

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 317

By: Senate Efficiency

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Senate for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(1)	DIRECTOR OF SENATE/SEC OF SENATE	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	CHIEF COUNSEL/PARLIAMENTARIAN	1	GRADE SE03
(3)	DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ASST SEC OF SENATE	1	GRADE SE03
(4)	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
(5)	FISCAL OFFICER/HUMAN RESOURCES	1	GRADE GS13
(6)	DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES/SESSION	1	GRADE GS13
(7)	CONSTITUENT ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS11



(8)	PRODUCTION VIDEOGRAPHER	1	GRADE GS11
(9)	ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE	1	GRADE GS11
(10)	ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS10
(11)	LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST	1	GRADE GS10
(12)	ADMIN ASST/RECEPTIONIST	2	GRADE GS10
(13)	PROPERTIES OFFICER/INVENTORY	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS10
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	15	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Senate for the 2023-2024 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: two (2) 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 - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Senate - Staff Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,963,896
(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	587,183
(04) MAINT. & GEN OPERATION	<u>250,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,851,079</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ORIENTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for expenses of the State Orientation including the payment of per diem and mileage of members of the Arkansas Senate who attend the Senate Orientation program held prior to the convening of a Legislative Session of the General Assembly, the sum of.....\$15,000.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for the balance remaining on June 30, 2023 in the appropriations Section 3 of Act 1 of 2022, Sections 4 and 5 of Act 71 of 2022 and SB1 as introduced in the 2023 Regular Session there to be used for any purpose to defray the necessary expenses of the Arkansas Senate of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, in a sum in the aggregate not to exceed..... \$4,000,000.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, and payable from the balance remaining on June 30, 2023 in the appropriations, Sections 3, 6, 7 and 8 of Act 71 of 2022 there to be used for any purpose to defray the necessary expenses of the Arkansas Senate of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, in a sum in the aggregate not to exceed..... \$4,000,000.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTERIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for expenses necessary in continuing the computerization of the legislative process in the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for construction, improvements, renovations and equipping of the Arkansas Senate facilities and other purposes of the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFERS. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the Secretary of the Senate, subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should determine that any item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific purpose is not needed for such purpose, the Secretary of the Senate may certify such fact to the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause a transfer to be made

from one item to another.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES. In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and retained, the Senate 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 their operation appropriation act, and may exceed the maximum salary levels for the purpose of merit adjustments for all positions.

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, 2023 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, 2023 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, 2023.