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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1061

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 OIL AND GAS COMMISSION
10 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE OIL AND GAS COMMISSION
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL
16 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 Oil
23 and Gas Commission for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the following maximum
24 number of regular employees.
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26				Maximum Annual
27				Salary Rate
28	Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
29	No.	Code	No. of	2019-2020
	<u>Title</u>			<u>Employees</u>
30	(1)	U045U	OIL & GAS DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE01
31	(2)	D015C	STATE NETWORK ENGINEER	1 GRADE IT07
32	(3)	D040C	GIS ANALYST	1 GRADE IT06
33	(4)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1 GRADE IT05
34	(5)	D071C	COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	1 GRADE IT03
35	(6)	U056U	OIL & GAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1 GRADE GS13
36	(7)	G024C	DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE	1 GRADE GS12



1	(8)	B008N SENIOR PETROLEUM ENGINEER	2	GRADE GS12
2	(9)	B014N SENIOR PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST	3	GRADE GS11
3	(10)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
4	(11)	X013C ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
5	(12)	B042C ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS09
6	(13)	B050C OIL & GAS DIST PETROLEUM SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS08
7	(14)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
8	(15)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE GS06
9	(16)	X082C OIL & GAS INSPECTOR	9	GRADE GS05
10	(17)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	3	GRADE GS04
11	(18)	X098C OIL & GAS TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
12	(19)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	3	GRADE GS03
13	(20)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS02
14		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	40	

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16 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Oil and Gas
 17 Commission for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 18 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from
 19 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time
 20 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 21 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 22 for the appropriate classification.

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24 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 25 to the Oil and Gas Commission, to be payable from the Oil and Gas Commission
 26 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Oil and Gas
 27 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,086,818
32	(02) EXTRA HELP	60,000
33	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	685,906
34	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	887,197
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	40,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(05) POLLUTION CONTROL	350,000
5	(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	100,000
6	(07) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	348,217
7	(08) INTERSTATE OIL COMPACT	35,000
8	(09) GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH	110,000
9	(10) UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL	100,000
10	(11) GROUNDWATER PROTECTION	12,500
11	(12) ENERGY EDUCATION	<u>30,000</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,870,638</u></u>

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 14 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS. There is hereby
 15 appropriated, to the Oil and Gas Commission, to be payable from cash funds as
 16 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Oil and Gas Commission, for refunds
 17 and reimbursements of the Oil and Gas Commission - Refunds and Reimbursements
 18 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
22	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u><u>\$200,000</u></u>

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 24 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - WELL PLUGGING PROGRAM. There is hereby
 25 appropriated, to the Oil and Gas Commission, to be payable from the Abandoned
 26 and Orphaned Well Plugging Fund, for well plugging program expenses of the
 27 Oil and Gas Commission - Well Plugging Program for the fiscal year ending
 28 June 30, 2020, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
32	(01) WELL PLUGGING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$2,500,000</u></u>

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 34 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
 36 TRANSFER. The Oil and Gas Commission, after receiving review from the Chief

1 Fiscal Officer of the State and the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
2 Budget Committee, may request the Chief Fiscal Officer to transfer up to
3 \$2,000,000 per year on his or her books and the books of the State Treasurer
4 and the Auditor of the State from the Oil and Gas Commission Fund to the
5 Abandoned and Orphaned Well Plugging Fund.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
7 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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9 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
10 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
11 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
12 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
13 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
14 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
15 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
16 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
17 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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19 SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
20 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
21 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
22 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
23 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
24 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
25 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
26 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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28 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
29 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
30 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2019 is essential to the operation of
32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
33 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
34 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2019 could work irreparable harm
35 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
36 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, 2019.

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