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SENATE BILL 28

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 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
15 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2018-2019
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 2018-2019 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 2018-2019
30	(1) U008U	ADVA DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
31	(2) L009C	NURSE MANAGER	2	GRADE MP03
32	(3) L019C	REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP02
33	(4) L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE MP02
34	(5) L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	16	GRADE MP01
35	(6) D020C	INST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COORD	1	GRADE IT05
36	(7) D079C	COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE IT02



1	(8)	N197N NURSING HOME DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
2	(9)	G039N ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
3	(10)	L026N STATE VETERANS HOME ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS14
4	(11)	A133C ADVA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
5	(12)	A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	GRADE GS11
6	(13)	G254C ADVA DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
7	(14)	A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
8	(15)	M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	2	GRADE GS09
9	(16)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
10	(17)	S003C FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS08
11	(18)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
12	(19)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
13	(20)	G252C VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
14	(21)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
15	(22)	G159C DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
16	(23)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
17	(24)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
18	(25)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
19	(26)	G253C VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER	12	GRADE GS07
20	(27)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
21	(28)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	34	GRADE GS06
22	(29)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
23	(30)	V014C BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
24	(31)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
25	(32)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REP	2	GRADE GS05
26	(33)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
27	(34)	C028C MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
28	(35)	M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
29	(36)	G237C VETERANS CEMETERY MANAGER	2	GRADE GS05
30	(37)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
31	(38)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
32	(39)	M077C COORDINATOR OF HOUSEKEEPING	1	GRADE GS04
33	(40)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
34	(41)	S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
35	(42)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE GS04
36	(43)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	GRADE GS03

1	(44)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	156	GRADE GS03
2	(45)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS03
3	(46)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
4	(47)	S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS02
5	(48)	S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	4	GRADE GS02
6	(49)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	2	GRADE GS02
7	(50)	M082C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
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, 2019, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,205,205
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	403,587
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>\$2,026,859</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 2018-2019
 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, 2019, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,771,753
13 (02) EXTRA HELP	40,000
14 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,812,398
15 (04) OVERTIME	246,000
16 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,248,000
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>\$16,570,036</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, 2019, the following:

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30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</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 2018-2019 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, 2019, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</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, 2019, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
6 (01) MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS EXPENSES	<u>\$75,000</u>

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8 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. USE OF
 10 ADVA CONTINGENCY POSITION POOL AND CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION. In the event
 11 additional appropriation becomes necessary that is not authorized or
 12 contemplated in State Operations, Veterans' Homes and Veterans' Cemeteries
 13 appropriations of this Act and growth in the State Veterans' Home at
 14 Fayetteville's resident census and/or growth in the number of interments at
 15 the State Veterans' Cemetery at North Little Rock makes it necessary for the
 16 Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs to request additional positions,
 17 regular salaries and personal services matching appropriation in order to
 18 carry out the objectives of the Agency, the ADVA Contingency Position Pool
 19 and Contingency Appropriation authorized herein may be used for regular
 20 salaries and personal services matching line items.

21 The Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs Contingency Appropriation
 22 authorized herein shall be funded primarily with cash funds of the State
 23 Veterans' Home at Fayetteville and of the State Veterans' Cemetery at North
 24 Little Rock. Each entity's cash funds shall be utilized in support of its own
 25 business operations and shall not be co-mingled. In addition, general
 26 revenue funding in support of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool shall be
 27 limited to \$250,000 per year.

28 Use of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool and Contingency Appropriation
 29 authorized in this Act shall be conditioned upon approval by the Chief Fiscal
 30 Officer of the State and upon certification by the Director of the Arkansas
 31 Department of Veterans' Affairs that funds are available to support the
 32 contingency positions requested and upon prior review by the Arkansas
 33 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

34 The General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas State Veterans'
 35 Home at Fayetteville and the Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery at North
 36 Little Rock may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to

1 the Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs under this Section.

2				MAXIMUM ANNUAL
3				SALARY RATE
4	ITEM	CLASS	NO. OF	FISCAL YEAR
5	<u>NO.</u>	<u>CODE TITLE</u>	<u>EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>2017-2018</u> <u>2018-2019</u>
6	(1)	C087C ADMIN SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE C106 <u>GS02</u>
7	(2)	S046C MAINT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C113 <u>GS04</u>
8	(3)	S050C MAINT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C112 <u>GS03</u>
9	(4)	S065C MAINT ASSISTANT	3	GRADE C108 <u>GS01</u>
10	(5)	L009C NURSE MANAGER	1	GRADE C125 <u>MPO3</u>
11	(6)	L019C REG NURSE COORD	1	GRADE C123 <u>MPO2</u>
12	(7)	D071C COMP SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C117 <u>IT03</u>
13	(8)	L069C LICENSED PRACT NURSE	1	GRADE C113 <u>GS06</u>
14	(9)	M065C RECR ACTIVITY LEADER SVR 1		GRADE C114 <u>GS05</u>
15	(10)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSIST 9		GRADE C109 <u>GS03</u>
16	(11)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERV ASST 3		GRADE C109 <u>GS01</u>

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
 18 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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 20 SECTION 10. 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 11. 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 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1, 2018.