

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 51

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, 2021; 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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual Salary Rate
No.	Code	Title	No. of Employees	Fiscal Year 2020-2021
33	(1)	Q030U DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	GRADE SE05
34	(2)	Q029U ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	4	GRADE SE04
35	(3)	Q014N BLR ADMINISTRATOR	9	GRADE SE02
36	(4)	Q061N BLR COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE02



1	(5)	Q069N PC SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
2	(6)	Q236C SR APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER II	6	GRADE IT09
3	(7)	Q237C SR NETWORK SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE IT09
4	(8)	Q238C SR PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE IT06
5	(9)	Q262C BLR PRODUCTION ASSISTANT	1	GRADE IT04
6	(10)	Q224C ASSETS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT03
7	(11)	Q130C DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH	1	GRADE IT01
8	(12)	Q063N LEGIS ADMIN SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS14
9	(13)	Q068N LEGAL EDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS13
10	(14)	Q221C SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	23	GRADE GS13
11	(15)	Q234C SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR II	7	GRADE GS12
12	(16)	Q006C SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	34	GRADE GS12
13	(17)	Q067C ADMIN ASSIST TO DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
14	(18)	Q232C BLR PROG DEVELOP & COMPLIANCE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS09
15	(19)	Q197C LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST II	3	GRADE GS09
16	(20)	Q077C ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	4	GRADE GS08
17	(21)	Q065C OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS08
18	(22)	Q235C ADMIN ASSIST TO ADMINISTRATOR	8	GRADE GS07
19	(23)	Q118C REFERENCE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS07
20	(24)	Q110C LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT II	16	GRADE GS06
21	(25)	Q131C BLR SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
22		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	136	

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24 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 25 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2020-  
 26 2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary  
 27 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated  
 28 herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or part-time employees,  
 29 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform  
 30 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the  
 31 appropriate classification.

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

1 capital improvements of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the  
 2 Legislative Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,090,629
7 (02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
8 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,860,032
9 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,133,686
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002
12 (C) PROF. FEES	298,889
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (05) CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000
16 (06) CONTINGENCY	893,480
17 (07) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$17,299,781</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is  
 21 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
 22 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 23 Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General  
 24 Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

26 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
28 (01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u><u>\$271,060</u></u>

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

1 approved by the appropriate committee for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 2 2021, the following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
6 (01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR	
7 MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL	
8 ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$1,419,199
9 (02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM	
10 COMMITTEE MEMBERS & COMMITTEE	
11 STAFF WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE	
12 APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>
13 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,696,396</u></u>

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 15 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby  
 16 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
 17 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 18 Fund, for paying expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly  
 19 attending meetings of the Energy Council and for other associated expenses  
 20 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

22 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
24 (01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND	
25 OTHER EXPENSES	<u><u>\$65,806</u></u>

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 27 SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau  
 28 of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable from the  
 29 State Central Services Fund, from the balance of the appropriation remaining  
 30 on June 30, 2020 in Sections 3 and 7 of Act 79 of 2019, there to be used for  
 31 the same purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, in a sum not to  
 32 exceed..... \$2,000,000.

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 34 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
 36 PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research

1 is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to  
2 transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and also  
3 between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined  
4 necessary.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~  
6 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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8 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST OF  
10 LIVING INCREASES. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned  
11 to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living  
12 increases on July 1, in an amount equal to that granted to all other state  
13 agency, board, commission or institution of higher education employees on  
14 those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual salary rates for Bureau  
15 employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee  
16 retention or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the  
17 Director of the Bureau. Salary payments shall not be restricted to maximum  
18 amounts authorized by law, if the salary adjustments exceed the maximum line  
19 item amount authorized by law for a position, the amount shall be paid to the  
20 employee as a lump-sum payment.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~  
22 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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24 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
26 DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the  
27 Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds  
28 appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses. The  
29 Director shall appoint a designee who shall serve as the disbursing officer  
30 in his/her absence. In the event there is no Director, the Co-Chairs of the  
31 Arkansas Legislative Council can appoint a disbursing officer. All  
32 expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in  
33 accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in  
34 accordance with appropriate law.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~  
36 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CLASSIFICATION UTILIZATION. The Bureau of Legislative Research may utilize, at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, the following classifications as necessary. The use of these classifications shall not be considered as increasing the number of positions authorized in this act, only as a temporary reclassification or cross grade of a position.

CLASS

CODE	TITLE	GRADE
Q220C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	GS12
Q223C	SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR	GS11
Q032C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	GS11
Q007C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	GS11
Q073C	LEGAL EDITOR III	GS10
Q064C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST III	GS10
Q046C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	GS10
Q222C	LEGAL EDITOR II	GS09
Q079C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	GS09
Q240C	LEGAL EDITOR	GS08
Q239C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	GS08
Q198C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST	GS07
Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	GS05
Q241C	SR. APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	IT08
Q242C	SR. NETWORK SPECIALIST	IT08
Q243C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER II	IT07
Q244C	NETWORK SPECIALIST II	IT07
Q246C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	IT06
Q247C	NETWORK SPECIALIST	IT06
Q245C	SR. PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IT05
Q063C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	IT04
Q078C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IT03
Q127C	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	IT02

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2019

1 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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3 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
4 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
5 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
6 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
7 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
8 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
9 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
10 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
11 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.  
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13 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
14 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
15 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
16 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
17 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
18 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
19 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
20 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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22 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
23 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
24 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
25 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2020 is essential to the operation of  
26 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
27 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
28 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2020 could work irreparable harm  
29 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
30 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
31 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
32 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2020.  
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