

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 443

By: Senator B. Ballinger

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-2022 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 Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2021-2022
(1)	U135U	LOPFI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE03
(2)	A134C	LOPFI ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
(3)	A135C	LOPFI CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS11
(4)	A062C	RETIREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(5)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
(6)	A083C	RETIREMENT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS06
(7)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04



MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES

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SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System, to be payable from the Firemen's and Police Officers' Pension and Relief Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and payment of Firemen's and Police Officers' Pension and Relief Fund taxes for municipal fire and police relief and pension funds of the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$738,318
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	206,729
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	400,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	40,000
(C) PROF. FEES	7,500,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS	<u>68,400,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$77,335,047</u></u>

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING TRANSFER - FIRE AND POLICE PENSION. On or before June 15 of each fiscal year, the Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board shall certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the amount of funding it recommends for disbursement in the ensuing fiscal year to under-funded municipal fire and police relief and pension plans as defined in Arkansas Code 24-11-217. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall then immediately transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer amounts not to exceed the total amount recommended by the Board or the amount appropriated herein for the ensuing fiscal year, whichever is the lesser amount, from the Revenue Holding Fund Account to the Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Guarantee Fund for distribution to the recommended under-funded plans.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND RESTRICTIONS - FIRE AND POLICE PENSION. Funds distributed to under-funded local pension programs through the Pension and Relief Funds appropriation authorized in the Operations Section of this Act shall not be used to enhance benefits of the recipients.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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, 2021 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, 2021 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, 2021.