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STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

January 15, 2025

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

Please find attached an appropriation bill for the session expenses of my office. This request seeks no additional spending authority, reflecting appropriation amounts equal to those amounts established for the 2023 Legislative Session. This bill will ensure the efficient operation of my office during the 95th General Assembly.

I respectfully request introduction of this bill as a Joint Budget Committee Bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Sanders".

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas

Attachment

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Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025
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A Bill

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES OF
9 THE GOVERNOR'S LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS DURING THE
10 NINETY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE
12 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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17 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR -
18 LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE
19 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE. There is hereby
25 appropriated, to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the
26 Constitutional Officers Fund, for operating expenses of the Office of the
27 Governor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:
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29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
31 (01) MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND EXPENSES	<u>\$ 226,250</u>

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33 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LIAISONS
35 AUTHORIZED. The Governor is hereby authorized to employ one (1) Lead
36 Legislative Liaison who shall serve without pay but shall be entitled to per

1 diem of up to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for each day the General
2 Assembly is in Regular Session and nine (9) Legislative Liaisons who shall
3 serve without pay but shall each be entitled to per diem of up to two hundred
4 dollars (\$200) for each day the General Assembly is in Regular Session. After
5 receiving approval of the Governor, the Department of Transformation and
6 Shared Services is hereby authorized to process payments to said Liaisons
7 from funds authorized by this Act.

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9 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PAYMENT OF
11 PER DIEM. Per Diem as authorized in Section 2 - Liaisons Authorized of this
12 Act shall be in effect from and after January 13, 2025.

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14 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
15 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
16 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
17 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
18 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
19 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
20 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
22 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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24 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
25 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
26 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
27 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
28 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
29 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
30 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
31 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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33 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
36 effectiveness of this Act on the date of its passage and approval is

1 essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in
2 this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular
3 Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond the date of its
4 passage and approval could work irreparable harm upon the proper
5 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,
6 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
7 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
8 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval. If
9 the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
10 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
11 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
12 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last chamber overrides
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