

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2024
4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1029

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, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

21 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS
22 COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-
23 2025 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 2024-2025 fiscal year, the
31 following maximum number of regular employees.
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		Maximum	Annual
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code	Title	Employees
			2024-2025



1	(1) N154N CLAIMS COMMISSION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
2	(2) G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
3	(3) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
4	(4) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE GS03
5	(5) U051U CLAIMS COMMISSIONER	<u>5</u>	GRADE GS02
6	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10	

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 8 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 9 to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the State Central
 10 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas
 11 State Claims Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the
 12 following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$455,659
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	180,565
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	95,390
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
21	(C) PROF. FEES	0
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$731,614</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to
 27 the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous
 28 Revolving Fund, for payment of claims awarded to surviving spouses and/or
 29 dependent children of deceased policemen, firemen, correctional officers and
 30 other specified state employees killed in the official line of duty, as
 31 prescribed by law; for payment of small controversial claim awards made by
 32 the Arkansas State Claims Commission; and for payment of awards made by the
 33 Arkansas State Claims Commission, as provided by law, on non-controversial
 34 claims, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1 NO. 2024-2025

2 (01) CLAIMS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES/DEPENDENT
3 CHILDREN, SMALL CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS
4 AND SMALL NON-CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS \$2,250,000

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6 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FIREFIGHTER BENEFIT REVIEW PANEL. There is
7 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable
8 from the State Central Services Fund, for expense reimbursements for the
9 Firefighter Benefit Review Panel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,
10 the sum of.....\$8,000.

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

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

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31 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
32 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
33 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
36 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

1 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
2 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
3 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
4 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
5 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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