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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1061

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND LICENSING - DIVISION OF LABOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND LICENSING - DIVISION OF LABOR APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ESE10A	SECRETARY OF LABOR & LICENSING	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	EEX09A	CHIEF OF STAFF I	1	GRADE EXE01
(3)	LAT08C	CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
(4)	FAC08C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09
(5)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08



(6)	HDH02C HR ADMINISTRATOR I	1	GRADE SPC05
(7)	ILP02C LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR II	3	GRADE SPC05
(8)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	2	GRADE SGS07
(9)	FBU01P BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS07
(10)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
(11)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
(12)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
(13)	CME04P MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
(14)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
(15)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
(16)	IIN01P INSPECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS04
(17)	IIA01C CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER I	1	GRADE IST10
(18)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	5	GRADE IST04
(19)	LAT03P ATTORNEY I	<u>1</u>	GRADE SPC03
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	28	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Labor and Licensing - Shared Services 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: four (4) 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 - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Shared Services Paying Account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,973,981
(02) EXTRA HELP	77,000

(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	656,467
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,130,704
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,853,152</u></u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF LABOR. There is hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing - Division of Labor for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
(1)	TIS02P INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SUPERVISOR/EXP	2	GRADE SGS09
(2)	CTR04P TRAINING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
(3)	PDA01P DATA/RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS07
(4)	IIN05P INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	7	GRADE SGS07
(5)	IIV05P INVESTIGATOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
(6)	CTR02P TRAINER	2	GRADE SGS07
(7)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
(8)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
(9)	IIN03P INSPECTOR III	8	GRADE SGS06
(10)	PQA03P QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS06
(11)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE SGS05
(12)	IIN02P INSPECTOR II	18	GRADE SGS05
(13)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
(14)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	6	GRADE SGS04
(15)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS04
(16)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS02
(17)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IST04
(18)	IIN04C INSPECTOR MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS08
(19)	IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II	<u>8</u>	GRADE SGS05

MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES

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SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the Department of Labor and Licensing Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Division of Labor - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,653,928
(02) EXTRA HELP	0
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	637,104
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	354,954
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	42,395
(C) PROF. FEES	3,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,691,381</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BOILER INSPECTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the Department of Labor and Licensing Special Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Division of Labor - Boiler Inspection for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$462,290
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	185,388
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	201,804
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	14,044

(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$863,526</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the Department of Labor and Licensing Special Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Division of Labor - Board of Electrical Examiners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$414,911
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	164,532
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	111,738
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,430
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$697,611</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Division of Labor - Federal Programs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$923,235
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	385,345
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

(A) OPER. EXPENSE	246,963
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	43,950
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,599,493</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - WAGE AND HOUR - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for distribution of wages due employees from employers in Arkansas by the Department of Labor and Licensing - Division of Labor - Wage and Hour - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) WAGES DUE	<u><u>\$200,000</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE EXPENSES - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses from the deposit of registration fees collected for seminars and conferences by the Department of Labor and Licensing - Division of Labor - Seminar and Conference Expenses - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$2,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	46,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

\$48,000

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the Department of Labor and Licensing.

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 12. 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 13. 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 14. 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.