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SENATE BILL 149

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 DEPARTMENT OF
10 VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
11 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
15 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2017-2018
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
23 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2017-2018 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 2017-2018
30	(1) U008U	ADVA DIRECTOR	1	\$100,598
31	(2) G039N	ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N905
32	(3) N197N	NURSING HOME DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N904
33	(4) A012N	ADVA CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE N903
34	(5) L026N	STATE VETERANS HOME ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE N903
35	(6) D020C	INST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COORD	1	GRADE C125
36	(7) L009C	NURSE MANAGER	2	GRADE C125



1	(8)	G254C	ADVA DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE C124
2	(9)	A031C	ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	GRADE C124
3	(10)	L019C	REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C123
4	(11)	S003C	FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE C122
5	(12)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122
6	(13)	A050C	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
7	(14)	M009C	LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	2	GRADE C121
8	(15)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
9	(16)	L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	16	GRADE C121
10	(17)	P013C	PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
11	(18)	G252C	VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE C120
12	(19)	G159C	DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE C119
13	(20)	X062C	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
14	(21)	R024C	ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C118
15	(22)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
16	(23)	G253C	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER	12	GRADE C118
17	(24)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE C117
18	(25)	S017C	MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C117
19	(26)	E040C	STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C117
20	(27)	G237C	VETERANS CEMETERY MANAGER	2	GRADE C117
21	(28)	V014C	BUYER	1	GRADE C116
22	(29)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
23	(30)	D079C	COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C115
24	(31)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C115
25	(32)	R032C	HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REP	2	GRADE C115
26	(33)	S033C	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C115
27	(34)	C028C	MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C115
28	(35)	S044C	FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C114
29	(36)	M065C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C114
30	(37)	V018C	WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE C114
31	(38)	L069C	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	34	GRADE C113
32	(39)	S046C	MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE C113
33	(40)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE C112
34	(41)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C112
35	(42)	M077C	COORDINATOR OF HOUSEKEEPING	1	GRADE C111
36	(43)	S056C	FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C111

1	(44)	M076C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	2	GRADE C111
2	(45)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	GRADE C109
3	(46)	L082C	CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	156	GRADE C109
4	(47)	S060C	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	4	GRADE C109
5	(48)	M082C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	1	GRADE C109
6	(49)	V027C	INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C108
7	(50)	S085C	FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	<u>8</u>	GRADE C104
8			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	290	

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10 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby

11 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the

12 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating

13 expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations for the

14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,203,467
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	403,169
20	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	127,200
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,367
23	(C) PROF. FEES	0
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25	(E) DATA PROC.	0
26	(04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE	
27	OFFICES	<u>283,500</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,024,703</u></u>

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30 SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby authorized,

31 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the 2017-2018

32 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary

33 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated

34 herein for such purposes: fifteen (15) temporary or part-time employees,

35 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform

36 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the

1 appropriate classification.

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3 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby
 4 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
 5 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 6 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 7 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the fiscal year ending
 8 June 30, 2018, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,768,715
13 (02) EXTRA HELP	40,000
14 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,811,681
15 (04) OVERTIME	246,000
16 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,398,000
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,885
19 (C) PROF. FEES	341,000
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	60,000
21 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$15,716,281</u></u>

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24 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - STATE. There is
 25 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 26 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
 27 operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans'
 28 Cemeteries - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
32 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$180,837
33 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	71,308
34 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	88,950
36 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$341,095</u></u>

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6 SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is hereby
7 authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries -
8 Cash for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time
9 or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
10 appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time
11 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
12 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
13 for the appropriate classification.

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15 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is
16 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
17 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
18 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
19 the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the
20 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$143,792
25	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	71,272
26	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	135,000
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
29	(C) PROF. FEES	0
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$355,064</u></u>

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34 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM. There is
35 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
36 from the Military Funeral Honors Fund, for operating expenses of the

1 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Military Funeral Honors Program for the
2 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
6 (01) MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS EXPENSES	<u>\$75,000</u>

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8 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME TREASURY - CASH. There is
9 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
10 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
11 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of
12 Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home Treasury - Cash for the fiscal year ending
13 June 30, 2018, the following:

15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
17 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$46,280
19 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
20 (C) PROF. FEES	0
21 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$46,280</u>

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25 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. USE OF
27 ADVA CONTINGENCY POSITION POOL AND CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION. In the event
28 additional appropriation becomes necessary that is not authorized or
29 contemplated in State Operations, Veterans' Homes and Veterans' Cemeteries
30 appropriations of this Act and growth in the State Veterans' Home at
31 Fayetteville's resident census and/or growth in the number of interments at
32 the State Veterans' Cemetery at North Little Rock makes it necessary for the
33 Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs to request additional positions,
34 regular salaries and personal services matching appropriation in order to
35 carry out the objectives of the Agency, the ADVA Contingency Position Pool
36 and Contingency Appropriation authorized herein may be used for regular

1 salaries and personal services matching line items.
 2 The Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs Contingency Appropriation
 3 authorized herein shall be funded primarily with cash funds of the State
 4 Veterans' Home at Fayetteville and of the State Veterans' Cemetery at North
 5 Little Rock. Each entity's cash funds shall be utilized in support of its own
 6 business operations and shall not be co-mingled. In addition, general
 7 revenue funding in support of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool shall be
 8 limited to \$250,000 per year.
 9 Use of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool and Contingency Appropriation
 10 authorized in this Act shall be conditioned upon approval by the Chief Fiscal
 11 Officer of the State and upon certification by the Director of the Arkansas
 12 Department of Veterans' Affairs that funds are available to support the
 13 contingency positions requested and upon prior review by the Arkansas
 14 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

15 The General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas State Veterans'
 16 Home at Fayetteville and the Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery at North
 17 Little Rock may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to
 18 the Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs under this Section.

		MAXIMUM ANNUAL		
		MAXIMUM	SALARY RATE	
ITEM	CLASS	NO. OF	FISCAL YEAR	
<u>NO.</u>	<u>CODE TITLE</u>	<u>EMPLOYEES</u>	2016-2017	<u>2017-2018</u>
23	(1) C087C ADMIN SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE C106	
24	(2) S046C MAINT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C113	
25	(3) S050C MAINT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C112	
26	(4) S056C MAINT ASSISTANT	3	GRADE C108	
27	(5) L009C NURSE MANAGER	1	GRADE C125	
28	(6) L019C REG NURSE COORD	1	GRADE C123	
29	(7) D071C COMP SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C117	
30	(8) L069C LICENSED PRACT NURSE	1	GRADE C113	
31	(9) M065C RECR ACTIVITY LEADER SVR 1	1	GRADE C114	
32	(10) L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSIST 9	9	GRADE C109	
33	(11) S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERV ASST 3	3	GRADE C109	

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
 35 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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1 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
2 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
3 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
4 the 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.

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

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20 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
21 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
22 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 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 legislative session, the delay in the
26 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm
27 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
28 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
29 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
30 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.

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