

Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.  
Act 857 of the Regular Session

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 18

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  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE  
30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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

| Item No. | Title                          | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024 |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| (1)      | CHIEF OF STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL   | 1                        | \$95,000   |
| (1.1)    | LT. GOV. SECURITY OFFICER      | 2                        | \$75,000   |
| (2)      | COMMUNICATIONS/POLICY DIRECTOR | 1                        | \$70,000   |
| (3)      | EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/SCHEDULER  | <u>1</u>                 | \$40,000   |
|          | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES          | 5                        |  |

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,



to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

| ITEM<br>NO.                     | FISCAL YEAR<br>2023-2024 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$359,100                |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 118,820                  |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                          |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 52,304                   |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 13,214                   |
| (C) PROF. FEES                  | 0                        |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 0                        |
| (E) DATA PROC.                  | <u>0</u>                 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u><u>\$543,438</u></u>  |

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 16, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

25-16-303. Appropriation transfer.

The office of the Lieutenant Governor may transfer an appropriation from any line item authorized in the operations appropriation of the office of the Lieutenant Governor to any other line item authorized in the operations appropriation of the office of the Lieutenant Governor if:

(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State approves the transfer of the appropriation; and

(2) The transfer is reviewed by the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 12-8-108(a), concerning the duties of the Division of Arkansas State Police, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Division of Arkansas State Police shall be responsible for the safety and security of the:

(1) Governor and his or her family;

- (2) ~~Lieutenant Governor and his or her family;~~  
~~(3) Governor's Mansion and mansion grounds; and~~  
~~(4) (3) State Capitol Building and State Capitol grounds.~~

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 16, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25-16-303. Security personnel.

(a) The Lieutenant Governor may hire and employ in the manner described under this section security personnel to maintain peaceful order and provide protection to the Lieutenant Governor as the Lieutenant Governor carries out his or her official duties.

(b)(1) Personnel designated by the Lieutenant Governor as security personnel are considered full-time law enforcement officers with the full range of responsibilities and authority as are afforded to a law enforcement officer certified by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor may set his or her own training and qualification standards for security personnel employed by the Lieutenant Governor.

(3) The commission shall permit security personnel employed by the Lieutenant Governor access to all law enforcement training generally available to other law enforcement personnel and shall make the law enforcement certification process available to security personnel employed by the Lieutenant Governor.

(c) Security personnel employed by the Lieutenant Governor shall have statewide jurisdiction while the security personnel are acting within the scope of their employment.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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**