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A Bill

SENATE BILL 54

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
PROSECUTOR COORDINATOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR
COORDINATOR 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 Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator 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)	EEX30A	PROSECUTOR COORDINATOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08
(3)	LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	3	GRADE SPC05
(4)	PAS08I	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
(5)	CTR02P	TRAINER	1	GRADE SGS07
(6)	PAS01P	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05



(7) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
(8) IIS10C IT INFRASTRUCTURE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE IST10
(9) IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	GRADE IST02
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	12	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$949,957
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	313,245
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	250,152
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,692
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,518,046</u></u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTORIAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator, to be payable from the Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Drug Enforcement Training Fund, for Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Drug Enforcement Training by the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) LAW ENFORCEMENT/PROSECUTORIAL PROGRAMS	<u><u>\$70,660</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - JRJ LOAN REPAYMENT - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator, to be

payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for refunds and reimbursements to eligible state and federal public defenders and deputy prosecuting attorneys for qualified student loan repayment of the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$88,881</u>

SECTION 5. REGULAR SALARIES - PAWS FOR JUSTICE - STATE. There is hereby established for the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator 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)	SIA03P CERTIFIED DOG HANDLER COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(2)	SIA02P CERTIFIED DOG HANDLER	<u>5</u>	GRADE SGS06
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	6	

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PAWS FOR JUSTICE - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$320,497
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	116,481
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	105,919
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	63,564
(C) PROF. FEES	0

(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$606,461</u>

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