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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1094

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE BOARD OF
10 COLLECTION AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
11 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF COLLECTION
15 AGENCIES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016
16 FISCAL YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the State
23 Board of Collection Agencies for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following
24 maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2015-2016
30	(1) X001N	BD OF COLLECTION EXEC DIR	1	GRADE N902
31	(2) X130C	BD OF COLLECTION FIELD INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE C116
32	(3) C022C	BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
33	(4) C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE C112
34		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	4	

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36 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the State Board



1 of Collection Agencies for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum
 2 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 3 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary
 4 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 5 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 6 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 8 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 9 to the State Board of Collection Agencies, to be payable from cash funds as
 10 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the State Board of Collection Agencies,
 11 for personal services and operating expenses of the State Board of Collection
 12 Agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

14 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
16 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$209,541
17 (02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
18 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	67,407
19 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	91,700
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,500
22 (C) PROF. FEES	21,000
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0
25 (05) DHS/UAMS/ASU/UCA/SAU SYSTEM/HSU GRANT	S 1,300,000
26 (06) CLAIMS	<u>24,642</u>
27 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,723,790</u></u>

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 29 SECTION 4. EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds appropriated in
 30 this Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be expended in payment
 31 for services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first make a request in
 32 writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to provide the
 33 required legal services. The Attorney General's Office shall provide the
 34 requested legal services, or, if the Attorney General's Office shall
 35 determine that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the
 36 requested legal services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the

1 agency and may authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend
2 monies appropriated for Maintenance and General Operations therefor, if:

3 (1) The Attorney General determines, and certifies in writing, that
4 such agency needs the advice or assistance of legal counsel, and

5 (2) The Attorney General consents in writing to the employment of the
6 legal counsel to be retained by the agency.

7 Such certification shall be required with respect to each instance of
8 the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required annually with
9 respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy of such
10 certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency, and
11 shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes.
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13 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
14 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
15 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
16 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
17 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
18 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
19 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
20 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
21 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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23 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
24 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
25 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
26 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
27 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
28 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
29 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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32 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
33 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
34 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

1 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
2 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
3 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
4 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
5 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
6 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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