amount for the grade assigned herein, as established in  
33 Arkansas Code 21-5-209. Except for the purpose of determining the maximum  
34 annual salary rate, which is to be applicable to each of the positions to  
35 which a salary grade is assigned hereinafter, in accordance with the  
36 provisions of Arkansas Code 21-5-209, all positions set forth herein shall be



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

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual	
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate	
			Employees	Fiscal Years	
				2007-2008	
				2008-2009	
9	(1) 9147	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	\$135,576	\$138,287
10	(2) 9148	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	3	\$130,954	\$133,573
11	(3) 9337	ADMIN, LEGIS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1	\$106,009	\$108,129
12	(4) 9187	ADMIN LEGIS COMMITTEE STAFF	1	\$106,009	\$108,129
13	(5) 9153	ADMIN., STATUTORY AND REGULATORY RE	1	\$106,009	\$108,129
14	(6) 9152	ADMIN., PERSONNEL REVIEW	1	\$106,009	\$108,129
15	(7) 9151	ADMIN., RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYSI	1	\$106,009	\$108,129
16	(8) 9150	ADMIN., LEGAL RESEARCH AND DRAFTING	1	\$106,009	\$108,129
17	(9) 9149	ADMIN., BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW	1	\$106,009	\$108,129
18	(10) 9826	CODE REVISOR	1	\$91,094	\$92,916
19	(11) 9422	CHIEF COUNSEL	1	\$90,209	\$92,013
20	(12) 9267	APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT MGR.	1	\$90,209	\$92,013
21	(13) 9158	NETWORK PLANNING COORDINATOR	1	\$90,209	\$92,013
22	(14) 9334	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY III	4	GRADE	26
23	(15) 9477	SENIOR RESEARCH SPECIALIST	3	GRADE	26
24	(16) 9338	LEGISLATIVE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE	25
25	(17) 9159	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	16	GRADE	25
26	(18) 9828	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	3	GRADE	25
27	(19) 9829	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY I	1	GRADE	24
28	(20) 9157	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	8	GRADE	24
29	(21) 9336	SENIOR PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE	24
30	(22) 9170	BUREAU FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE	22
31	(23) 9162	SPECIAL PROJECTS ANALYST	1	GRADE	22
32	(24) 9163	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	22
33	(25) 9164	DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE	22
34	(26) 9165	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	22	GRADE	22
35	(27) 9166	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	5	GRADE	22
36	(28) 9168	ASSISTANT TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	3	GRADE	21

1	(29)	9830	SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR	1	GRADE 21
2	(30)	9340	PROOFING SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 21
3	(31)	9827	LEGAL EDITOR	2	GRADE 20
4	(32)	9167	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT	7	GRADE 20
5	(33)	9173	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 20
6	(34)	9339	BUREAU ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE 20
7	(35)	9171	REFERENCE ANALYST	1	GRADE 18
8	(36)	9172	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	12	GRADE 18
9	(37)	9176	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY	11	GRADE 18
10	(38)	9174	LEGIS MICRO/ PHOTO SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 17
11	(39)	9478	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 17
12	(40)	9177	COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM MGR	1	GRADE 14
13			**SENIOR CAREER SERVICE POSITIONS**		
14	(41)	9335	SR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST-SR CAREER SE	1	GRADE 26
15			*****CONTIGENCY POSITIONS*****		
16	(42)	9189	NETWORK CONTROL TECHNICIAN CONTINGE	1	GRADE 22
17	(43)	9190	APPLICATIONS/TEXT PROGRAMMER CONTIN	<u>2</u>	GRADE 22
18			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	132	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to 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, 2009, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>

1	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 8,819,504	\$ 8,978,148
2	(02)	EXTRA HELP	80,000	80,000
3	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,335,495	2,369,378
4	(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
5	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	1,160,784	773,115
6	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	198,190	198,190
7	(C)	PROF. FEES	429,495	429,495
8	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	400,000	400,000
9	(E)	DATA PROC.	262,012	262,012
10	(05)	CONTINGENCY	1,563,480	1,563,480
11	(06)	COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>105,063</u>	<u>105,063</u>
12		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 15,354,023</u>	<u>\$ 15,158,881</u>

13  
 14 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is  
 15 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
 16 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 17 Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General  
 18 Assembly for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

19				
20	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
21	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
22	(01)	INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u>\$ 271,060</u>	<u>\$ 271,060</u>

23  
 24 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby  
 25 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
 26 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 27 Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas  
 28 General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee  
 29 related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General  
 30 Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as  
 31 approved by the appropriate committee for the biennial period ending June 30,  
 32 2009, the following:

33				
34	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
35	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
36	(01)	PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR		

1	MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL		
2	ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$ 1,419,199	\$ 1,419,199
3	(02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM		
4	COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE STAFF		
5	WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE APPROPRIATE		
6	COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>	<u>277,197</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,696,396</u>	<u>\$ 1,696,396</u>

8

9 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated,  
 10 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing  
 11 Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying  
 12 expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending meetings of  
 13 the Energy Council and for other associated expenses for the biennial period  
 14 ending June 30, 2009, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
18	(01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS		
19	AND OTHER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 65,806</u>	<u>\$ 65,806</u>

20

21 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
 23 PROVISION. Any unexpended balance of any appropriation provided in this Act  
 24 which remains at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2006~~ 2008, upon  
 25 review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall  
 26 be transferred forward and made available for the same purpose for the fiscal  
 27 year ending June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009. In the event that unforeseen circumstances  
 28 arise during the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2006~~ 2008 such that any  
 29 appropriations made available for that year are insufficient, the Director of  
 30 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, upon review by  
 31 the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall certify the  
 32 amount thereof to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, who upon receipt of  
 33 the certification, shall transfer the amount so certified from the  
 34 appropriation authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009 to the  
 35 appropriate appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2006~~ 2008.  
 36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007

1 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

2  
 3 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
 5 PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research,  
 6 upon review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget  
 7 Committee, is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
 8 State to transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and  
 9 also between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as  
 10 determined necessary in either fiscal year of the ~~2005-07~~ 2007-09 biennium.  
 11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007  
 12 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

13  
 14 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 16 CONTINGENCY POSITIONS - RESTRICTIONS. The positions authorized as  
 17 Contingency in this Act shall be filled only in the event that programs are  
 18 required to be implemented that were not contemplated at the time of the  
 19 submission by the Bureau of Legislative Research of its ~~2005-07~~ 2007-09  
 20 biennial budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council.  
 21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007  
 22 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

23  
 24 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SENIOR  
 26 CAREER SERVICE POSITIONS. The positions authorized in this Act as "Senior  
 27 Career Service Positions" shall be utilized only for those incumbents ~~on June~~  
 28 ~~30, 1997~~ who would otherwise be unable to obtain the pay increases approved  
 29 by the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research due to the exceptional  
 30 tenure and circumstances of the incumbents. In the event that the employee  
 31 being paid from a "Senior Career Service Position" is no longer employed by  
 32 the Bureau of Legislative Research, the position shall remain vacant. As  
 33 long as any "Senior Career Service Position" is filled, a position with the  
 34 same title authorized as a regular employee in Section 1 shall not be filled.

35  
 36 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST OF  
2 LIVING INCREASES. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned  
3 to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living  
4 increases on July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007 and July 1, ~~2006~~ 2008 in an amount equal to  
5 that granted to all other state agency, board, commission or institution of  
6 higher education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in  
7 annual salary rates for Bureau employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay  
8 adjustments or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made  
9 at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau.

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

12  
13 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
15 DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the  
16 Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds  
17 appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses. The  
18 Director shall appoint a designee who shall serve as the disbursing officer  
19 in his/her absence. In the event there is no Director, the Co-Chairs of the  
20 Arkansas Legislative Council can appoint a disbursing officer. and all All  
21 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, ~~2005~~ 2007  
25 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

26  
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.

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

36

1 SECTION 14. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
2 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
3 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
4 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
5 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
6 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
7 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
8 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
9 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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

31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36