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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 35

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, 2015; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2014-2015 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 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)	Q030U	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	\$158,002
(2)	Q029U	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	3	\$152,615
(3)	Q007N	BLR CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE N912
(4)	Q014N	BLR ADMINISTRATOR	7	GRADE N910



(5)	Q194C	BLR COUNSEL	1	GRADE N908
(6)	Q022N	APPLICATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE N907
(7)	Q023N	NETWORK MANAGER	1	GRADE N907
(8)	Q004C	DATABASE MANAGER	1	GRADE C130
(9)	Q007C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	16	GRADE C129
(10)	Q195C	LEGISLATIVE NETWORK PROGRAMMER II	1	GRADE C129
(11)	Q006C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	8	GRADE C129
(12)	Q026C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
(13)	Q023C	DATABASE PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
(14)	Q196C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES OFFICER	1	GRADE C127
(15)	Q025C	NETWORK SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C127
(16)	Q027C	NETWORK/WEB PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
(17)	Q024C	PC SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE C127
(18)	Q032C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	6	GRADE C126
(19)	Q046C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	3	GRADE C124
(20)	Q067C	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C122
(21)	Q066C	DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C122
(22)	Q062C	LEGAL EDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122
(23)	Q064C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	17	GRADE C122
(24)	Q065C	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122
(25)	Q063C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE C122
(26)	Q061C	SENIOR ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	1	GRADE C122
(27)	Q073C	LEGAL EDITOR II	3	GRADE C121
(28)	Q077C	ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	2	GRADE C120
(29)	Q075C	DESKTOP APPLICATIONS SUPPORT	2	GRADE C120
(30)	Q197C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST II	1	GRADE C120
(31)	Q079C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE C120
(32)	Q078C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C120
(33)	Q097C	LEGAL EDITOR	1	GRADE C118
(34)	Q198C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST	2	GRADE C117
(35)	Q110C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT II	5	GRADE C117
(36)	Q118C	REFERENCE ANALYST	1	GRADE C116
(37)	Q126C	DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH II	1	GRADE C114
(38)	Q127C	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C114
(39)	Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	20	GRADE C114
(40)	Q130C	DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH	1	GRADE C112

(41) Q131C BLR SUPPORT SPECIALIST 1 GRADE C110  
 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 129

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council 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: 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, 2015, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,914,663
(02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,810,419
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,133,686
(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	893,480
(07) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$17,074,202</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 Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(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 Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as approved by the appropriate committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$1,419,199
(02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE STAFF WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,696,396</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. 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 expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending meetings of the Energy Council and for other associated expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
(01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND OTHER EXPENSES	<u>\$65,806</u>

SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, from the balance of the appropriation remaining on June 30, 2014 in Section 3 of Act 1306 of 2013, there to be used for the same purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and also between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined necessary.

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

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST OF LIVING INCREASES. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living increases on July 1, in an amount equal to that granted to all other state agency, board, commission or institution of higher education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual salary rates for Bureau employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau. Salary payments shall not be restricted to maximum amounts authorized by law, if the salary adjustments exceed the maximum line item amount authorized by law for a position, the amount shall be paid to the employee as a lump-sum payment.

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

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses. The Director shall appoint a designee who shall serve as the disbursing officer in his/her absence. In the event there is no Director, the Co-Chairs of the Arkansas Legislative Council can appoint a disbursing officer. All expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in accordance with appropriate law.

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

SECTION 11. 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 12. 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 13. 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.