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SENATE BILL 45

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 ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE
10 COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, AND THE
11 INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
12 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE
17 RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL
19 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
26 for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the
27 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate Fiscal Year
No.	Code			2017-2018
33	(1)	Q030U	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1 \$161,178
34	(2)	Q029U	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	4 \$155,683
35	(3)	Q014N	BLR ADMINISTRATOR	9 GRADE N910
36	(4)	Q061N	BLR COUNSEL	1 GRADE N908



1	(5)	Q063N	LEGIS ADMIN SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE N908
2	(6)	Q068N	LEGAL EDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE N906
3	(7)	Q069N	PC SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE N906
4	(8)	P075C	SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR II	2	GRADE C130
5	(9)	Q006C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	32	GRADE C130
6	(10)	Q221C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	16	GRADE C130
7	(11)	D116C	SR APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER II	6	GRADE C130
8	(12)	D117C	SR NETWORK SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE C130
9	(13)	Q223C	SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR	1	GRADE C128
10	(14)	Q032C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE C128
11	(15)	Q220C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	1	GRADE C128
12	(16)	Q007C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE C126
13	(17)	D118C	SR PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE C126
14	(18)	Q073C	LEGAL EDITOR II	1	GRADE C124
15	(19)	Q064C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	1	GRADE C124
16	(20)	Q046C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	1	GRADE C124
17	(21)	Q067C	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C122
18	(22)	Q232C	BLR PROG DEVELOP&COMPLIANCE ANALYST	1	GRADE C122
19	(23)	Q222C	LEGAL EDITOR I	1	GRADE C122
20	(24)	Q079C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE C122
21	(25)	Q233C	SENIOR ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	1	GRADE C122
22	(26)	Q077C	ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	3	GRADE C120
23	(27)	Q197C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVS ANALYST II	2	GRADE C120
24	(28)	Q224C	ASSETS MANAGER	1	GRADE C119
25	(29)	Q065C	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C119
26	(30)	Q198C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
27	(31)	Q110C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT II	8	GRADE C117
28	(32)	Q118C	REFERENCE ANALYST	2	GRADE C116
29	(33)	Q130C	DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH	1	GRADE C114
30	(34)	Q127C	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C114
31	(35)	Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	15	GRADE C114
32	(36)	Q131C	BLR SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C110
33			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	130	

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35 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 36 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2017-

1 2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 2 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 3 herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or part-time employees,
 4 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 5 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 6 appropriate classification.

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 8 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 9 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be
 10 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services,
 11 operating expenses, contingency, committee rooms, and construction and
 12 capital improvements of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the
 13 Legislative Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:
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15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
17 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,090,629
18 (02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
19 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,860,032
20 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,133,686
22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002
23 (C) PROF. FEES	298,889
24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
25 (E) DATA PROC.	0
26 (05) CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000
27 (06) CONTINGENCY	893,480
28 (07) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
29 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$17,299,781</u></u>

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 31 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is
 32 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
 33 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
 34 Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General
 35 Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u>\$271,060</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as approved by the appropriate committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$1,419,199
(02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM COMMITTEE MEMBERS & COMMITTEE STAFF WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,696,396</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending meetings of the Energy Council and for other associated expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND OTHER EXPENSES	<u>\$65,806</u>

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SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, from the balance of the appropriation remaining on June 30, 2017 in Sections 3 and 7 of Act 79 of 2016, there to be used for the same purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

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

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

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST OF LIVING INCREASES. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living increases on July 1, in an amount equal to that granted to all other state agency, board, commission or institution of higher education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual salary rates for Bureau employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau. Salary payments shall not be restricted to maximum amounts authorized by law, if the salary adjustments exceed the maximum line item amount authorized by law for a position, the amount shall be paid to the employee as a lump-sum payment.

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

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the

1 Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds
2 appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses. The
3 Director shall appoint a designee who shall serve as the disbursing officer
4 in his/her absence. In the event there is no Director, the Co-Chairs of the
5 Arkansas Legislative Council can appoint a disbursing officer. All
6 expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in
7 accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in
8 accordance with appropriate law.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
10 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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12 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 10-3-
13 303 is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

14 (h)(1) The bureau may employ outside legal counsel as deemed necessary by the
15 director after receiving prior approval of the Executive Subcommittee of the
16 Legislative Council. (2) If the Executive Subcommittee of the Legislative
17 Council approves the employment of outside legal counsel by the bureau, no
18 additional approval is required.

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20 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
21 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
22 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
23 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
24 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
25 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
26 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
27 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
28 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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30 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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SECTION 14. 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, 2017 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, 2017 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, 2017.