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HOUSE BILL 1037

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY
10 GENERAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL
16 YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
23 for the Office of Attorney General for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
30	(1) Q242U	SOLICITOR GENERAL	1	\$181,500
31	(2) Q426U	CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	1	\$181,500
32	(3) Q427U	DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	11	\$167,000
33	(4) Q428U	SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	11	\$140,592
34	(5) Q434U	SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	17	\$125,986
35	(6) Q429U	SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	6	\$115,000
36	(7) Q430U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	11	\$112,900



1	(8) Q431U ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	20	\$95,000
2	(9) Q432U MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	6	\$90,670
3	(10) Q074U INVESTIGATOR I	1	\$90,670
4	(11) Q433U SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	13	\$75,000
5	(12) Q070U INVESTIGATOR II	2	\$75,000
6	(13) Q034U ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	13	\$62,500
7	(14) Q130U INVESTIGATOR III	13	\$62,500
8	(15) Q071U ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>22</u>	\$55,000
9	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	148	

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11 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 12 to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the State Central
 13 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of
 14 Attorney General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$14,388,564
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,462,554
20	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	250,000
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
23	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
25	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$19,201,118</u>

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28 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - STATE. There
 29 is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud
 30 Division - State for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 31 of regular employees.

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33		Maximum Annual
34		Salary Rate
35	Item Class	Fiscal Year
36	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
		Maximum
		No. of
		Employees

1	(1)	Q427U	DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	1	\$167,000
2	(2)	Q429U	SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$115,000
3	(3)	Q430U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	2	\$112,900
4	(4)	Q432U	MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$90,670
5	(5)	Q071U	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>1</u>	\$55,000
6			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	6	

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 8 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - STATE. There is
 9 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from
 10 the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses
 11 of the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - State for the
 12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$656,046
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	196,834
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	56,235
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,100
21	(C) PROF. FEES	17,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,500
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$963,715</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 5. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There
 27 is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud
 28 Division - Federal for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum
 29 number of regular employees.

31			Maximum Annual
32		Maximum	Salary Rate
33	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
34	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
35	(1) Q428U SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	1	\$140,592
36	(2) Q434U SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	1	\$125,986

1	(3)	Q429U	SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$115,000
2	(4)	Q430U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	3	\$112,900
3	(5)	Q431U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	1	\$95,000
4	(6)	Q432U	MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$90,670
5	(7)	Q074U	INVESTIGATOR I	2	\$90,670
6	(8)	Q433U	SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	3	\$75,000
7	(9)	Q070U	INVESTIGATOR II	5	\$75,000
8	(10)	Q071U	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>1</u>	\$55,000
9			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	19	

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11 SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is
 12 hereby authorized, for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud
 13 Division - Federal for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum
 14 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 15 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary
 16 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 17 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 18 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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20 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is
 21 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from
 22 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 23 personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General -
 24 Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,
 25 the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,751,551
30	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
31	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	547,876
32	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	321,275
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	81,300
35	(C) PROF. FEES	418,469
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	31,500

1	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,181,971</u></u>

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4 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - INDIRECT COSTS.

5 There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be
 6 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 7 the State, for operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General -
 8 Medicaid Fraud Division - Indirect Costs for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 9 2025, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
13	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$498,461
15	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
16	(C) PROF. FEES	0
17	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$498,461</u></u>

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21 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN. There is
 22 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from
 23 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 24 operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General - Internet Crimes
 25 Against Children for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
29	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
32	(C) PROF. FEES	0
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>

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SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - COOPERATIVE DISABILITY INVESTIGATION PROGRAM. There is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Cooperative Disability Investigation Program for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	Q074U	INVESTIGATOR I	2	\$90,670
(2)	Q433U	SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	\$75,000
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - COOPERATIVE DISABILITY INVESTIGATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, 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 Office of Attorney General - Cooperative Disability Investigation Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$256,340
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	92,974
(03)	OVERTIME	42,000
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	55,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$451,314</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - UNRESTRICTED SETTLEMENT FEES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for

1 personal services, miscellaneous operating expenses, grants, court ordered
2 payments, consumer education and enforcement activities from unrestricted
3 settlement fees of the Office of Attorney General for the fiscal year ending
4 June 30, 2025, the sum of..... \$15,000,000.
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6 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - SETTLEMENT FEES AND
7 RESTITUTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General,
8 to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for
9 personal services, miscellaneous operating expenses, grants, fund transfers,
10 and restitution payments and expenses of the Office of Attorney General for
11 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the sum of..... \$31,000.
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13 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
15 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer
16 of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
17 Budget Committee, the Office of Attorney General is authorized to transfer
18 appropriation from any line item authorized in the Operations Appropriation
19 of the Office of Attorney General in this Act to any other line item
20 authorized in the Operations Appropriation.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
22 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.
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24 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
26 FUND TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Attorney
27 General may deposit or transfer by check monies from the unobligated cash
28 funds of the Office of Attorney General received from court orders or
29 settlement agreements to the State Central Services Fund.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
31 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.
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33 SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
34 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
35 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
36 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

1 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
2 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
3 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
4 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
5 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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7 SECTION 17. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
8 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
9 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
10 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
11 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
12 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
13 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
14 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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16 SECTION 18. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
17 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
18 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
19 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
20 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
21 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
22 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
23 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
24 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
25 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
26 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.