

1 State of Arkansas
2 92nd General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2020
4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1020

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROVIDING PAYMENT
9 OF CLAIMS TO SURVIVING SPOUSES AND/OR DEPENDENT
10 CHILDREN OF POLICEMEN, FIREMEN, CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS
11 AND OTHER SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES KILLED IN THE
12 OFFICIAL LINE OF DUTY, AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW;
13 PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF SMALL CONTROVERSIAL AND NON-
14 CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE
15 ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION; PROVIDING PERSONAL
16 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS
17 STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
18 JUNE 30, 2021; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

21 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS
22 COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-
23 2021 FISCAL YEAR.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
30 for the Arkansas State Claims Commission for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the
31 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class	No. of	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	Salary Rate
			Fiscal Year
			2020-2021
		Employees	



1	(1) N154N CLAIMS COMMISSION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
2	(2) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
3	(3) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	3	GRADE GS03
4	(4) U051U CLAIMS COMMISSIONER	<u>5</u>	GRADE GS02
5	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10	

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 7 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 8 to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the State Central
 9 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas
 10 State Claims Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the
 11 following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$355,986
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	132,491
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	92,390
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	0
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$583,867</u>

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 25 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to
 26 the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous
 27 Revolving Fund, for payment of claims awarded to surviving spouses and/or
 28 dependent children of deceased policemen, firemen, correctional officers and
 29 other specified state employees killed in the official line of duty, as
 30 prescribed by law; for payment of small controversial claim awards made by
 31 the Arkansas State Claims Commission; and for payment of awards made by the
 32 Arkansas State Claims Commission, as provided by law, on non-controversial
 33 claims, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>

1 (01) CLAIMS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES/DEPENDENT
 2 CHILDREN, SMALL CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS
 3 AND SMALL NON-CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS \$2,250,000
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5 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FIREFIGHTER BENEFIT REVIEW PANEL. There is
 6 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable
 7 from the State Central Services Fund, for expense reimbursements for the
 8 Firefighter Benefit Review Panel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021,
 9 the sum of.....\$8,000.

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 11 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 12 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 13 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 14 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 15 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 16 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 17 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 18 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 19 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 21 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 23 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 24 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 30 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 31 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 32 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2020 is essential to the operation of
 34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 35 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 36 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2020 could work irreparable harm

1 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
2 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
3 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
4 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2020.

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