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SENATE BILL 29

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, 2025; 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum
26 number of regular employees.
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Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2024-2025
32	(1) DEPUTY AUDITOR	1	\$150,144
33	(2) ATTORNEY	1	\$125,986
34	(3) CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$115,158
35	(4) INTERNAL AUDITOR/CPA	1	\$115,158
36	(5) IT TECH	1	\$115,158



1	(6)	ASST CHIEF OF STAFF/ACCOUNTING DEPT MANAGER	1	\$82,882
2	(7)	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	\$74,278
3	(8)	COMMUNICATIONS TECH	1	\$74,278
4	(9)	ACCOUNTING TECH III	2	\$74,278
5	(10)	DATA PROCESSING TECH II	1	\$74,278
6	(11)	ADMINISTRATIVE TECH II	1	\$74,278
7	(12)	DATA PROCESSING TECH I	1	\$59,663
8	(13)	ACCOUNTING TECH II	1	\$59,663
9	(14)	ADMINISTRATIVE TECH I	2	\$59,663
10	(15)	OUTREACH MGR	1	\$59,663
11	(16)	OUTREACH TECH	1	\$59,663
12	(17)	ACCOUNTING TECH I	1	\$42,959
13	(18)	WARRANTS TECH	<u>1</u>	\$42,959
14		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	20	

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16 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 17 the Auditor of State for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum
 18 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 19 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary
 20 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 21 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 22 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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24 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 25 to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund,
 26 for personal services and operating expenses of the Auditor of State -
 27 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,519,672
32	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
33	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	503,079
34	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	615,450
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,748,201</u></u>

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6 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is
7 hereby established for the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program for
8 the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

10			Maximum Annual
11		Maximum	Salary Rate
12	Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
13	<u>No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>
			2024-2025
14	(1)	ASST. CHIEF OF STAFF/UCP OPERATIONS MANAGER	1 \$115,158
15	(2)	UCP COMPLIANCE LEAD	1 \$82,882
16	(3)	UCP CLAIMS LEAD	1 \$82,882
17	(4)	SENIOR UCP TECH	2 \$66,570
18	(5)	UCP TECH	<u>5</u> \$59,663
19		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10

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21 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is hereby
22 appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State Central
23 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Auditor of
24 State - Unclaimed Property Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,
25 the following:

27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$731,638
30	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	244,030
31	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	713,000
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
34	(C) PROF. FEES	1,120,000
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
36	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$2,863,668

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3 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CLAIMS - CASH.

4 There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from
 5 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses and
 6 the payment of claims of the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program
 7 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
11 (01) OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,500
12 (02) PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CLAIMS	<u>29,000,000</u>
13 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$29,002,500</u>

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15 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED MINERAL PROCEEDS -

16 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable
 17 from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses
 18 and the payment of claims for abandoned mineral proceeds of the Auditor of
 19 State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
22 (01) OPERATING EXPENSES	\$500
23 (02) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS FOR ABANDONED	
24 MINERAL PROCEEDS	<u>2,500,000</u>
25 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,500,500</u>

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27 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

29 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 30 the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
 31 Budget Committee, the Auditor of State is authorized to transfer
 32 appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations to any other line
 33 item authorized in Operations and the Agency is authorized to transfer
 34 appropriation from any line item authorized in Unclaimed Property Program to
 35 any other line item authorized in Unclaimed Property Program.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~

1 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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3 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

5 POSITION REQUIREMENTS. The Internal Auditor shall hold and maintain an
6 active certification as a Certified Internal Auditor, with the Institute of
7 Internal Auditors, or a Certified Public Accountant license in good standing
8 in the state of Arkansas.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
10 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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

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31 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
32 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
33 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
36 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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