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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 40

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, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.*

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Class Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Maximum No. of Employees</i>	<i>Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026</i>
(1)	Q030U	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	Q302C	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	3	GRADE EXE03
(3)	Q303C	BLR CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE EXE03



(4)	Q304C	BLR CHIEF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER	1	GRADE	IST14
(5)	Q305C	BLR CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE	EXE02
(6)	Q306C	LEGAL RES & DRAFTING CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE	EXE02
(7)	Q307C	ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE	EXE02
(8)	Q308C	STATUTORY REVIEW CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE	EXE02
(9)	Q309C	LEGISLATIVE PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE	SPC10
(10)	Q310C	LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE	SPC10
(11)	Q311C	LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMMER ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE	IST13
(12)	Q312C	LEGISLATIVE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE	IST13
(13)	Q313C	RESEARCH & POLICY ANALYSIS ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE	SPC10
(14)	Q314C	COMMITTEE SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE	SPC10
(15)	Q315C	LEGISLATIVE APPLICATIONS EXPERT	5	GRADE	IST11
(16)	Q316C	LEGISLATIVE IT INFRASTRUCTURE EXPERT	4	GRADE	IST11
(17)	Q317C	LEGISLATIVE WEBSITE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	IST07
(18)	Q318C	LEGISLATIVE USER IT EXPERT	5	GRADE	IST05
(19)	Q319C	LEGISLATIVE DATA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	IST05
(20)	Q320C	LEGISLATIVE MEDIA ENGINEER	1	GRADE	IST04
(21)	Q272C	LEGISLATIVE ECONOMIST	2	GRADE	SPC08
(22)	Q321C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY III	23	GRADE	SPC08
(23)	Q322C	LEGISLATIVE EDITOR COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	SPC06
(24)	Q323C	LEGISLATIVE STATE BUDGET EXPERT	10	GRADE	SPC06
(25)	Q324C	LEGISLATIVE STATE PERSONNEL EXPERT	5	GRADE	SPC06
(26)	Q325C	LEGISLATIVE EDITOR LEAD	7	GRADE	SPC04
(27)	Q326C	LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH LEAD	7	GRADE	SPC04
(28)	Q327C	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE LEAD	10	GRADE	SGS10
(29)	Q328C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES SR. ANALYST	3	GRADE	SGS09
(30)	Q329C	LEGISLATIVE HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE	SGS08
(31)	Q330C	LEGISLATIVE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE	SGS08
(32)	Q331C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST III	4	GRADE	SGS06
(33)	Q110C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST II	8	GRADE	SGS05
(34)	Q332C	LEGISLATIVE INVENTORY/FACILITIES SPEC	1	GRADE	SGS04
(35)	Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	16	GRADE	SGS04
(36)	Q333C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	SGS03
(37)	Q065C	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE	SGS06
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	134		

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2025-2026 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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,860,244
(02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,827,527
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,083,686
(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	3,393,480
(07) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$22,486,891</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 Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly

for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</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 Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES	<u>\$1,449,199</u>

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

CLASSIFICATION UTILIZATION. The Bureau of Legislative Research may utilize, at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, the following classifications as necessary. The use of these classifications shall not be considered as increasing the number of positions authorized in this act, only as a temporary reclassification or cross grade of a position.

CLASS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
<u>Q334C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY IV</u>	<u>SPC09</u>
<u>Q335C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II</u>	<u>SPC05</u>
<u>Q336C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE STATE BUDGET SENIOR ANALYST</u>	<u>SPC05</u>
<u>Q337C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE STATE PERSONNEL SENIOR ANALYST</u>	<u>SPC05</u>
<u>Q338C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE STATE BUDGET ANALYST</u>	<u>SPC04</u>
<u>Q339C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE STATE PERSONNEL ANALYST</u>	<u>SPC04</u>

<u>Q340C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY I</u>	<u>SPC03</u>
<u>Q341C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE EDITOR SENIOR ANALYST</u>	<u>SPC02</u>
<u>Q342C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SENIOR ANALYST</u>	<u>SPC02</u>
<u>Q343C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE EDITOR ANALYST</u>	<u>SPC01</u>
<u>Q344C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE STATE BUDGET SPECIALIST</u>	<u>SPC01</u>
<u>Q345C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE STATE PERSONNEL SPECIALIST</u>	<u>SPC01</u>
<u>Q346C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH ANALYST</u>	<u>SPC01</u>
<u>Q347C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SENIOR ANALYST</u>	<u>SGS08</u>
<u>Q348C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST</u>	<u>SGS07</u>
<u>Q349C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE EDITOR SPECIALIST</u>	<u>SGS06</u>
<u>Q350C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ANALYST</u>	<u>SGS06</u>
<u>Q364C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SPECIALIST</u>	<u>SGS06</u>
<u>Q365C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SPEC</u>	<u>SGS05</u>
<u>Q353C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SPECIALIST</u>	<u>SGS05</u>
<u>Q354C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE IT INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEER</u>	<u>IST10</u>
<u>Q355C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE APPLICATIONS COORDINATOR</u>	<u>IST10</u>
<u>Q356C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE IT INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICIAN</u>	<u>IST08</u>
<u>Q357C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER II</u>	<u>IST08</u>
<u>Q358C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER I</u>	<u>IST07</u>
<u>Q359C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE PROJECT ANALYST</u>	<u>IST07</u>
<u>Q360C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE IT INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIALIST</u>	<u>IST06</u>
<u>Q361C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE USER SUPPORT LEAD</u>	<u>IST04</u>
<u>Q362C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE USER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN</u>	<u>IST03</u>
<u>Q363C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST</u>	<u>IST02</u>

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 10-3-303, concerning the Bureau of Legislative Research, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

(i) The director may direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the state to transfer appropriation between the following in such amounts as are determined to be necessary:

(1) The line items within appropriations pertaining to the bureau;  
and

(2) The appropriations made by the operative appropriation act for the bureau; and

(3) The appropriations for the Bureau to any other Constitutional Officer.

SECTION 8. 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 9. 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 10. 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

*/s/Joint Budget Committee*