

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
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SENATE BILL 16

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 AUDITOR OF STATE -  
10 OPERATIONS AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM FOR THE  
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE -  
16 OPERATIONS AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL  
18 YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
25 for the Auditor of State for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum  
26 number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
32 (1)	DEPUTY AUDITOR	1	\$150,144
33 (2)	OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	\$115,158
34 (3)	ATTORNEY	1	\$103,199
35 (4)	INTERNAL AUDITOR	1	\$92,483
36 (5)	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	\$82,882



1	(6)	CAPITOL OFFICE MANAGER	1	\$82,882
2	(7)	ADMINISTRATIVE TECH	2	\$74,278
3	(8)	ACCOUNTING TECH	2	\$74,278
4	(9)	DP TECH	2	\$74,278
5	(10)	CLERICAL TECH	6	\$59,663
6	(11)	ADMIN ASSISTANT	<u>2</u>	\$42,959
7		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	20	

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9 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 10 the Auditor of State for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum  
 11 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",  
 12 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary  
 13 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those  
 14 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 15 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,519,672
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
26	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	489,879
27	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	615,450
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
30	(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
32	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,735,001</u>

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35 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is  
 36 hereby established for the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program for

the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(1)	UCP OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	\$115,158
(2)	UCP COMPLIANCE LEAD	1	\$82,882
(3)	UCP CLAIMS LEAD	1	\$82,882
(4)	SENIOR UCP TECH	2	\$66,570
(5)	UCP SECURITIES TECH	1	\$59,663
(6)	UCP TECH	<u>4</u>	\$59,663
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10	

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$731,638
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	237,430
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	713,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
(C) PROF. FEES	1,120,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,857,068</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CLAIMS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses and the payment of claims of the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program

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

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
5 (01) OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,500
6 (02) PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CLAIMS	<u>25,052,750</u>
7 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$25,055,250</u></u>

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9 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED MINERAL PROCEEDS -  
 10 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable  
 11 from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses  
 12 and the payment of claims for abandoned mineral proceeds of the Auditor of  
 13 State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
17 (01) OPERATING EXPENSES	\$500
18 (02) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS FOR ABANDONED	
19 MINERAL PROCEEDS	<u>2,500,000</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,500,500</u></u>

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22 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 24 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 25 the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
 26 Budget Committee, the Auditor of State is authorized to transfer  
 27 appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations to any other line  
 28 item authorized in Operations and the Agency is authorized to transfer  
 29 appropriation from any line item authorized in Unclaimed Property Program to  
 30 any other line item authorized in Unclaimed Property Program.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
 32 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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34 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 36 POSITION REQUIREMENTS. ~~The Operations Manager shall hold and maintain a~~

1 ~~Certified Public Accountant license in good standing in the state of~~  
2 ~~Arkansas.~~ The Internal Auditor shall hold and maintain an active  
3 certification as a Certified Internal Auditor, with the Institute of Internal  
4 Auditors, or a Certified Public Accountant license in good standing in the  
5 state of Arkansas.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
7 ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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9 SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
10 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
11 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
12 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
13 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
14 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
15 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
16 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
17 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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28 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
29 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
30 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of  
32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
33 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
34 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm  
35 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
36 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

1 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
2 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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