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State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 30

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, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR 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 Office of the Governor 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)      | 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                                      |



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| (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 DIR OF COMMUNICATIONS  | 1        | GRADE SPC06 |
| (12) | GOV04G GOV ATTORNEY II                   | 2        | GRADE SPC05 |
| (13) | GOV32G GOV POLICY MANAGER                | 2        | GRADE SPC05 |
| (14) | GOV36G GOV SENIOR POLICY MANAGER         | 1        | GRADE SPC05 |
| (15) | GOV28G GOV PHOTOGRAPHER                  | 1        | GRADE SPC02 |
| (16) | GOV29G GOV POLICY ADVISOR                | 5        | GRADE SPC02 |
| (17) | GOV11G GOV COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR    | 1        | GRADE SPC01 |
| (18) | GOV26G GOV LEGAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR     | 1        | GRADE SPC01 |
| (19) | GOV31G GOV POLICY COORDINATOR            | 1        | GRADE SPC01 |
| (20) | GOV21G GOV DIR OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS | 1        | GRADE SGS10 |
| (21) | GOV22G GOV DIR 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 & COALITIONS DIR      | 1        | GRADE SGS08 |
| (25) | GOV27G GOV OFFICE MANAGER                | 1        | GRADE SGS08 |
| (26) | GOV37G GOV OFFICE STAFF                  | 9        | GRADE SGS08 |
| (27) | GOV19G GOV DEP DIR OF BRDS & COMMISSIONS | 1        | GRADE SGS07 |
| (28) | GOV18G GOV DEP DIR ADVANCE & COALITIONS  | 1        | GRADE SGS06 |
| (29) | GOV02G GOV ADVANCE & COALITIONS COORD    | 5        | GRADE SGS05 |
| (30) | GOV06G GOV BOARDS & COMMISSIONS COORD    | 1        | GRADE SGS05 |
| (31) | GOV15G GOV CONSTITUENT SERVICES COORD    | 1        | GRADE SGS05 |
| (32) | GOV23G GOV EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR         | 1        | GRADE SGS05 |
| (33) | GOV01G GOV ADVANCE & 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 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: 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, 2027, the following:

| ITEM<br>NO.                     | FISCAL YEAR<br>2026-2027 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$4,505,822              |
| (02) EXTRA HELP                 | 8,789                    |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 1,502,888                |
| (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>\$6,493,405</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 19-2-401 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM<br>NO.                            | FISCAL YEAR<br>2026-2027 |
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| (01) GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION | <u>\$500,000</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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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 controllaws 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, 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.