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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1021

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 STATE  
UNIVERSITY - MID-SOUTH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
- MID-SOUTH APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-  
2027 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 State University - Mid-South for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Chancellor, ASUMS	1	\$214,799
(2)	IT Pool	7	
	Network Engineer		\$207,404
	Information Systems Manager		\$133,122



Computer Network Coordinator	\$132,901
Technical Support Staff	\$126,956
Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$125,461
Coord., Administrative Computing	\$125,461
Coordinator of Information Tech	\$123,806
Website Developer/Programmer	\$123,806
System Programmer/Web Developer	\$122,387
Computer Systems Mgr.	\$112,475
Database Administrator	\$110,019
Systems Administrator	\$108,925
Information Systems Security Spec.	\$106,894
Institution Information Tech Coord.	\$104,736
Assistant Database Administrator	\$100,790
Computer Support Manager	\$100,708
Information Systems Coordinator	\$100,708
Senior Software Support Specialist	\$100,708
Systems Specialist	\$100,708
Information Technology Manager	\$99,493
Network Support Specialist	\$96,834
Senior Software Support Analyst	\$96,834
Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$95,330
Tech Support/Applications Support	\$95,330
Information Systems Business Mgr.	\$93,110
Security Analyst	\$93,110
Systems Analyst	\$93,110
Information Technology Specialist	\$91,166
Computer Support Coordinator	\$89,529
Software Support Analyst	\$89,529
Systems Applications Supervisor	\$89,529
Computer Operations Coordinator	\$86,085
Systems Coordination Analyst	\$86,085
PC Support Specialist	\$84,480
Computer Support Specialist	\$82,775
Database Analyst	\$82,775
Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$79,590
Network Support Analyst	\$79,590

	Website Developer		\$79,590
	Information Systems Analyst		\$76,530
	Info Systems Security Analyst		\$76,530
	Computer Support Analyst		\$76,530
	Software Support Specialist		\$73,587
	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$73,587
	Media Specialist		\$72,215
	Computer Support Technician		\$70,756
	Help Desk Specialist		\$70,756
	Computer Operator		\$68,035
	Network Analyst		\$68,035
	Telecommunications Specialist		\$68,035
	Multimedia Specialist		\$64,199
	Information Technology Assistant		\$60,483
	Computer Lab Technician		\$58,156
	Multimedia Technician		\$52,766
	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$48,785
(3)	Vice Chancellor for Administration	1	\$191,681
(4)	Vice Chan. for Academic Affairs	1	\$172,403
(5)	Vice Chancellor for Finance	1	\$161,671
(6)	Vice Chan. for Technical Education	1	\$161,671
(7)	Vice Chan. for Student Services	1	\$161,671
(8)	Chief Information Officer	1	\$160,055
(9)	Vice Chancellor for Development	1	\$156,962
(10)	Dir., Occupational and Tech. Ed.	1	\$140,171
(11)	Director of Human Resources/Svcs.	1	\$136,981
(12)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$136,981
(13)	Director of Admin. Services	1	\$135,012
(14)	Dir. of Workforce Development	1	\$133,980
(15)	Counselor	4	\$131,589
(16)	Director of Learning Center	1	\$131,589
(17)	Controller	1	\$130,889
(18)	Dir. of PR & Marketing	1	\$126,161
(19)	Registrar	1	\$126,161
(20)	Director of Financial Aid	1	\$125,910
(21)	Dean of Students	1	\$125,372

(22)	Project/Program Administrator	1	
	Project/Program Director		\$124,789
	Project/Program Manager		\$104,496
	Project/Program Specialist		\$94,333
(23)	Dir. of Planning & Assessment	1	\$124,788
(24)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$123,806
(25)	Business Manager	1	\$120,931
(26)	Director of Development	1	\$117,086
(27)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$116,722
(28)	Dir. of Sys Prog. & Database Svcs.	1	\$115,338
(29)	Director of Enrollment Management	1	\$115,020
(30)	Dir. of Pub. & Creative Svcs.	1	\$114,663
(31)	Coordinator for Student Recruitment	1	\$111,578
(32)	Director of Academic Advising	1	\$111,578
(33)	Coord., Information & Comm. Rel.	1	\$110,173
(34)	Administrator of Grants & Contracts	1	\$109,103
(35)	Dir. Env., Health & Safety Prog.	1	\$108,398
(36)	Coordinator of Career Services	1	\$107,799
(37)	Assistant Director	2	\$107,774
(38)	Director of Student Activities	1	\$106,899
(39)	Assistant to the President	1	\$103,703
(40)	Workforce Specialist	2	\$96,033
(41)	Director of Disability Services	1	\$95,900
(42)	Fiscal Support Pool	10	
	Fiscal Support Manager		\$95,029
	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$78,106
	Accountant II		\$75,103
	Accountant I		\$72,215
	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$69,437
	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$61,729
	Accounting Technician		\$57,071
	Fiscal Support Technician		\$52,766
(43)	Maintenance Manager	2	\$87,860
(44)	Budget Analyst	1	\$81,232
(45)	Human Resources Analyst	1	\$75,103
(46)	Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$75,103

(47)	ASU Payroll Services Manager	1	\$72,215
(48)	Administrative Support Pool	10	
	Administrative Assistant		\$69,437
	Administrative Analyst		\$69,437
	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$64,199
	Administrative Specialist III		\$61,729
	Administration Support Specialist		\$61,729
	Administrative Specialist II		\$54,877
	Administrative Support Specialist		\$54,877
	Administrative Specialist I		\$48,785
	Extra Help Assistant		\$40,098
(49)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$69,437
(50)	Financial Aid Analyst	2	\$69,437
(51)	Library Support Pool	1	
	Library Supervisor		\$69,437
	Library Specialist		\$59,355
	Library Technician		\$54,877
	Library Support Assistant		\$50,737
(52)	Purchasing Specialist	1	\$69,437
(53)	Financial Aid Specialist	1	\$64,199
(54)	Human Resources Specialist	2	\$64,199
(55)	Maintenance Technician	1	\$64,199
(56)	Maintenance Specialist	3	\$61,729
(57)	Equipment Mechanic	2	\$57,071
(58)	Landscape Specialist	2	\$57,071
(59)	Warehouse Specialist	1	\$57,071
(60)	Maintenance Assistant	2	\$52,766
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
(61)	Faculty	25	
	Professor/Master Instructor		\$165,256
	Assoc. Professor/Senior Instructor		\$142,608
	Asst. Professor/Advanced Instructor		\$124,524
	Instructor		\$108,808
(62)	Division Chairperson	7	\$150,880
(63)	Librarian	1	\$136,981

(64)	Director of Allied Health	1	\$132,703
(65)	Director of Adult Education	1	\$131,590
(66)	Instructor - Nursing/Resp. Therapy	3	\$124,154
(67)	University Center Media Specialist	1	\$91,507
(68)	Special Instructor/Trainer	7	\$87,019
<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
(69)	Faculty	52	
	Professor/Master Instructor		\$123,316
	Assoc. Professor/Senior Instructor		\$116,264
	Asst. Professor/Advanced Instructor		\$102,874
	Instructor		\$89,629
(70)	Part-Time Faculty	100	\$57,839
<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>			
<u>POSITIONS</u>			
(71)	Director of Food Services	1	\$109,027
(72)	Athletic Admin. & Support Pool	3	
	Coach		\$108,248
	Asst. Coach		\$57,839
	Athletic Trainer		\$43,298
(73)	Food Service Pool	1	
	Food Preparation Manager		\$66,767
	Food Preparation Supervisor		\$59,355
	Food Preparation Coordinator		\$52,766
	Food Preparation Specialist		\$45,105
	Food Preparation Technician		\$41,702
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	300	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas State University - Mid-South for the 2026-2027 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 hundred (200) 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 - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mid-South, to be payable from the Arkansas State University Mid-South Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University - Mid-South for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,800,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	350,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,150,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	906,969
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CONTINGENCY	<u>310,348</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,517,317</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mid-South, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University - Mid-South for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,000,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	600,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,500,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	300,000
(C) PROF. FEES	1,500,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,000,000

(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	5,000,000
(06) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	100,000
(07) SUBAWARDEE GRANTS AND AID	<u>1,500,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$25,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ADTEC/UNIVERSITY CENTER PARTNERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mid-South, to be payable from the Arkansas State University Mid-South Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, equipment and grants to Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium (ADTEC) Partners and University Center Partners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) ADTEC/UNIVERSITY CENTER PARTNERS	<u><u>\$1,578,918</u></u>

SECTION 6. ALLOCATIONS - ADTEC/UNIVERSITY CENTER PARTNERS. There is hereby allocated to the Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium (ADTEC) Partners and University Center Partners the following amounts of the funds appropriated in the ADTEC/University Center Partners Appropriation of this Act, there to be used as provided by in this Act, for the period ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	MAXIMUM ALLOCATION FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(1) ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE	\$165,346
(2) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT	165,346
(3) UNIV. OF ARK. EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	216,390
(4) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MID-SOUTH	422,179
(5) PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UA	191,270
(6) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - JONESBORO	324,032
(7) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FORT SMTIH	<u>94,355</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED	<u><u>\$1,578,918</u></u>

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADTEC/UNIVERSITY CENTER PARTNERS - TRAINING CONSORTIUM ADVICE. The Arkansas State University Mid-South upon counsel with and advice from the Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium (ADTEC) shall disburse funds from the ADTEC/UNIVERSITY CENTER PARTNERS appropriation authorized in this Act to selected University Center Partners and also the participating ADTEC Partners.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction 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, 2026 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, 2026 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, 2026.