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A Bill

SENATE BILL 41

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND FUNDS TO ALLEVIATE CONDITIONS ARISING IN PUBLIC EMERGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR 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 Office of the Governor for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Maximum No. of Employees</i>	<i>Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026</i>
(1)	GOV09G	GOV CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	GOV17G	GOV DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF	2	GRADE EXE01
(3)	GOV08G	GOV CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE SPC11
(4)	GOV34G	GOV SENIOR ADVISOR	1	GRADE SPC11
(5)	GOV12G	GOV COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08



(6)	GOV25G	GOV LEG/POLICY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE	SPC08
(7)	GOV35G	GOV SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR	1	GRADE	SPC08
(8)	GOV05G	GOV ATTORNEY III	2	GRADE	SPC07
(9)	GOV07G	GOV BUDGET DIRECTOR	1	GRADE	SPC06
(10)	GOV13G	GOV COMMUNICATIONS SENIOR ADVISOR	1	GRADE	SPC06
(11)	GOV20G	GOV DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	GRADE	SPC06
(12)	GOV04G	GOV ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE	SPC05
(13)	GOV36G	GOV SENIOR POLICY MANAGER	1	GRADE	SPC05
(14)	GOV32G	GOV POLICY MANAGER	2	GRADE	SPC05
(15)	GOV11G	GOV COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	SPC01
(16)	GOV28G	GOV PHOTOGRAPHER	1	GRADE	SPC02
(17)	GOV29G	GOV POLICY ADVISOR	5	GRADE	SPC02
(18)	GOV26G	GOV LEGAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	SPC01
(19)	GOV31G	GOV POLICY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	SPC01
(20)	GOV21G	GOV DIRECTOR OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS	1	GRADE	SGS10
(21)	GOV22G	GOV DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES	1	GRADE	SGS10
(22)	GOV24G	GOV EXECUTIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	SGS09
(23)	GOV33G	GOV SCHEDULER	1	GRADE	SGS09
(24)	GOV03G	GOV ADVANCE AND COALITIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE	SGS08
(25)	GOV27G	GOV OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE	SGS08
(26)	GOV37G	GOV OFFICE STAFF	9	GRADE	SGS08
(27)	GOV19G	GOV DEPUTY DIR OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	1	GRADE	SGS07
(28)	GOV18G	GOV DEPUTY DIR OF ADVANCE & COALITIONS	1	GRADE	SGS06
(29)	GOV02G	GOV ADVANCE AND COALITIONS COORDINATOR	5	GRADE	SGS05
(30)	GOV06G	GOV BOARDS & COMMISSIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	SGS05
(31)	GOV15G	GOV CONSTITUENT SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	SGS05
(32)	GOV23G	GOV EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	SGS05
(33)	GOV01G	GOV ADVANCE AND COALITIONS AIDE	1	GRADE	SGS04
(34)	GOV10G	GOV COMMUNICATIONS AIDE	1	GRADE	SGS04
(35)	GOV14G	GOV CONSTITUENT SERVICES AIDE	3	GRADE	SGS04
(36)	GOV30G	GOV POLICY AIDE	1	GRADE	SGS04
(37)	GOV16G	GOV CONSTITUENT SERVICES STAFF	<u>1</u>	GRADE	SGS01
		MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	59		

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Office of the Governor 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: seven (7) 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 Office of the Governor, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of the Governor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,504,822
(02) EXTRA HELP	8,789
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,502,658
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	446,706
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,200
(C) PROF. FEES	14,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,492,175</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for the purpose provided by Arkansas Code 19-2-404, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer

of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations Appropriation of the Governor's Office in this Act to any other line item authorized in Operations Appropriation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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