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HOUSE BILL 1094

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE BOARD OF
COLLECTION AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF COLLECTION
AGENCIES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016
FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the State Board of Collection Agencies for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2015-2016
(1)	X001N	BD OF COLLECTION EXEC DIR	1	GRADE N902
(2)	X130C	BD OF COLLECTION FIELD INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE C116
(3)	C022C	BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
(4)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE C112
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	4	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the State Board



of Collection Agencies for the 2015-2016 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: one (1) 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 State Board of Collection Agencies, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the State Board of Collection Agencies, for personal services and operating expenses of the State Board of Collection Agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$209,541
(02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	67,407
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	91,700
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,500
(C) PROF. FEES	21,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) DHS/UAMS/ASU/UCA/SAU SYSTEM/HSU GRANT	S 1,300,000
(06) CLAIMS	<u>24,642</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,723,790</u></u>

SECTION 4. EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds appropriated in this Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be expended in payment for services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first make a request in writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to provide the required legal services. The Attorney General's Office shall provide the requested legal services, or, if the Attorney General's Office shall determine that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the requested legal services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the

agency and may authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend monies appropriated for Maintenance and General Operations therefor, if:

(1) The Attorney General determines, and certifies in writing, that such agency needs the advice or assistance of legal counsel, and

(2) The Attorney General consents in writing to the employment of the legal counsel to be retained by the agency.

Such certification shall be required with respect to each instance of the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required annually with respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy of such certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency, and shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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, 2015 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, 2015 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, 2015.