

1 State of Arkansas  
2 92nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2019  
4

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1046

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 BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN  
10 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY FOR THE  
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN  
16 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL  
18 YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Board  
25 of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the 2019-2020  
26 fiscal year, the 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 2019-2020 |
|----------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| (1)      | L059C      | ABSLPA DIRECTOR       | <u>1</u>                 | GRADE GS08                                       |
|          |            | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 1                        |  |

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35 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Board of  
36 Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the 2019-2020 fiscal



1 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be  
 2 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such  
 3 purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of  
 4 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 5 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 6 classification.

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 8 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 9 to the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, to be  
 10 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by  
 11 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating  
 12 expenses of the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology  
 13 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

| 15 ITEM                            | FISCAL YEAR             |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 16 <u>NO.</u>                      | <u>2019-2020</u>        |
| 17 (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$53,209                |
| 18 (02) EXTRA HELP                 | 6,000                   |
| 19 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 17,773                  |
| 20 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                         |
| 21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 50,516                  |
| 22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 3,250                   |
| 23 (C) PROF. FEES                  | 12,800                  |
| 24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 0                       |
| 25 (E) DATA PROC.                  | <u>0</u>                |
| 26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u><u>\$143,548</u></u> |

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 28 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

30 INVESTIGATOR. The Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and  
 31 Audiology shall contract with an outside investigator, as needed, to perform  
 32 investigations and conduct inspections of alleged wrongdoing. The duties of  
 33 the investigator hired shall include, but not be limited to, investigation  
 34 and inspection of all complaints as determined by the Board, to determine  
 35 whether or not any persons have

36 (1) Practiced their profession in such a way as to endanger the general

1 health and welfare of the public; or

2 (2) Otherwise violated the practice act or rules and regulations of the  
3 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~  
5 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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

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

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26 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
27 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
28 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2019 is essential to the operation of  
30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
31 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
32 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2019 could work irreparable harm  
33 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
34 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
35 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
36 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2019.