

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

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 ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE  
10 COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, AND THE  
11 INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
12 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE  
17 RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL  
19 YEAR.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
26 for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the  
27 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item	Class	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate Fiscal Year
No.	Code			2024-2025
33	(1)	Q030U DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	GRADE SE05
34	(2)	Q029U ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	4	GRADE SE04
35	(3)	Q061N BLR COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE03
36	(4)	Q014N BLR ADMINISTRATOR	10	GRADE SE02



1	(5)	Q236C SR APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER II	6	GRADE IT10
2	(6)	Q237C SR NETWORK SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE IT10
3	(7)	Q285C PC PROCUREMENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
4	(8)	Q286C SENIOR PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST III	4	GRADE IT07
5	(9)	Q262C BLR PRODUCTION ASSISTANT	1	GRADE IT04
6	(10)	Q224C ASSETS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT03
7	(11)	Q272C LEGISLATIVE ECONOMIST	1	GRADE GS15
8	(12)	Q068N LEGAL EDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS14
9	(13)	Q281C SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY III	23	GRADE GS14
10	(14)	Q287C SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR III	7	GRADE GS13
11	(15)	Q282C SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST III	33	GRADE GS13
12	(16)	Q283C BLR PROGRAM DEV & COMPLIANCE ANALYST II	1	GRADE GS10
13	(17)	Q284C LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST III	3	GRADE GS10
14	(18)	Q067C ADMIN ASSIST TO DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
15	(19)	Q077C ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	4	GRADE GS08
16	(20)	Q065C OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS08
17	(21)	Q235C ADMIN ASSIST TO ADMINISTRATOR	8	GRADE GS07
18	(22)	Q118C FACILITIES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
19	(23)	Q110C LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT II	16	GRADE GS06
20	(24)	Q131C BLR SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
21		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	134	

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23 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 24 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2024-  
 25 2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary  
 26 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated  
 27 herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or part-time employees,  
 28 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform  
 29 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the  
 30 appropriate classification.

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32 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 33 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be  
 34 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services,  
 35 operating expenses, contingency, committee rooms, and construction and  
 36 capital improvements of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the

1 Legislative Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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3	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
5	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,860,244
6	(02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
7	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,827,527
8	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,083,686
10	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002
11	(C) PROF. FEES	298,889
12	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
13	(E) DATA PROC.	0
14	(05) CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000
15	(06) CONTINGENCY	1,393,480
16	(07) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
17	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$20,486,891</u></u>

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19 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is  
20 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
21 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
22 Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General  
23 Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
27	(01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u><u>\$271,060</u></u>

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29 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby  
30 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
31 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
32 Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas  
33 General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee  
34 related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General  
35 Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as  
36 approved by the appropriate committee for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1 2025, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
5 (01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR	
6 MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL	
7 ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$1,419,199
8 (02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM	
9 COMMITTEE MEMBERS & COMMITTEE	
10 STAFF WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE	
11 APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>
12 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,696,396</u></u>

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14 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby  
 15 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
 16 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 17 Fund, for paying expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly  
 18 attending meetings of the Energy Council and for other associated expenses  
 19 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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21 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
23 (01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND	
24 OTHER EXPENSES	<u><u>\$65,806</u></u>

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26 SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau  
 27 of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable from the  
 28 State Central Services Fund, from the balance of the appropriation remaining  
 29 on June 30, 2024 in Sections 3 and 7 of Act 120 of 2023, there to be used to  
 30 the same purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in a sum not to  
 31 exceed..... \$2,000,000.

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33 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 35 CLASSIFICATION UTILIZATION. The Bureau of Legislative Research may utilize,  
 36 at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, the

1 following classifications as necessary. The use of these classifications  
 2 shall not be considered as increasing the number of positions authorized in  
 3 this act, only as a temporary reclassification or cross grade of a position.  
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6	CODE	TITLE	GRADE
7	Q221C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	GS13
8	Q234C	SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR II	GS12
9	Q006C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	GS12
10	Q220C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	GS12
11	Q223C	SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR	GS11
12	Q032C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	GS11
13	Q007C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	GS11
14	Q073C	LEGAL EDITOR III	GS10
15	Q064C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST III	GS10
16	Q046C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	GS10
17	Q232C	BLR PROGRAM DEVELOP & COMPLIANCE ANALYST	GS09
18	Q222C	LEGAL EDITOR II	GS09
19	Q197C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST II	GS09
20	Q079C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	GS09
21	Q240C	LEGAL EDITOR	GS08
22	Q239C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	GS08
23	Q198C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST	GS07
24	Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	GS05
25	Q241C	SR. APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	IT09
26	Q242C	SR. NETWORK SPECIALIST	IT09
27	Q243C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER II	IT08
28	Q244C	NETWORK SPECIALIST II	IT08
29	Q246C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	IT07
30	Q247C	NETWORK SPECIALIST	IT07
31	Q238C	SENIOR PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	IT06
32	Q245C	SR. PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IT05
33	Q271C	APPLICATIONS SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IT05
34	Q063C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	IT04
35	Q078C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IT03
36	Q127C	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	IT02

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The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2023  
2024 through June 30, 2024 2025.

SECTION 9. 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  
control laws 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 10. 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 11. 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, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024.