

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 33

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

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE
11 COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, AND THE
12 INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
13 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE
19 RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
21 YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
27 for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the
28 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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		Maximum Annual		
		Maximum	Salary Rate	
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year	
No.	Code	Title	Employees	2026-2027
34	(1) Q030U	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	GRADE EXE04
35	(2) Q303C	BLR CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE EXE03
36	(3) Q302C	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	3	GRADE EXE03



1	(4)	Q307C	ADMIN RULES CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE EXE02
2	(5)	Q305C	BLR CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE EXE02
3	(6)	Q306C	LEGAL RES & DRAFT CHIEF LEGAL CSL	1	GRADE EXE02
4	(7)	Q308C	STATUTORY REV CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE EXE02
5	(8)	Q314C	COMMITTEE SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC10
6	(9)	Q310C	LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC10
7	(10)	Q309C	LEGISLATIVE PERSONNEL ADMIN	1	GRADE SPC10
8	(11)	Q313C	RESEARCH & POLICY ANALYSIS ADMIN	1	GRADE SPC10
9	(12)	Q321C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY III	23	GRADE SPC08
10	(13)	Q272C	LEGISLATIVE ECONOMIST	2	GRADE SPC08
11	(14)	Q322C	LEGISLATIVE EDITOR COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC06
12	(15)	Q323C	LEGISLATIVE STATE BUDGET EXPERT	10	GRADE SPC06
13	(16)	Q324C	LEGISLATIVE STATE PERSONNEL EXPERT	5	GRADE SPC06
14	(17)	Q325C	LEGISLATIVE EDITOR LEAD	7	GRADE SPC04
15	(18)	Q326C	LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH LEAD	7	GRADE SPC04
16	(19)	Q327C	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE LEAD	10	GRADE SGS10
17	(20)	Q328C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SVC SR. ANALYST	3	GRADE SGS09
18	(21)	Q330C	LEGISLATIVE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS08
19	(22)	Q329C	LEGISLATIVE HR ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS08
20	(23)	Q331C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST III	4	GRADE SGS06
21	(24)	Q065C	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SGS06
22	(25)	Q110C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST II	8	GRADE SGS05
23	(26)	Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	16	GRADE SGS04
24	(27)	Q332C	LEGISLATIVE INV/FAC SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
25	(28)	Q333C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS03
26	(29)	Q304C	BLR CHIEF INFORMATION TECH OFFICER	1	GRADE IST14
27	(30)	Q312C	LEGISLATIVE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IST13
28	(31)	Q311C	LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMMER ADMIN	1	GRADE IST13
29	(32)	Q315C	LEGISLATIVE APPLICATIONS EXPERT	5	GRADE IST11
30	(33)	Q316C	LEGISLATIVE IT INFRASTRUCTURE EXP	4	GRADE IST11
31	(34)	Q317C	LEGISLATIVE WEBSITE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST07
32	(35)	Q319C	LEGISLATIVE DATA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST05
33	(36)	Q318C	LEGISLATIVE USER IT EXPERT	5	GRADE IST05
34	(37)	Q320C	LEGISLATIVE MEDIA ENGINEER	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST04
35		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		134	

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1 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 2 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2026-
 3 2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 4 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 5 herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or part-time employees,
 6 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 7 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 8 appropriate classification.

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 10 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 11 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be
 12 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services,
 13 operating expenses, contingency, committee rooms, and construction and
 14 capital improvements of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the
 15 Legislative Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,860,244
20 (02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
21 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,827,527
22 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,083,686
24 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002
25 (C) PROF. FEES	298,889
26 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
27 (E) DATA PROC.	0
28 (05) CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000
29 (06) CONTINGENCY	3,393,480
30 (07) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$22,486,891</u>

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 33 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is
 34 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
 35 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
 36 Fund, for study expenses of the Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly

1 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
5 (01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u>\$271,060</u>

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 7 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby
 8 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
 9 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
 10 Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas
 11 General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee
 12 related activities of the Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly for the
 13 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17 (01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR 18 MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 19 COMMITTEES	<u>\$1,449,199</u>

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 21 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 23 CLASSIFICATION UTILIZATION. The Bureau of Legislative Research may utilize,
 24 at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, the
 25 following classifications as necessary. The use of these classifications
 26 shall not be considered as increasing the number of positions authorized in
 27 this act, only as a temporary reclassification or cross grade of a position.

29 CLASS		
30 CODE	TITLE	GRADE
31 Q334C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY IV	SPC09
32 Q335C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	SPC05
33 Q336C	LEGISLATIVE STATE BUDGET SENIOR ANALYST	SPC05
34 Q337C	LEGISLATIVE STATE PERSONNEL SENIOR ANALYST	SPC05
35 Q338C	LEGISLATIVE STATE BUDGET ANALYST	SPC04
36 Q339C	LEGISLATIVE STATE PERSONNEL ANALYST	SPC04

1	Q340C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY I	SPC03
2	Q341C	LEGISLATIVE EDITOR SENIOR ANALYST <u>III</u>	SPC02
3	Q342C	LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SENIOR ANALYST	SPC02
4	Q343C	LEGISLATIVE EDITOR ANALYST <u>II</u>	SPC01
5	Q344C	LEGISLATIVE STATE BUDGET SPECIALIST	SPC01
6	Q345C	LEGISLATIVE STATE PERSONNEL SPECIALIST	SPC01
7	Q346C	LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH ANALYST	SPC01
8	Q347C	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SENIOR ANALYST	SGS08
9	Q348C	LEGISLATIVE HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	SGS07
10	Q349C	LEGISLATIVE EDITOR SPECIALIST <u>I</u>	SGS06
11	Q350C	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ANALYST	SGS06
12	Q364C	LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SPECIALIST	SGS06
13	Q365C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SPEC	SGS05
14	Q353C	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SPECIALIST	SGS05
15	Q354C	LEGISLATIVE IT INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEER	IST10
16	Q355C	LEGISLATIVE APPLICATIONS COORDINATOR	IST10
17	Q356C	LEGISLATIVE IT INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICIAN	IST08
18	Q357C	LEGISLATIVE APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER II	IST08
19	Q358C	LEGISLATIVE APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER I	IST07
20	Q359C	LEGISLATIVE PROJECT ANALYST	IST07
21	Q360C	LEGISLATIVE IT INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIALIST	IST06
22	Q361C	LEGISLATIVE USER SUPPORT LEAD	IST04
23	Q362C	LEGISLATIVE USER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	IST03
24	Q363C	LEGISLATIVE USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IST02
25	<u>Q370C</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ANALYST</u>	<u>SGS07</u>

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27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
28 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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30 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
31 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
33 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
2 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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4 SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
5 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
6 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
7 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
8 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
9 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
10 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
11 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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13 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
14 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
15 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
16 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
17 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
18 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
19 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
20 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
21 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
22 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
23 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.
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