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2 93rd General Assembly
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SENATE BILL 10

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, 2023; 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 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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| Item | Class | Title | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual |
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| | | | | Salary Rate Fiscal Year |
| No. | Code | | | 2022-2023 |
| 33 | (1) | Q030U DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH | 1 | GRADE SE05 |
| 34 | (2) | Q029U ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | 4 | GRADE SE04 |
| 35 | (3) | Q061N BLR COUNSEL | 1 | GRADE SE03 |
| 36 | (4) | Q014N BLR ADMINISTRATOR | 10 | GRADE SE02 |



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| 1 | (5) | Q236C SR APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER II | 6 | GRADE IT10 |
| 2 | (6) | Q237C SR NETWORK SPECIALIST II | 4 | GRADE IT10 |
| 3 | (7) | Q069N PC SUPPORT MANAGER | 1 | GRADE IT09 |
| 4 | (8) | Q238C SR PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II | 4 | GRADE IT06 |
| 5 | (9) | Q262C BLR PRODUCTION ASSISTANT | 1 | GRADE IT04 |
| 6 | (10) | Q224C ASSETS MANAGER | 1 | GRADE IT03 |
| 7 | (11) | Q272C LEGISLATIVE ECONOMIST | 1 | GRADE GS15 |
| 8 | (12) | Q068N LEGAL EDITOR SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE GS13 |
| 9 | (13) | Q221C SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II | 23 | GRADE GS13 |
| 10 | (14) | Q234C SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR II | 7 | GRADE GS12 |
| 11 | (15) | Q006C SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II | 33 | GRADE GS12 |
| 12 | (16) | Q067C ADMIN ASSIST TO DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| 13 | (17) | Q232C BLR PROG DEVELOP & COMPLIANCE ANALYST | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| 14 | (18) | Q197C LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST II | 3 | GRADE GS09 |
| 15 | (19) | Q077C ADMIN ASSIST TO AD | 4 | GRADE GS08 |
| 16 | (20) | Q065C OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| 17 | (21) | Q235C ADMIN ASSIST TO ADMINISTRATOR | 8 | GRADE GS07 |
| 18 | (22) | Q118C REFERENCE ANALYST | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| 19 | (23) | Q110C LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT II | 16 | GRADE GS06 |
| 20 | (24) | Q131C BLR SUPPORT SPECIALIST | <u>1</u> | GRADE GS04 |
| 21 | | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 134 | |

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23 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 24 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2022-
 25 2023 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-one (31) temporary or part-time employees,
 28 when 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 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 33 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be
 34 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services,
 35 operating expenses, contingency, committee rooms, and construction and
 36 capital improvements of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the

1 Legislative Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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| 3 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 4 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| 5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$10,501,173 |
| 6 (02) EXTRA HELP | 150,000 |
| 7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 3,111,855 |
| 8 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 2,133,686 |
| 10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 218,002 |
| 11 (C) PROF. FEES | 298,889 |
| 12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 400,000 |
| 13 (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| 14 (05) CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS | 50,000 |
| 15 (06) CONTINGENCY | 893,480 |
| 16 (07) COMMITTEE ROOMS | <u>205,063</u> |
| 17 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$17,962,148</u> |

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19 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is
 20 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
 21 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
 22 Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General
 23 Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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| 25 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 26 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| 27 (01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES | <u>\$271,060</u> |

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

1 2023, the following:

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| 3 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|--|---------------------------|
| 4 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| 5 (01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR | |
| 6 MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL | |
| 7 ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES | \$1,419,199 |
| 8 (02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM | |
| 9 COMMITTEE MEMBERS & COMMITTEE | |
| 10 STAFF WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE | |
| 11 APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE | <u>277,197</u> |
| 12 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$1,696,396</u></u> |

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14 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby
 15 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
 16 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
 17 Fund, for paying expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly
 18 attending meetings of the Energy Council and for other associated expenses
 19 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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| 21 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 22 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| 23 (01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND | |
| 24 OTHER EXPENSES | <u><u>\$65,806</u></u> |

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26 SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau
 27 of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable from the
 28 State Central Services Fund, from the balance of the appropriation remaining
 29 on June 30, 2022 in Sections 3 and 7 of Act 100 of 2021, there to be used for
 30 the same purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, in a sum not to
 31 exceed..... \$2,000,000.

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33 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 35 PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research
 36 is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to

1 transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and also
2 between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined
3 necessary.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
5 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
21 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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23 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
25 DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the
26 Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds
27 appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses. The
28 Director shall appoint a designee who shall serve as the disbursing officer
29 in his/her absence. In the event there is no Director, the Co-Chairs of the
30 Arkansas Legislative Council can appoint a disbursing officer. All
31 expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in
32 accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in
33 accordance with appropriate law.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
35 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 CLASSIFICATION UTILIZATION. The Bureau of Legislative Research may utilize,
 at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, the
 following classifications as necessary. The use of these classifications
 shall not be considered as increasing the number of positions authorized in
 this act, only as a temporary reclassification or cross grade of a position.

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| CODE | TITLE | GRADE |
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| Q220C | SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY | GS12 |
| Q223C | SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR | GS11 |
| Q032C | SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST | GS11 |
| Q007C | LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II | GS11 |
| Q073C | LEGAL EDITOR III | GS10 |
| Q064C | LEGISLATIVE ANALYST III | GS10 |
| Q046C | LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY | GS10 |
| Q222C | LEGAL EDITOR II | GS09 |
| Q079C | LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II | GS09 |
| Q240C | LEGAL EDITOR | GS08 |
| Q239C | LEGISLATIVE ANALYST | GS08 |
| Q198C | LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST | GS07 |
| Q128C | LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT | GS05 |
| Q241C | SR. APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER | IT08 <u>IT09</u> |
| Q242C | SR. NETWORK SPECIALIST | IT08 <u>IT09</u> |
| Q243C | APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER II | IT07 <u>IT08</u> |
| Q244C | NETWORK SPECIALIST II | IT07 <u>IT08</u> |
| Q246C | APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER | IT06 <u>IT07</u> |
| Q247C | NETWORK SPECIALIST | IT06 <u>IT07</u> |
| Q245C | SR. PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST | IT05 |
| Q271C | APPLICATIONS SUPPORT SPECIALIST | IT05 |
| Q063C | PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II | IT04 |
| Q078C | PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST | IT03 |
| Q127C | HELP DESK COORDINATOR | IT02 |

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021

1 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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3 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
4 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
5 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
6 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
7 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
8 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
9 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
10 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
11 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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13 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
14 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
15 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
16 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
17 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
18 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
19 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
20 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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22 SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,
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