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A Bill

SENATE BILL 72

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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, 2011; 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 2010-2011 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 2010-
28 2011 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.

				Maximum	Maximum Annual
				No. of	Salary Rate
	Item	Class			Fiscal Year
	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2010-2011
10	(1)	Q030U	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	\$148,541
11	(2)	Q029U	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	3	\$143,477
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 2010-2011
 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, contingency, committee rooms and construction and capital
 27 improvements of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Legislative
 28 Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 9,395,892
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	80,000
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,536,891
35	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	967,874

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002
2	(C) PROF. FEES	602,689
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	262,012
5	(05) CONTINGENCY	1,563,480
6	(06) COMMITTEE ROOMS	205,063
7	(07) CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	<u>50,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 16,281,903</u>

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10 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is

11 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative

12 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services

13 Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General

14 Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
18	(01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u>\$ 271,060</u>

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20 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby

21 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative

22 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services

23 Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas

24 General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee

25 related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General

26 Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as

27 approved by the appropriate committee for the fiscal year ending June 30,

28 2011, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
32	(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR	
33	MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
34	AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$ 1,419,199
35	(02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM	
36	COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE STAFF	

1 WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE APPROPRIATE
 2 COMMITTEE 277,197
 3 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$ 1,696,396

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 5 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated,
 6 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing
 7 Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying
 8 expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending meetings of
 9 the Energy Council and for other associated expenses for the fiscal year
 10 ending June 30, 2011, the following:

12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
14 (01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND 15 OTHER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 65,806</u>

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 17 SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of
 18 Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable from the State
 19 Central Services Fund, from the balance of the appropriation remaining on
 20 June 30, 2010 in Section 3 of Act 980 of 2009, there to be used for the same
 21 purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, in a sum not to exceed
 22\$2,000,000.

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 24 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 26 PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research
 27 is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to
 28 transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and also
 29 between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined
 30 necessary.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 32 ~~2007~~ 2010 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2011.

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 34 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST OF
 36 LIVING INCREASES. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned

1 to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living
 2 increases on July 1, in an amount equal to that granted to all other state
 3 agency, board, commission or institution of higher education employees on
 4 those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual salary rates for Bureau
 5 employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee
 6 retention or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the
 7 Director of the Bureau. Salary payments shall not be restricted to maximum
 8 amounts authorized by law, if the salary adjustments exceed the maximum line
 9 item amount authorized by law for a position, the amount shall be paid to the
 10 employee as a lump-sum payment.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 12 ~~2007~~ 2010 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2011.

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

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 26 ~~2007~~ 2010 through June 30, ~~2009~~ 2011.

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28 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
 29 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
 30 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
 31 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 32 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 33 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 34 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 35 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 36 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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SECTION 12. 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 13. 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, 2010 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 legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2010 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, 2010.