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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1053

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK 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 University of Arkansas at Little Rock for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Dean of STEM	1	\$431,401
(2)	Chancellor	1	\$399,144
(3)	Vice Prov. for Res., Innov. & Com.	1	\$291,841
(4)	Provost	1	\$277,092



(5)	Dean of Bus., Health, & Human Serv	1	\$271,941
(6)	Dean Hum., Arts, Soc. Sci. & Ed.	1	\$271,941
(7)	Dean of Law	1	\$270,611
(8)	Chief of Staff	1	\$239,531
(9)	Vice Chan. for Finance & Admin.	1	\$232,470
(10)	Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$232,469
(11)	Vice Chancellor	1	\$228,939
(12)	Vice Chan. for Advancement/Dev.	1	\$228,939
(13)	Vice Provost - Archives & Coll.	1	\$221,879
(14)	Dean	2	\$221,877
(15)	Project/Program Administrator	82	
	Executive Project/Program Director		\$213,928
	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$186,892
	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$172,738
	Project/Program Director		\$140,094
	Project/Program Manager		\$126,956
	Executive Assistant		\$118,680
	Project/Program Specialist		\$109,536
(16)	Associate Dean - STEM	2	\$211,280
(17)	IT Pool	28	
	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
(18)	Associate Vice Chancellor	10	\$201,198
(19)	Dir. Ark. Institute Econ. Advance.	1	\$200,024
(20)	Chief Information Security Officer	1	\$199,572
(21)	Director of Arkansas SBTDC	1	\$194,858
(22)	Director of Digital Strategy	1	\$194,858
(23)	Division Chief	2	\$191,645
(24)	Assistant Dean - STEM	2	\$183,013
(25)	Asst. Vice Chan. for Student Affs.	3	\$179,615
(26)	Director of Information Technology	2	\$179,615
(27)	Director of Administrative Services	1	\$179,480
(28)	Director of Financial Services	1	\$179,480
(29)	Director of Distance Learning	1	\$179,017
(30)	Director of International Programs	1	\$179,017
(31)	Dir. of Research & Sponsored Pgrms.	1	\$179,017
(32)	Associate Dean	10	\$177,814
(33)	Director Facilities Management	1	\$168,941
(34)	Assistant Dean	6	\$168,616
(35)	Director of Records & Registration	1	\$161,471
(36)	Director of Counseling	1	\$159,757
(37)	Development/Advancement Admin.	15	
	Development/Advancement Director		\$157,485
	Development/Advancement Manager		\$125,202
	Development/Advancement Specialist		\$108,023
(38)	Director of University Police	1	\$151,221
(39)	Director of Human Resources	1	\$151,221
(40)	HR Associate Director	2	\$151,221
(41)	Assoc. Director Information Tech.	4	\$149,190
(42)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$146,631
(43)	Director of Financial Aid	1	\$145,871
(44)	Dir. of Community Partnerships	1	\$142,024
(45)	Director of Health Services	1	\$140,351
(46)	Dean of Students	1	\$135,834
(47)	Director of Admissions	1	\$135,834

(48)	Chemical Hygiene Officer	1	\$132,076
(49)	Assoc. Dir. Research & Spons. Prog.	1	\$131,351
(50)	Director of Finance	8	\$130,264
(51)	Dir. of Adm. & Registrar/Law	1	\$129,311
(52)	Project Coordinator	3	\$125,824
(53)	Academic/Student Support	85	
	Academic Counselor - STEM		\$124,517
	Student Development Specialist		\$110,019
	Academic Counselor		\$97,361
(54)	Director of Testing Services	1	\$123,526
(55)	Director of Alumni Relations	1	\$117,298
(56)	APAC Coordinator	1	\$115,100
(57)	Registered Nurse Practitioner	2	\$114,241
(58)	Director of Student Activities	1	\$112,947
(59)	Director of Disability Services	1	\$110,019
(60)	Coord. of Intramural Activities	1	\$106,709
(61)	Associate Director of Financial Aid	1	\$102,606
(62)	Fiscal Support Pool	15	
	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
(63)	Archivist	2	\$94,524
(64)	Public Safety Pool	39	
	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$93,110
	Director Public Safety I		\$91,374
	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$89,529
	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$86,085
	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$76,530
	Public Safety Officer		\$73,587
	Public Safety Officer II		\$68,035
	Security Officer Supervisor		\$64,199

	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$58,156
	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$48,785
	Parking Control Supv.		\$48,785
	Security Officer		\$48,785
	Parking Control Officer		\$46,909
	Watchman		\$40,098
(65)	Institutional Assistant	65	\$92,859
(66)	Campus Maintenance Supervisor	2	\$81,232
(67)	Education Counselor	6	\$81,232
(68)	Skilled Trades Pool	25	
	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$76,530
	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$73,587
	Skilled Tradesman		\$70,756
	Skilled Trades Helper		\$53,769
	Apprentice Tradesman		\$47,801
(69)	Budget Specialist	3	\$75,103
(70)	Editor	2	\$75,103
(71)	Maintenance Coordinator	2	\$75,103
(72)	Research Project Analyst	3	\$75,103
(73)	Buyer	6	\$72,215
(74)	HEI Program Coordinator	22	\$72,215
(75)	Administrative Support Pool	68	
	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
(76)	Assistant Registrar	5	\$69,437
(77)	Library Support Pool	8	
	Library Supervisor		\$69,437
	Library Specialist		\$59,355
	Library Technician		\$54,877

	Library Support Assistant		\$50,737
(78)	Maintenance Supervisor	2	\$69,437
(79)	Special Events Manager	1	\$69,437
(80)	Archival Assistant	2	\$66,767
(81)	Stationary Engineer	5	\$66,767
(82)	Warehouse Manager	1	\$66,767
(83)	Commercial Artist I/Graphic Art I	1	\$64,199
(84)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$64,199
(85)	Landscape Supervisor	2	\$64,199
(86)	Logistics Manager	1	\$64,199
(87)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$57,071
(88)	Maintenance Assistant	8	\$52,766
(89)	Mail Services Assistant	3	\$46,909
(90)	Institutional Services Supervisor	5	\$45,105
(91)	Institutional Services Assistant	45	\$43,370
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
(92)	Department Chairperson	37	
	Department Chair - STEM		\$236,007
	Department Chair		\$207,746
	Director		\$207,746
(93)	Faculty	57	
	University Professor - STEM		\$233,526
	Professor - STEM		\$231,053
	University Professor		\$221,021
	Professor		\$204,213
	Assoc. Professor - STEM		\$197,146
	Assoc. Professor		\$190,080
	Asst. Professor - STEM		\$186,547
	Asst. Professor		\$161,671
	Instructor - STEM		\$144,606
	Instructor		\$132,901
(94)	Economic Forecaster	1	\$225,183
(95)	Research/Extension Specialist	30	
	Senior Research/Extension Spec.		\$204,213
	Research/Extension Specialist		\$190,081

	Associate Research/Extension Spec.		\$161,671
	Assistant Research/Extension Spec.		\$126,371
(96)	Research Support	158	
	Research Associate		\$151,222
	Research Scientist		\$149,107
	Post Doctoral Fellow		\$126,147
	Senior Research Assistant - STEM		\$104,137
	Senior Research Assistant		\$90,525
(97)	Librarian	16	\$115,808
(98)	Extension Assistant	4	\$90,525
	<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
(99)	Faculty	355	
	Distinguished Professor - Law		\$249,151
	Professor - Law		\$232,822
	Distinguished Professor		\$228,748
	Professor - STEM		\$218,336
	University Professor		\$217,186
	Professor		\$200,682
	Associate Professor - Law		\$200,682
	Associate Professor - STEM		\$186,548
	Assistant Professor - Law		\$186,547
	Assistant Professor - STEM		\$180,842
	Associate Professor		\$175,948
	Assistant Professor		\$147,286
	Instructor		\$114,924
(100)	Lecturer	330	\$92,859
(101)	Graduate Assistant	180	\$36,272
	<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
	<u>POSITIONS</u>		
(102)	Director of Athletics	1	\$270,611
(103)	Head Basketball Coach	2	\$226,263
(104)	Project/Program Administrator	12	
	Executive Project/Program Director		\$213,928
	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$186,892
	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$172,738

	Project/Program Director		\$140,094
	Project/Program Manager		\$126,956
	Executive Assistant		\$118,680
	Project/Program Specialist		\$109,536
(105)	Assoc. Dir. of Athletics	8	\$171,784
(106)	Director of Special Events Center	1	\$140,351
(107)	Head Athletic Trainer	1	\$134,605
(108)	Assistant Athletic Director	4	\$131,377
(109)	Head Coach	8	\$131,377
(110)	Assistant Basketball Coach	8	\$131,377
(111)	Development Officer	2	\$126,449
(112)	Dir. of Printing Services	1	\$116,727
(113)	Assistant Coach	20	\$114,374
(114)	Trainer	8	\$114,370
(115)	Dir. of Strength & Conditioning	1	\$114,370
(116)	Asst. Dir. of Aquatics & Fitness	1	\$110,019
(117)	Skilled Trades Pool	5	
	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$76,530
	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$73,587
	Skilled Tradesman		\$70,756
	Skilled Trades Helper		\$53,769
	Apprentice Tradesman		\$47,801
(118)	Residential Life Coordinator	1	\$76,127
(119)	Budget Specialist	2	\$75,103
(120)	HEI Program Coordinator	4	\$72,215
(121)	Print Shop Manager	2	\$72,215
(122)	Administrative Support Pool	5	
	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

(123)	Assistant Dir. of Student Union	1	\$69,437
(124)	Printer	6	\$59,355
(125)	Student Union Section Manager	1	\$54,877
(126)	Maintenance Assistant	2	\$52,766
(127)	Reproduction Equipment Operator	1	\$46,909
(128)	Shipping & Receiving Clerk	1	\$46,909
(129)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$45,105
(130)	Institutional Services Assistant	20	\$43,370
(131)	Graduate Assistant	12	\$36,272

NANOTECHNOLOGY CENTER

TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

(132)	Director of Nanotechnology Center	1	\$246,133
(133)	Project/Program Administrator	3	
	Executive Project/Program Director		\$213,928
	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$186,892
	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$172,738
	Project/Program Director		\$140,094
	Project/Program Manager		\$126,956
	Executive Assistant		\$118,680
	Project/Program Specialist		\$109,536
(134)	Coordinator of Commercialization	1	\$140,089

TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

(135)	Research Support	7	
	Research Associate		\$151,222
	Post Doctoral Fellow		\$126,147
	Senior Research Assistant		\$90,525

NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

(136)	Graduate Assistant	<u>4</u>	\$36,272
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,988	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock 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: one thousand three hundred (1,300) 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 University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$62,167,099
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	10,329,116
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	21,013
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$72,517,228</u>

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

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$34,250,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	4,750,475
(03) OVERTIME	250,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	12,872,206

(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	45,500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,000,000
(C) PROF. FEES	6,500,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	14,094,940
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	30,000,000
(07) DEBT SERVICE	12,000,000
(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND INVESTMENTS	<u>81,078</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$162,298,699</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - WILLIAM H. BOWEN SCHOOL OF LAW. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund, from special revenues received from additional uniform filing fees in circuit court as authorized by Arkansas Code Annotated 16-10-314, for expenses of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock - William H. Bowen School of Law for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) WILLIAM H. BOWEN SCHOOL OF LAW EXPENSES	<u>\$800,000</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - NANOTECHNOLOGY CENTER. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund, for personal services and operating expenses, research, and development of viable technologies of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock - Nanotechnology Center for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) NANOTECHNOLOGY CENTER EXPENSES	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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.