

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2023  
4

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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) Q420U	OFFICE OF THE GOV CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE04
32	(2) Q421U	OFFICE OF THE GOV DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF	2	GRADE SE03
33	(3) Q422U	OFFICE OF THE GOV PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE03
34	(4) Q423U	OFFICE OF THE GOV CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE03
35	(5) Q123U	GOV OFC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	1	GRADE SE01
36	(6) Q133U	GOV OFC CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15



1	(7)	Q022U	GOV OFC SR. MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	7	GRADE GS14
2	(8)	Q081U	GOV OFC SR. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	4	GRADE GS13
3	(9)	Q121U	GOV OFC MANAGER OFFICER ADMIN	1	GRADE GS12
4	(10)	Q050U	GOV OFC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT II	4	GRADE GS11
5	(11)	Q120U	GOV OFC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT I	5	GRADE GS10
6	(12)	Q068U	GOV OFC MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	12	GRADE GS09
7	(13)	Q115U	GOV OFC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III	2	GRADE GS08
8	(14)	Q076U	GOV OFC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	14	GRADE GS07
9	(15)	Q114U	GOV OFC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	<u>4</u>	GRADE GS06
10			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	60	

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

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

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

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 2 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. There is  
 3 hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the  
 4 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for the purpose provided by Arkansas Code 19-2-  
 5 404, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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

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 11 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 13 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer  
 14 of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
 15 Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any  
 16 line item authorized in Operations Appropriation of the Governor's Office in  
 17 this Act to any other line item authorized in Operations Appropriation.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
 19 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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

24 25-16-207. Maximum salary increase.

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

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

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

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

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 36 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

1 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
2 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
3 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
4 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
5 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
6 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
7 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
8 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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

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31 /s/Joint Budget Committee  
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