

**REPORT OF THE
PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL/JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE**

October 23, 2024

Co-Chairs:

The Personnel Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee met on October 22, 2024 at 1:30p.m., in Room A of the MAC Building. The Subcommittee adopted a motion to hold the Act 796 report, all position eliminations and all agencies that have position eliminations listed in their position budget requests. The Subcommittee reviewed the following agencies personnel-related requests and personnel-related special language. The Subcommittee respectfully requests that they be filed with Executive Recommendation to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee with exceptions where noted.

1. Batch Agencies with No Changes

- A. 0228 Dept of Health- AR Board of Examiners in Counseling
- B. 0246 Dept of Health- AR State Board of Physical Therapy
- C. 0254 Dept of Health- AR Social Work Licensing Board
- D. 0268 Dept of Health- AR State Board of Dental Examiners
- E. 0277 Dept of Health- AR State Board of Nursing
- F. 0283 Dept of Health- AR State Board of Pharmacy
- G. 0295 Dept of Health- AR Spinal Cord Commission
- H. 9907 Dept of Health- Administration and Shared Services
- I. 0203 Dept of Labor and Licensing- State Board of Accountancy
- J. 0206 Dept of Labor and Licensing- Architects, Landscape Architects & Interior Designers
- K. 0209 Dept of Labor and Licensing- State Athletic Commission
- L. 0211 Dept of Labor and Licensing- Professional Bail Bond Commission & Bail Bondsman Licensing Board
- M. 0212 Dept of Labor and Licensing- State Board of Barber Examiners
- N. 0221 Dept of Labor and Licensing- State Board of Collection Agencies
- O. 0236 Dept of Labor and Licensing- Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors
- P. 0240 Dept of Labor and Licensing- Board of Registration for Professional Geologists
- Q. 0248 Dept of Labor and Licensing- AR Real Estate Commission
- R. 0263 Dept of Labor and Licensing- Fire Protection Licensing Board
- S. 0305 Dept of Labor and Licensing- Manufactured Home Commission
- T. 0320 Dept of Labor and Licensing- AR Motor Vehicle Commission
- U. 0238 AR Ethics Commission
- V. 0241 Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission
- W. 0360 AR State Claims Commission
- X. 9915 Dept of Veterans Affairs- Administration and Shared Services
- Y. 0365 Dept of Veterans Affairs- Disabled Veterans' Service Office
- Z. 9911 Dept of Military- Administration and Shared Services
- AA. 0232 State Board of Election Commissioner

2. 0324 Arkansas Public Defender Commission

Includes Special Language

3. 0080 Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Includes Special Language- committee adopted alternative special language handout (ATTACHMENT 1)

4. Department of Labor and Licensing

- A. 0210 Auctioneer's Licensing Board
- B. 0390 Workers' Compensation Commission
- 5. **Department of Finance and Administration**
 - A. 0490 Assessment Coordination Division
 - B. 0634 Child Support Enforcement Division
Includes Special Language
 - C. 0631 DFA-Regulatory Division
Includes Special Language
- 6. **0090 Department of Transportation**
- 7. **Department of Health**
 - A. 0265 Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
 - B. 0270 Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board
 - C. 0279 Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians
 - D. 0280 State Board of Optometry
 - E. 0289 Arkansas Psychology Board
 - F. 0292 Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
 - G. 0334 Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission
Includes Special Language
- 8. **Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism**
 - A. 0315 Capitol Zoning District Commission

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs Senator David Wallace and Representative Marcus Richmond.

DIRECTOR SALARY INCREASE RESTRICTION. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Director shall not receive any salary adjustment that exceeds their June 17, ~~2024~~ 2025 actual salary by more than five percent (5%) without first receiving prior approval from the Legislative Council or if the General Assembly is in regular session, fiscal session, or extraordinary session, the Joint Budget Committee.

It is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.