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A Bill

SENATE BILL 82

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 2021; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
14 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-2021
15 FISCAL YEAR.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. There is hereby
22 established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2020-2021 fiscal
23 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2020-2021
(1)	SC015	SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	<u>1</u>	GRADE SE05
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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32 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. There is hereby
33 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
34 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating
35 expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the fiscal year ending
36 June 30, 2021, the following:



ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2020-2021
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$132,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	35,361
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$167,361</u>

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	No. of	Salary Rate
No.	Code	Title	Fiscal Year
			2020-2021
(1)	U008U	ADVA DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE02
(2)	L018N	NURSE PRACTITIONER	1 GRADE MP04
(3)	L009C	NURSE MANAGER	2 GRADE MP03
(4)	L019C	REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	1 GRADE MP02
(5)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1 GRADE MP02
(6)	L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	18 GRADE MP01
(7)	D020C	INST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COORD	1 GRADE IT05
(8)	D079C	COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	1 GRADE IT02
(9)	N197N	NURSING HOME DIVISION DIRECTOR	1 GRADE GS15
(10)	G039N	ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1 GRADE GS14
(11)	L026N	STATE VETERANS HOME ADMINISTRATOR	2 GRADE GS14
(12)	A133C	ADVA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1 GRADE GS13
(13)	A031C	ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1 GRADE GS11
(14)	G254C	ADVA DIVISION MANAGER	2 GRADE GS10
(15)	A050C	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1 GRADE GS09

1	(16)	M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	2	GRADE GS09
2	(17)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
3	(18)	S003C FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS08
4	(19)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
5	(20)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
6	(21)	G252C VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
7	(22)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
8	(23)	G159C DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
9	(24)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
10	(25)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
11	(26)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
12	(27)	G253C VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER	12	GRADE GS07
13	(28)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
14	(29)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	34	GRADE GS06
15	(30)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
16	(31)	V014C BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
17	(32)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
18	(33)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE	2	GRADE GS05
19	(34)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
20	(35)	C028C MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
21	(36)	M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
22	(37)	G237C VETERANS CEMETERY MANAGER	2	GRADE GS05
23	(38)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
24	(39)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
25	(40)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
26	(41)	S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
27	(42)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS04
28	(43)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	GRADE GS03
29	(44)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	153	GRADE GS03
30	(45)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS03
31	(46)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
32	(47)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS02
33	(48)	S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS02
34	(49)	S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	3	GRADE GS02
35	(50)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	2	GRADE GS02
36	(51)	M082C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01

1 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 290

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3 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 4 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
 5 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 6 expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations for the
 7 fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
11 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,208,952
12 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	394,221
13 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	220,500
15 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,000
16 (C) PROF. FEES	0
17 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18 (E) DATA PROC.	0
19 (04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE	
20 OFFICES	<u>283,500</u>
21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,115,173</u></u>

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23 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby authorized,
 24 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the 2020-2021
 25 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 26 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 27 herein for such purposes: thirty (30) temporary or part-time employees, when
 28 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 29 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 30 appropriate classification.

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32 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby
 33 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
 34 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 35 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 36 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the fiscal year ending

1 June 30, 2021, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,862,540
6 (02) EXTRA HELP	80,000
7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,679,219
8 (04) OVERTIME	539,900
9 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,248,000
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	16,000
12 (C) PROF. FEES	1,000,000
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	255,000
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>750,000</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$22,430,659</u>

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18 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - STATE. There is
 19 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 20 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
 21 operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans'
 22 Cemeteries - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
26 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$170,927
27 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	64,204
28 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	88,950
30 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
31 (C) PROF. FEES	0
32 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
34 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$324,081</u>

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36 SECTION 8. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is hereby

1 authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries -
 2 Cash for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time
 3 or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 4 appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time
 5 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 6 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 7 for the appropriate classification.

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 9 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is
 10 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 11 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 12 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
 13 the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the
 14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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16 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
18 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$431,666
19 (02) EXTRA HELP	24,000
20 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	162,736
21 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	141,050
23 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
24 (C) PROF. FEES	0
25 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	107,500
26 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
27 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$871,952</u></u>

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 29 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM. There is
 30 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 31 from the Military Funeral Honors Fund, for operating expenses of the
 32 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Military Funeral Honors Program for the
 33 fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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35 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>

1 (01) MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS EXPENSES \$16,720

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3 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CEMETERY EXPANSION - FEDERAL. There is
 4 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 5 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 6 State, for construction and expansion expenses for the North Little Rock
 7 Veterans' Cemetery of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Cemetery
 8 Expansion - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
12	(01) CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION EXPENSES	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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14 SECTION 12. REGULAR SALARIES - DISABLED VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICE.

15 There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs -
 16 Disabled Veterans' Services Office for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the
 17 following maximum number of regular employees.

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19			Maximum Annual
20		Maximum	Salary Rate
21	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
22	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
23	(1) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
24	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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26 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - DISABLED VETERANS' SERVICES
 27 OFFICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans'
 28 Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for
 29 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans'
 30 Affairs - Disabled Veterans' Services Office for the fiscal year ending June
 31 30, 2021, the following:

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33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$26,762
36	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	11,211

1	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,304
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$39,277</u></u>

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9 SECTION 14. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS VETERANS' CHILD WELFARE

10 SERVICE. There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs
 11 - Arkansas Veterans' Child Welfare Service for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the
 12 following maximum number of regular employees.

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14		Maximum Annual
15		Salary Rate
16	Item Class	Fiscal Year
17	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
18	(1) U009U VETERANS CHILD WELFARE DIR	1 GRADE GS07
19	(2) C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	<u>1</u> GRADE GS05
20	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2

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22 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS VETERANS' CHILD

23 WELFARE SERVICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 24 Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
 25 Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 26 Veterans' Affairs - Arkansas Veterans' Child Welfare Service for the fiscal
 27 year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$80,623
32	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	28,672
33	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,432
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
36	(C) PROF. FEES	0

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(04) GRANTS/AID-ASSISTANCE TO MINOR	
4	CHILDREN	<u>42,020</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$154,747</u>

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

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

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

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

1			MAXIMUM ANNUAL
2			SALARY RATE
3	ITEM CLASS	NO. OF	FISCAL YEAR
4	<u>NO.</u>	<u>CODE TITLE</u>	<u>EMPLOYEES</u> <u>2019-2020</u> <u>2020-2021</u>
5	(1)	C087C ADMIN SPECIALIST I	1 GRADE GS02
6	(2)	S046C MAINT TECHNICIAN	1 GRADE GS04
7	(3)	S050C MAINT SPECIALIST	1 GRADE GS03
8	(4)	S065C MAINT ASSISTANT	3 GRADE GS01
9	(5)	L009C NURSE MANAGER	1 GRADE MP03
10	(6)	L019C REG NURSE COORD	1 GRADE MP02
11	(7)	D071C COMP SUPPORT ANALYST	1 GRADE IT03
12	(8)	L069C LICENSED PRACT NURSE	1 GRADE GS06
13	(9)	M065C RECR ACTIVITY LEADER SVR 1	1 GRADE GS05
14	(10)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSIST 9	9 GRADE GS03
15	(11)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERV ASST 3	3 GRADE GS01

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2019
 17 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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 19 SECTION 17. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 20 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 21 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 22 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 25 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 26 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 27 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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2 SECTION 19. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
3 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
4 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
5 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2020 is essential to the operation of
6 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
7 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
8 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2020 could work irreparable harm
9 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
10 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
11 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
12 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2020.
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