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SENATE BILL 64

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey 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)	U039U	STATE GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	D040C	GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(3)	D044C	SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
(4)	D062C	DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04



(5)	D078C GIS TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE IT02
(6)	B013N ASST STATE GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS12
(7)	B014N SENIOR PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS11
(8)	B035C GEOLOGY SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS09
(9)	B043C PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	4	GRADE GS08
(10)	B051C GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS07
(11)	C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
(12)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	20	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey 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: thirteen (13) 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 - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the *Oil and Gas Commission Fund*, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,208,589
(02) EXTRA HELP	11,600
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	418,368
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	234,937
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0

(05) WATER QUALITY PROGRAM	20,085
(06) STREAM GAUGING	23,000
(07) GROUND WATER SURVEY	32,980
(08) MINERAL EXPLORATION	<u>26,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,979,559</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - MAP RESALE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Geology Map Resale Revolving Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - Map Resale Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) RESALE REVOLVING FUND	<u><u>\$49,000</u></u>

SECTION 5. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM. There is hereby established for the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - State Geologic Mapping Program for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2023-2024</u>
(1)	B051C GEOLOGIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS07
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP - STATE GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - State Geologic Mapping Program 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: six (6) 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 7. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL - STATE GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - Federal - State Geologic Mapping Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$43,660
(02) EXTRA HELP	48,779
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	20,783
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	77,742
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$190,964</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - STATE FARM GRANT - EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses to increase earthquake awareness throughout the state by the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - State Farm Grant - Earthquake Awareness Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,505

(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,505</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CASH - GEOLOGY MUSEUM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for museum expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - Cash - Geology Museum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) MUSEUM EXPENSES	<u><u>\$1,125</u></u>

SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH - LANDSLIDE/SINKHOLE. There is hereby established for the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - Geological Research - Landslide/Sinkhole for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
			<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2023-2024</u>
(1)	B043C PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP - GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH - LANDSLIDE/SINKHOLE. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - Geological Research - Landslide/Sinkhole 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: two (2) 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 12. APPROPRIATION - GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH - LANDSLIDE/SINKHOLE.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - Geological Research - Landslide/Sinkhole for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$49,011
(02) EXTRA HELP	27,328
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	20,355
(04) GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH	<u>143,762</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$240,456</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby

appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Arkansas Geological Survey - Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) EXTRA HELP	\$25,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,938
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	300,016
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	275,000

(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$601,954</u>

SECTION 14. 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 15. 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 16. 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