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1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S3/22/21 S4/7/21*

2 93rd General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2021

SENATE BILL 51

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES

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AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,

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2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'

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AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-2022

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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 - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. There is hereby
23 established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2021-2022 fiscal
24 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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Maximum Annual

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Maximum

Salary Rate

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Item Class

No. of

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No. Code Title

Employees

2021-2022

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(1) SC015 SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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GRADE SE05

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MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES

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SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. There is hereby
34 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
35 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services of the Department
36 of Veterans' Affairs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:



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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$170,772
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>42,096</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$212,868</u></u>

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
	<u>Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2021-2022</u>
(1)	U008U	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	L018N	1	GRADE MP04
(3)	L009C	2	GRADE MP03
(4)	L019C	1	GRADE MP02
(5)	L027C	1	GRADE MP02
(6)	L032C	19	GRADE MP01
(7)	D079C	1	GRADE IT02
(8)	N197N	1	GRADE GS15
(9)	G039N	1	GRADE GS14
(10)	L026N	2	GRADE GS14
(11)	A133C	1	GRADE GS13
(12)	A027C	1	GRADE GS11
(13)	G254C	2	GRADE GS10
(14)	V036C	1	GRADE GS10
(15)	A050C	1	GRADE GS09
(16)	M009C	2	GRADE GS09
(17)	L021C	2	GRADE GS09
(18)	P004C	1	GRADE GS09
(19)	X038C	2	GRADE GS09
(20)	A082C	1	GRADE GS08
(21)	G252C	1	GRADE GS08

1	(22)	S003C FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS08
2	(23)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
3	(24)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
4	(25)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
5	(26)	G253C ADVA SERVICE OFFICER	12	GRADE GS07
6	(27)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
7	(28)	V008C BUYER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
8	(29)	G159C DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
9	(30)	P065C DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS07
10	(31)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
11	(32)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
12	(33)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
13	(34)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	40	GRADE GS06
14	(35)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS06
15	(36)	G237C ADVA CEMETERY MANAGER	2	GRADE GS07
16	(37)	V014C BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
17	(38)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
18	(39)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE	4	GRADE GS05
19	(40)	M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
20	(41)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
21	(42)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
22	(43)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
23	(44)	S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
24	(45)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	7	GRADE GS04
25	(46)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE GS03
26	(47)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	146	GRADE GS03
27	(48)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS03
28	(49)	S050C MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS03
29	(50)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS02
30	(51)	S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS02
31	(52)	S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	3	GRADE GS02
32	(53)	S084C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS02
33	(54)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	1	GRADE GS02
34	(55)	S089C FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS01
35		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	307	

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SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,022,599
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	305,150
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	220,500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICES	<u>583,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,139,749</u></u>

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: thirty (30) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
3	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,108,519
4	(02) EXTRA HELP	45,339
5	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,568,968
6	(04) OVERTIME	627,198
7	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	8,182,243
9	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	16,000
10	(C) PROF. FEES	282,000
11	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000
12	(E) DATA PROC.	0
13	(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>152,453</u>
14	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$22,022,720</u>

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16 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - STATE. There is
 17 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 18 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
 19 operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans'
 20 Cemeteries - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$607,006
25	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	225,993
26	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	88,950
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
29	(C) PROF. FEES	0
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$921,949</u>

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34 SECTION 8. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is hereby
 35 authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries -
 36 Cash for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time

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

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7 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is
 8 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 9 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 10 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
 11 the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the
 12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,635
17	(02) EXTRA HELP	24,000
18	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,141
19	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	208,075
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
22	(C) PROF. FEES	0
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	87,030
24	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$335,881</u></u>

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27 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM. There is
 28 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 29 from the Military Funeral Honors Fund, for operating expenses of the
 30 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Military Funeral Honors Program for the
 31 fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
35	(01) MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS EXPENSES	<u><u>\$22,950</u></u>

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SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CEMETERY EXPANSION - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for construction and expansion expenses for the North Little Rock Veterans' Cemetery of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Cemetery Expansion - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
(01) CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION EXPENSES	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

SECTION 12. REGULAR SALARIES - DISABLED VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICE. There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Disabled Veterans' Services Office for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2021-2022
(1)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - DISABLED VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Disabled Veterans' Services Office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$26,762
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	11,547
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,304

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$39,613</u></u>

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

8 SERVICE. There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs
9 - Arkansas Veterans' Child Welfare Service for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the
10 following maximum number of regular employees.

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12		Maximum Annual
13		Salary Rate
14	Item Class	Fiscal Year
15	No. Code Title	2021-2022
16	(1) U009U ADVA VETERANS CHILD WELFARE DIR	1 GRADE GS07
17	(2) C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	<u>1</u> GRADE GS05
18	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2

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

21 WELFARE SERVICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
22 Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
23 Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
24 Veterans' Affairs - Arkansas Veterans' Child Welfare Service for the fiscal
25 year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	NO.	2021-2022
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$84,137
30	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	30,127
31	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,182
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
34	(C) PROF. FEES	0
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36	(E) DATA PROC.	0

1	(04) GRANTS/AID-ASSISTANCE TO MINOR	
2	CHILDREN	<u>42,020</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$160,466</u></u>

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

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

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

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

MAXIMUM ANNUAL

1				MAXIMUM	SALARY RATE
2	ITEM	CLASS		NO. OF	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>2020-2021 2021-2022</u>
4	(1)	C087C	ADMIN SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS02
5	(2)	S046C	MAINT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
6	(3)	S050C	MAINT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS03
7	(4)	S065C	MAINT ASSISTANT	3	GRADE GS01
8	(5)	L009C	NURSE MANAGER	1	GRADE MP03
9	(6)	L019C	REG NURSE COORD	1	GRADE MP02
10	(7)	D071C	COMP SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT03
11	(8)	L069C	LICENSED PRACT NURSE	1	GRADE GS06
12	(9)	M065C	RECR ACTIVITY LEADER SVR	1	GRADE GS05
13	(10)	L082C	CERTIFIED NURSING ASSIST	9	GRADE GS03
14	(11)	S087C	INSTITUTIONAL SERV ASST	3	GRADE GS01

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
 16 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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

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

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1 SECTION 19. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
2 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
3 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
4 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2021 is essential to the operation of
5 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
6 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
7 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2021 could work irreparable harm
8 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
9 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
10 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
11 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2021.

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