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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 11

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND FUNDS TO ALLEVIATE CONDITIONS ARISING IN PUBLIC EMERGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 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 Office of the Governor for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(1)	Q420U	OFFICE OF THE GOV CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE04
(2)	Q421U	OFFICE OF THE GOV DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF	2	GRADE SE03
(3)	Q422U	OFFICE OF THE GOV PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE03
(4)	Q423U	OFFICE OF THE GOV CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE03
(5)	Q123U	GOV OFC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	1	GRADE SE01
(6)	Q133U	GOV OFC CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15



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

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

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

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

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

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(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 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. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 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, 2023.

*/s/ Joint Budget Committee*

**APPROVED: 4/13/23**