

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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SENATE BILL 119

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
VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
2015; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2014-2015
FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the following
maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2014-2015
(1)	U008U	ADVA DIRECTOR	1	\$98,616
(2)	G038C	ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C126
(3)	L008C	NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C125
(4)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE C124
(5)	L019C	REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C123
(6)	L021C	NURSING HOME ASST ADMIN	1	GRADE C123
(7)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122



(8)	M009C	LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE C121
(9)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
(10)	L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	8	GRADE C121
(11)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
(12)	G185C	ADVA PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C117
(13)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
(14)	G237C	VETERANS CEMETERY MANAGER	2	GRADE C117
(15)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
(16)	X113C	VETERANS CLAIMS SPECIALIST	9	GRADE C116
(17)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
(18)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
(19)	S033C	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE C115
(20)	C028C	MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C115
(21)	R036C	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C113
(22)	L069C	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	18	GRADE C113
(23)	S046C	MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE C113
(24)	T072C	SECURITY OFFICER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C113
(25)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	4	GRADE C112
(26)	M076C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	2	GRADE C111
(27)	T084C	PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER	4	GRADE C110
(28)	V025C	WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C110
(29)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	3	GRADE C109
(30)	L082C	CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	61	GRADE C109
(31)	S060C	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	4	GRADE C109
(32)	M082C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	1	GRADE C109
(33)	V027C	INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C108
(34)	S084C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C104
(35)	S087C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	<u>11</u>	GRADE C103
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	160	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,110,783
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	404,896
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	101,568
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,950
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICES	<u>283,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,903,697</u>

SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home - Fayetteville for the 2014-2015 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 4. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, 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 Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home - Fayetteville for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,299,234
(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,364,530
(04) OVERTIME	40,000

(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,774,538
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,250
(C) PROF. FEES	200,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>475,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,198,552</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$430,721
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	176,355
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	106,150
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$716,226</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, 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 Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
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(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$151,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	53,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	135,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	130,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$474,000</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Military Funeral Honors Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Military Funeral Honors Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS EXPENSES	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - NLR CEMETERY - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for construction, maintenance and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - NLR Cemetery - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$408,494
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	41,039
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) CONSTRUCTION	<u><u>689,529</u></u>

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$1,139,062

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME TREASURY - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, 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 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home Treasury - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$483,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$483,000</u>

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING CONFERENCES. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to County Veterans' Service Offices may also be used by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to pay expenses of County Veterans' Service Officers for attending regional or statewide training conferences approved by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans' Service Officers in the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the Department of Veterans' Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on the same reimbursement basis as the reimbursement of state employees for expenses incurred in attending their official business. Provided, no County Veterans' Service Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending more than two (2) approved conferences per year.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~ 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LIABILITY INSURANCE APPROPRIATION RESTRICTION. In no event shall the Department of Veterans' Affairs expend or transfer any appropriation or funds for the purchase of malpractice liability insurance for the benefit of a non-governmental entity.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~ 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 20-81-112(b), concerning the state veterans' cemetery, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The department ~~is authorized to~~ may:

(1) employ ~~Employ~~ staff to operate ~~this the~~ cemetery system as it deems appropriate and as may be authorized by biennial appropriation; and

(2) Charge a fee for each interment of an eligible spouse or dependent of a veteran not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).

SECTION 13. 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 14. 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 15. 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, 2014 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, 2014 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, 2014.

/s/Joint Budget Committee