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SENATE BILL 33

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, AND THE INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 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 Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
(1)	Q030U	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	Q303C	BLR CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE EXE03
(3)	Q302C	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	3	GRADE EXE03



(4)	Q307C	ADMIN RULES CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE EXE02
(5)	Q305C	BLR CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE EXE02
(6)	Q306C	LEGAL RES & DRAFT CHIEF LEGAL CSL	1	GRADE EXE02
(7)	Q308C	STATUTORY REV CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE EXE02
(8)	Q314C	COMMITTEE SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC10
(9)	Q310C	LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC10
(10)	Q309C	LEGISLATIVE PERSONNEL ADMIN	1	GRADE SPC10
(11)	Q313C	RESEARCH & POLICY ANALYSIS ADMIN	1	GRADE SPC10
(12)	Q321C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY III	23	GRADE SPC08
(13)	Q272C	LEGISLATIVE ECONOMIST	2	GRADE SPC08
(14)	Q322C	LEGISLATIVE EDITOR COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC06
(15)	Q323C	LEGISLATIVE STATE BUDGET EXPERT	10	GRADE SPC06
(16)	Q324C	LEGISLATIVE STATE PERSONNEL EXPERT	5	GRADE SPC06
(17)	Q325C	LEGISLATIVE EDITOR LEAD	7	GRADE SPC04
(18)	Q326C	LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH LEAD	7	GRADE SPC04
(19)	Q327C	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE LEAD	10	GRADE SGS10
(20)	Q328C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SVC SR. ANALYST	3	GRADE SGS09
(21)	Q330C	LEGISLATIVE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS08
(22)	Q329C	LEGISLATIVE HR ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS08
(23)	Q331C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST III	4	GRADE SGS06
(24)	Q065C	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SGS06
(25)	Q110C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST II	8	GRADE SGS05
(26)	Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	16	GRADE SGS04
(27)	Q332C	LEGISLATIVE INV/FAC SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
(28)	Q333C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS03
(29)	Q304C	BLR CHIEF INFORMATION TECH OFFICER	1	GRADE IST14
(30)	Q312C	LEGISLATIVE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IST13
(31)	Q311C	LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMMER ADMIN	1	GRADE IST13
(32)	Q315C	LEGISLATIVE APPLICATIONS EXPERT	5	GRADE IST11
(33)	Q316C	LEGISLATIVE IT INFRASTRUCTURE EXP	4	GRADE IST11
(34)	Q317C	LEGISLATIVE WEBSITE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST07
(35)	Q319C	LEGISLATIVE DATA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST05
(36)	Q318C	LEGISLATIVE USER IT EXPERT	5	GRADE IST05
(37)	Q320C	LEGISLATIVE MEDIA ENGINEER	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	134	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2026-2027 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: thirty-one (31) 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 Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, contingency, committee rooms, and construction and capital improvements of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Legislative Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,860,244
(02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,827,527
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,083,686
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002
(C) PROF. FEES	298,889
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000
(06) CONTINGENCY	3,393,480
(07) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$22,486,891</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for study expenses of the Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly

for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u>\$271,060</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee related activities of the Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES	<u>\$1,449,199</u>

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CLASSIFICATION UTILIZATION. The Bureau of Legislative Research may utilize, at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, the following classifications as necessary. The use of these classifications shall not be considered as increasing the number of positions authorized in this act, only as a temporary reclassification or cross grade of a position.

CLASS CODE	TITLE	GRADE
Q334C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY IV	SPC09
Q335C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	SPC05
Q336C	LEGISLATIVE STATE BUDGET SENIOR ANALYST	SPC05
Q337C	LEGISLATIVE STATE PERSONNEL SENIOR ANALYST	SPC05
Q338C	LEGISLATIVE STATE BUDGET ANALYST	SPC04
Q339C	LEGISLATIVE STATE PERSONNEL ANALYST	SPC04

Q340C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY I	SPC03
Q341C	LEGISLATIVE EDITOR SENIOR ANALYST <u>III</u>	SPC02
Q342C	LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SENIOR ANALYST	SPC02
Q343C	LEGISLATIVE EDITOR ANALYST <u>II</u>	SPC01
Q344C	LEGISLATIVE STATE BUDGET SPECIALIST	SPC01
Q345C	LEGISLATIVE STATE PERSONNEL SPECIALIST	SPC01
Q346C	LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH ANALYST	SPC01
Q347C	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SENIOR ANALYST	SGS08
Q348C	LEGISLATIVE HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	SGS07
Q349C	LEGISLATIVE EDITOR SPECIALIST <u>I</u>	SGS06
Q350C	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ANALYST	SGS06
Q364C	LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SPECIALIST	SGS06
Q365C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SPEC	SGS05
Q353C	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SPECIALIST	SGS05
Q354C	LEGISLATIVE IT INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEER	IST10
Q355C	LEGISLATIVE APPLICATIONS COORDINATOR	IST10
Q356C	LEGISLATIVE IT INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICIAN	IST08
Q357C	LEGISLATIVE APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER II	IST08
Q358C	LEGISLATIVE APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER I	IST07
Q359C	LEGISLATIVE PROJECT ANALYST	IST07
Q360C	LEGISLATIVE IT INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIALIST	IST06
Q361C	LEGISLATIVE USER SUPPORT LEAD	IST04
Q362C	LEGISLATIVE USER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	IST03
Q363C	LEGISLATIVE USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IST02
Q370C	<u>LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ANALYST</u>	<u>SGS07</u>

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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, 2026 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, 2026 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, 2026.

APPROVED: 4/22/26