

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2023  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 11

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 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
10 AND FUNDS TO ALLEVIATE CONDITIONS ARISING IN PUBLIC  
11 EMERGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL  
17 YEAR.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
24 for the Office of the Governor for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following  
25 maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
31	(1) Q123U	GOV OFC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	1	GRADE SE01
32	(2) Q133U	GOV OFC CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15
33	(3) Q022U	GOV OFC SR. MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	7	GRADE GS14
34	(4) Q081U	GOV OFC SR. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	4	GRADE GS13
35	(5) Q121U	GOV OFC MANAGER OFFICER ADMIN	1	GRADE GS12
36	(6) Q050U	GOV OFC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT II	4	GRADE GS11



1	(7)	Q120U GOV OFC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT I	5	GRADE GS10
2	(8)	Q068U GOV OFC MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	14	GRADE GS09
3	(9)	Q115U GOV OFC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III	2	GRADE GS08
4	(10)	Q076U GOV OFC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	15	GRADE GS07
5	(11)	Q114U GOV OFC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	<u>6</u>	GRADE GS06
6		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	60	

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8 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 9 the Office of the Governor for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following  
 10 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra  
 11 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7)  
 12 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed  
 13 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 14 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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16 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 17 to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 18 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of the  
 19 Governor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
23	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,159,629
24	(02) EXTRA HELP	8,789
25	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,372,341
26	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	446,706
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,200
29	(C) PROF. FEES	14,000
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,016,665</u></u>

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34 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. There is  
 35 hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the  
 36 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for the purpose provided by Arkansas Code 19-2-

404, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION	<u>\$500,000</u>

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations Appropriation of the Governor's Office in this Act to any other line item authorized in Operations Appropriation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 16, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

25-16-207. Maximum salary increase.

To recruit and retain exceptionally well-qualified personnel, the office of the Governor may exceed the maximum salary level of personnel if:

(1) The maximum salary is increased by no more than twenty percent (20%);

(2) The maximum salary increase is requested for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions authorized in the operation appropriation act for the office of the Governor; and

(3) The Office of the Governor receives approval for the maximum salary increase from the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee.

SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

1 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
2 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
3 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
4 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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15 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
16 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
17 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
18 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of  
19 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
20 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
21 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm  
22 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
23 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
24 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
25 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.