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HOUSE BILL 1086

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT OF THE LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT OF THE LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>		<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
			<i>Employees</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
				<i>2017-2018</i>
(1)	Q001U	LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	Q001N	ASSISTANT LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR	1	GRADE SE04
(3)	Q003N	DEPUTY LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR	6	GRADE SE03
(4)	Q002N	LA LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE03
(5)	Q006N	LA AUDIT MANAGER	5	GRADE SE02



(6)	Q010N	LA FIELD AUDIT SUPERVISOR	22	GRADE SE01
(7)	Q013N	LA SUPERVISING SENIOR AUDITOR	18	GRADE GS15
(8)	Q018N	LA SENIOR AUDITOR	35	GRADE GS14
(9)	Q001C	LA STAFF AUDITOR	127	GRADE GS13
(10)	Q022C	LA ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
(11)	Q045C	LA ASSOCIATE AUDITOR	60	GRADE GS10
(12)	Q053C	LA ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	3	GRADE GS10
(13)	Q096C	LA ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS08
(14)	Q016N	LA APPLICATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT10
(15)	Q002C	LA ASSISTANT NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT09
(16)	Q085C	LA SENIOR NETWORK SERVICES SPECIALIST	<u>3</u>	GRADE IT06
		<i>MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES</i>	<i>292</i>	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$28,109,627
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	7,832,220
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,914,400
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	343,000
(C) PROF. FEES	760,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$41,159,247</u>

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION – LINE ITEMS. The Legislative Auditor is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation between the line items of the Operations appropriation in this Act in such

amounts determined necessary. In no event, however, shall the Regular Salaries line item in the Operations appropriation be increased or decreased by such transfers authorized herein, until the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee reviews such transfers.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES. Employees of Arkansas Legislative Audit 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 employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the Legislative Auditor. In addition, the Legislative Auditor may implement a merit program to reward employees for exceptional service. The plan shall be approved by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee prior to its implementation. In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and retained, Arkansas Legislative Audit may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions authorized in the appropriation act after receiving approval from the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Salary payments in accordance with this section shall not be restricted to maximum amounts authorized by law.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDS. In the event Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee should receive any funds in connection with performing their duties as prescribed by the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, such funds shall be deposited into the State Central Services Fund to be utilized solely by Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee in performing such duties.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 4, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

10-4-428. Employment of outside legal counsel.

(a) Arkansas Legislative Audit may employ outside legal counsel as deemed necessary by the Legislative Auditor after receiving prior approval of the executive committee of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

(b) If the executive committee of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee approves the employment of outside legal counsel by Arkansas Legislative Audit, no additional approval is required.

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, 2017 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, with the exception that Section 6 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017, with the exception that Section 6 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, 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, 2017, with the exception that Section 6 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

/s/Joint Budget Committee