

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 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 203

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 ARKANSAS  
11 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE  
12 RESEARCH, AND THE INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE  
13 ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
14 ENDING JUNE 30, 2010; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE  
19 RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL  
21 YEAR.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for  
27 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2009-  
28 2010 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees, the  
29 grades to be assigned to the respective positions, and the maximum annual  
30 salaries for each such position. The maximum annual salary for the position  
31 assigned to grades shall be determined in accordance with, but shall not  
32 exceed the maximum annual amount for the grade assigned herein, as  
33 established in Arkansas Code 21-5-209. Except for the purpose of determining  
34 the maximum annual salary rate, which is to be applicable to each of the  
35 positions to which a salary grade is assigned hereinafter, in accordance with  
36 the provisions of Arkansas Code 21-5-209, all positions set forth herein



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

5					6	Maximum Annual
7					Maximum	Salary Rate
8	Item	Class			No. of	Fiscal Year
9	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2009-2010	
10	(1)	Q030U	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	\$145,202	
11	(2)	Q029U	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	3	\$140,252	
12	(3)	Q007N	BLR CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE N912	
13	(4)	Q014N	BLR ADMINISTRATOR	7	GRADE N910	
14	(5)	Q022N	APPLICATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE N907	
15	(6)	Q023N	NETWORK MANAGER	1	GRADE N907	
16	(7)	Q004C	DATABASE MANAGER	1	GRADE C130	
17	(8)	Q007C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	18	GRADE C129	
18	(9)	Q006C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	8	GRADE C129	
19	(10)	Q026C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127	
20	(11)	Q023C	DATABASE PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127	
21	(12)	Q025C	NETWORK SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C127	
22	(13)	Q027C	NETWORK/WEB PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127	
23	(14)	Q024C	PC SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE C127	
24	(15)	Q032C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	8	GRADE C126	
25	(16)	Q046C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	3	GRADE C124	
26	(17)	Q055C	BUREAU FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE C123	
27	(18)	Q067C	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C122	
28	(19)	Q066C	DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C122	
29	(20)	Q062C	LEGAL EDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122	
30	(21)	Q064C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	17	GRADE C122	
31	(22)	Q065C	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122	
32	(23)	Q063C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE C122	
33	(24)	Q061C	SENIOR ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	1	GRADE C122	
34	(25)	Q073C	LEGAL EDITOR II	3	GRADE C121	
35	(26)	Q077C	ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	2	GRADE C120	
36	(27)	Q076C	BUREAU ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE C120	

1	(28)	Q075C	DESKTOP APPLICATIONS SUPPORT	2	GRADE C120
2	(29)	Q079C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE C120
3	(30)	Q078C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C120
4	(31)	Q097C	LEGAL EDITOR	1	GRADE C118
5	(32)	Q110C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST II	7	GRADE C117
6	(33)	Q118C	REFERENCE ANALYST	1	GRADE C116
7	(34)	Q126C	DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH II	1	GRADE C114
8	(35)	Q127C	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C114
9	(36)	Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST	21	GRADE C114
10	(37)	Q130C	DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH	1	GRADE C112
11	(38)	Q131C	BLR SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C110
12			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	132	

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14 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the  
 15 Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2009-2010  
 16 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary  
 17 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated  
 18 herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or part-time employees,  
 19 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform  
 20 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the  
 21 appropriate classification.

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23 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
 24 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable  
 25 from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating  
 26 expenses of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Legislative Council  
 27 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 9,184,645
32	(02) EXTRA HELP	80,000
33	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,479,854
34	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	967,874
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002

1	(C) PROF. FEES	602,689
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	262,012
4	(05) CONTINGENCY	1,563,480
5	(06) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 15,963,619</u>

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 8 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is  
 9 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
 10 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 11 Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General  
 12 Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
16	(01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u>\$ 271,060</u>

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 18 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby  
 19 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
 20 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 21 Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas  
 22 General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee  
 23 related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General  
 24 Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as  
 25 approved by the appropriate committee for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 26 2010, the following:

28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
30	(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR	
31	MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
32	AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$ 1,419,199
33	(02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM	
34	COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE STAFF	
35	WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE APPROPRIATE	
36	COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$ 1,696,396

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3 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated,  
 4 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing  
 5 Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying  
 6 expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending meetings of  
 7 the Energy Council and for other associated expenses for the fiscal year  
 8 ending June 30, 2010, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
12 (01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND	
13 OTHER EXPENSES	\$ <u>65,806</u>

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15 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
 17 PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research  
 18 is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to  
 19 transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and also  
 20 between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined  
 21 necessary ~~in either fiscal year of the 2007-09~~ 2009-11 biennium.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
 23 ~~2007~~ 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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25 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST OF  
 27 LIVING INCREASES. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned  
 28 to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living  
 29 increases on July 1, ~~2007 and July 1, 2008~~ in an amount equal to that granted  
 30 to all other state agency, board, commission or institution of higher  
 31 education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual  
 32 salary rates for Bureau employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay  
 33 adjustments or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made  
 34 at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau. Salary payments shall not  
 35 be restricted to maximum amounts authorized by law, if the salary adjustments  
 36 exceed the maximum line item amount authorized by law for a position, the

1 amount shall be paid to the employee as a lump-sum payment.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
3 ~~2007~~ 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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5 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
7 DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the  
8 Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds  
9 appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses. The  
10 Director shall appoint a designee who shall serve as the disbursing officer  
11 in his/her absence. In the event there is no Director, the Co-Chairs of the  
12 Arkansas Legislative Council can appoint a disbursing officer. All  
13 expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in  
14 accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in  
15 accordance with appropriate law.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
17 ~~2007~~ 2009 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2010.

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19 SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
20 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
21 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
22 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
25 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
26 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
27 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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SECTION 12. 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 one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 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, 2009 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, 2009.

*/s/ Joint Budget Committee*