

State of Arkansas

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95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 41

By: Joint Budget Committee

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AND FUNDS TO ALLEVIATE CONDITIONS ARISING IN PUBLIC  
EMERGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
for the Office of the Governor for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following  
maximum number of regular employees.*

			Maximum Annual	
			Salary Rate	
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year	
No.	Code	Title	Employees	2025-2026
(1)	GOV09G	GOV CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	GOV17G	GOV DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF	2	GRADE EXE01
(3)	GOV08G	GOV CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE SPC11
(4)	GOV34G	GOV SENIOR ADVISOR	1	GRADE SPC11
(5)	GOV12G	GOV COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08



1	(6) GOV25G	GOV LEG/POLICY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
2	(7) GOV35G	GOV SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR	1	GRADE SPC08
3	(8) GOV05G	GOV ATTORNEY III	2	GRADE SPC07
4	(9) GOV07G	GOV BUDGET DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC06
5	(10) GOV13G	GOV COMMUNICATIONS SENIOR ADVISOR	1	GRADE SPC06
6	(11) GOV20G	GOV DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	GRADE SPC06
7	(12) GOV04G	GOV ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE SPC05
8	(13) GOV36G	GOV SENIOR POLICY MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC05
9	(14) GOV32G	GOV POLICY MANAGER	2	GRADE SPC05
10	(15) GOV11G	GOV COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC01
11	(16) GOV28G	GOV PHOTOGRAPHER	1	GRADE SPC02
12	(17) GOV29G	GOV POLICY ADVISOR	5	GRADE SPC02
13	(18) GOV26G	GOV LEGAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC01
14	(19) GOV31G	GOV POLICY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC01
15	(20) GOV21G	GOV DIRECTOR OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS	1	GRADE SGS10
16	(21) GOV22G	GOV DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES	1	GRADE SGS10
17	(22) GOV24G	GOV EXECUTIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS09
18	(23) GOV33G	GOV SCHEDULER	1	GRADE SGS09
19	(24) GOV03G	GOV ADVANCE AND COALITIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SGS08
20	(25) GOV27G	GOV OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS08
21	(26) GOV37G	GOV OFFICE STAFF	9	GRADE SGS08
22	(27) GOV19G	GOV DEPUTY DIR OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	1	GRADE SGS07
23	(28) GOV18G	GOV DEPUTY DIR OF ADVANCE & COALITIONS	1	GRADE SGS06
24	(29) GOV02G	GOV ADVANCE AND COALITIONS COORDINATOR	5	GRADE SGS05
25	(30) GOV06G	GOV BOARDS & COMMISSIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
26	(31) GOV15G	GOV CONSTITUENT SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
27	(32) GOV23G	GOV EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
28	(33) GOV01G	GOV ADVANCE AND COALITIONS AIDE	1	GRADE SGS04
29	(34) GOV10G	GOV COMMUNICATIONS AIDE	1	GRADE SGS04
30	(35) GOV14G	GOV CONSTITUENT SERVICES AIDE	3	GRADE SGS04
31	(36) GOV30G	GOV POLICY AIDE	1	GRADE SGS04
32	(37) GOV16G	GOV CONSTITUENT SERVICES STAFF	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS01
33	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES		59	

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35 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 36 the Office of the Governor for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following

maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of the Governor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,504,822
(02) EXTRA HELP	8,789
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,502,658
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	446,706
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,200
(C) PROF. FEES	14,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,492,175</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for the purpose provided by Arkansas Code 19-2-404, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer

1 of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
2 Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any  
3 line item authorized in Operations Appropriation of the Governor's Office in  
4 this Act to any other line item authorized in Operations Appropriation.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
6 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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8 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
9 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
10 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
11 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
14 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
16 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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27 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
29 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
32 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
33 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
34 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
35 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
36 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, 2025.

*/s/Joint Budget Committee*

**APPROVED: 4/18/25**