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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1016

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROVIDING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS TO SURVIVING SPOUSES AND/OR DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF POLICEMEN, FIREMEN, CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND OTHER SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES KILLED IN THE OFFICIAL LINE OF DUTY, AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF SMALL CONTROVERSIAL AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION; PROVIDING PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Arkansas State Claims Commission for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	No.	Code	Title	Maximum	Maximum Annual
					Employees	Salary Rate
					Fiscal Year	
					2018-2019	



(1) N154N CLAIMS COMMISSION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
(2) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(3) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	3	GRADE GS03
(4) U051U CLAIMS COMMISSIONER	<u>5</u>	GRADE GS02
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State Claims Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$323,686
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	124,621
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	92,390
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$543,697</u></u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of claims awarded to surviving spouses and/or dependent children of deceased policemen, firemen, correctional officers and other specified state employees killed in the official line of duty, as prescribed by law; for payment of small controversial claim awards made by the Arkansas State Claims Commission; and for payment of awards made by the Arkansas State Claims Commission, as provided by law, on non-controversial claims, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>

(01) CLAIMS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES/DEPENDENT
 CHILDREN, SMALL CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS
 AND SMALL NON-CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS \$1,750,000

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FIREFIGHTER BENEFIT REVIEW PANEL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for expense reimbursements for the Firefighter Benefit Review Panel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the sum of.....\$8,000.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall not distribute any warrants prepared under the provisions of this Act for awards made by the Arkansas State Claims Commission for employment compensation claims. Upon the award by the State Claims Commission of an employment compensation claim, the Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall notify the affected state agency and the Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Personnel Management of such amounts that are due and payable. The affected state agency shall then process the award through the State Mechanized Payroll System.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Claims Commission shall be the disbursing officer for the funds appropriated for expense reimbursements for the Firefighter Benefit Review Panel. Expense reimbursements shall be paid to the board as certified in writing to the Claims Commission by the Chairman of the Firefighter Benefit Review Panel. The Claims Commission is authorized to pay expense reimbursements for all unpaid meetings in prior State fiscal years.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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

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

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1, 2018.

APPROVED: 2/23/18