

REPORT OF THE
UNIFORM PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 22, 2026

Co-Chairs:

The Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan Subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee met on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 15 minutes upon adjournment of JBC, in Room A of the MAC Building. The Subcommittee reviewed and/or approved items one through five and released them back to the Joint Budget Committee as adopted with the exception of item one, amendment JAR144, which was not adopted.

1. SB30- Office of the Governor
Amendment JAR144 Senator Rice (Attachment 1)- DID NOT PASS
2. SB51- Auditor of the State - Revised letter dated April 17, 2026, from Auditor Dennis Milligan
Revised Amendment JAR136 (Attachment 2)
3. SB29- Lieutenant Governor - Revised letter dated April 17, 2026, from Lieutenant Governor Leslie Rutledge
Revised Amendment JAR134 (Attachment 3)
4. Request from Department of Public Safety, Division of Arkansas State Crime Lab for the re-establishment of a Labor Market Rate for Medical Examiners. – **Received Approval**
5. Request from Arkansas State University-Jonesboro for eleven (11) positions from the Higher Education Central Growth Pool established in AR Code 6-63-319.

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs Senator Breanne Davis and Representative Jim Wooten.

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95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026
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Subtitle of Senate Bill 30

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027
FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 30

Amend Senate Bill 30 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 35, delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

"~~(4) GOV34G GOV SENIOR ADVISOR 1 GRADE SPC11~~"

AND

Page 2, line 33, delete "59" and insert "58"

AND

Page 3, line 14, delete "\$4,505,822" and insert "\$4,316,611"

AND

Page 3, line 16, delete "1,502,888" and insert "1,427,204"

AND

Page 3, line 23, delete "\$6,493,405" and insert "\$6,228,510".

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By: Senator Rice
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JAR144

Secretary

DENNIS MILLIGAN
Auditor



230 State Capitol
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State of Arkansas

April 17, 2026

Honorable Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Honorable Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: **FY2027** - *Appropriations of the Office of Auditor of State*

Dear Senator Dismang and Representative Jean:

I am writing this letter to amend my original appropriations request regarding my office’s budget for FY 2027. You might remember that I delayed asking for salary increases in the 2025 Regular Session to take time to carefully consider and review the new state pay plan before presenting a formal request. I have had the opportunity to speak with several members who have expressed concern with the increases to my office’s Regular Salaries. With this letter, I am amending my original request.

Section 1. Regular Salaries – Operations.

To ensure proper job titles, and to align salaries with job responsibilities, I am asking for new maximum annual salaries.

However, I am only requesting an increase in my Regular Salaries line item by 10%.

Item No.	Title	Max No of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate FY2025-2026	New Maximum Annual Salary Rate FY2026-2027	Comparable Pay Grade
(1)	Deputy Auditor	1	\$165,160	\$183,185	EXE02
(2)	Attorney Chief Legal Counsel	1	\$138,585	\$171,630	SPC10
(3)	Chief of Staff	1	\$126,675	\$183,185	EXE02
(4)	Internal Auditor/CPA	1	\$126,675	\$141,845	SPC08
(5)	IT Tech IT Administrator	1	\$126,675	\$154,915	IST12

(6)	Asst Chief of Staff/Accounting Dept Manager <u>Deputy Chief of Staff</u>	1	\$91,175	\$166,525	EXE01
(7)	Director of Communications <u>Chief of Communications</u>	1	\$81,710	\$128,950	SPC07
(8)	Accounting Tech III <u>HR Admin</u>	3 2	\$81,710	\$96,880	SPC04
(9)	Accountant II	2		\$88,075	SPC02
(9)	Data Processing Tech II	1 2	\$81,710	\$79,495	IST05
(10)	Database Specialist				
(10)	Communications Tech <u>Public Information Manager</u>	1	\$81,710	\$106,570	SPC05
(11)	Data Processing Tech I	1	\$65,630	Eliminated	
(12)	Outreach Mgr <u>Media Specialist</u>	1	\$65,630	\$88,075	SPC03
(13)	Outreach Tech <u>Public Information Specialist</u>	1	\$65,630	\$80,065	SPC02
(14)	Executive Assistant to the Auditor	1	\$65,630	\$96,880	SPC04
(15)	Accounting Tech II <u>Accountant I</u>	2 1	\$65,630	\$72,790	SPC01
(16)	Accounting Tech I <u>Administrative Specialist</u>	2	\$47,255	\$48,575	SGS03
	Max. No. of Employees	20			

Section 3. Appropriation – Operations.

The changes above will not result in any reduction in salary for any employee. If approved by the Legislature, this will require an increase to Section 3 appropriations. Regular Salaries (01) will increase **\$175,350** to \$1,928,845.

The personal services match line reflects an increase based on the proposed “Regular Salaries” line and not the new maximum annual salary amounts requested. If the Legislature approves this proposal as submitted, the personal services matching budget would need to increase by **\$70,140** to \$771,538.

Item No.	Title	Fiscal Year 2025-2026	Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	Regular Salaries	\$1,753,495	\$1,928,845
(03)	Personal Services Matching	\$ 701,398	\$ 771,538

The bottom line increase in total appropriations would increase by \$245,490, or 7.69%, to \$3,438,833.

Section 4. Regular Salaries – Unclaimed Property Program.

To ensure proper job titles, and to align salaries with job responsibilities, I am asking for new maximum annual salaries.

However, I am only requesting an increase in my Regular Salaries line item by 10%.

Item No.	Title	Max No of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate FY2025-2026	New Maximum Annual Salary Rate FY2026-2027	Comparable Pay Grade
(1)	Asst. Chief of Staff/UCP Operations Manager Deputy Chief of Staff	1	\$ 126,675	\$ 166,525	EXE01
(2)	UCP Compliance Manager	1	\$ 91,175	\$ 117,226	SPC06
(3)	UCP Claims Manager II	1	\$ 91,175	\$ 117,226	SPC06
(4)	Asst UCP Claims Manager II	1	\$ 73,230		
(4)-(5)	Asst UCP Claims Manager I	1 2	\$ 73,230	\$ 106,569	SPC05
(6) (5)	UCP Compliance Agent II	1	\$ 65,630	\$ 80,067	SPC02
(6)	UCP Compliance Agent I	1		\$ 72,788	SPC01
(7)	UCP Claims Examiner II	2	\$ 65,630	\$ 80,067	SPC02
(8)	UCP Claims Examiner I	2 3	\$ 65,630	\$ 72,788	SPC01
	Max. No. of Employees	10 12			

Section 5. Appropriation – Unclaimed Property Program.

The changes above will not result in any reduction in salary for any employee. If approved by the Legislature, this will require an increase to Section 4 appropriations. Regular Salaries (01) will increase **\$78,365** to \$862,000.

The personal services match line reflects an increase based on the proposed “Regular Salaries” line and not the new maximum annual salary amounts requested. If the Legislature approves this proposal as submitted, the personal services matching budget would need to increase by **\$31,346** to \$344,800.

Finally, there is currently no budget for Extra Help in this section. Due to the labor-intensive work related to our new “Data Match” program the Legislature approved in 2025, I am requesting three newly created Extra Help positions and \$30,000 for a new line item for my office’s Unclaimed Property Program.

Item No.	Title	Fiscal Year 2025-2026	Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	Regular Salaries	\$ 783,635	\$ 862,000
(02)	Extra Help		\$ 30,000
(02) (03)	Personal Services Matching	\$ 313,454	\$ 344,800
(03) (04)	Maint. & Gen. Operation		
(04) (05)	Data Match	\$1,000,000	\$ 700,000

The bottom line in total appropriations for my Unclaimed Property Department would decrease by \$160,289, or 4.02%, to \$3,824,800.

One additional item I’d like to mention is that appropriations for my Unclaimed Property Department are revenue neutral. My office reimburses State Central Services each July for all expenses from my Unclaimed Property Department.

Section 6. Appropriation – Payment of Unclaimed Property Claims - Cash.

As a follow-up to my recent request to the JBC – PEER Subcommittee on January 13, 2026, I request raising the appropriated amount of cash funds by **\$15,000,000** to \$50,000,000 as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 in expectation of paying a higher amount in unclaimed property claims than in previous fiscal years:

Item No.	Title	Fiscal Year 2025-2026	Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(2)	Payment of Unclaimed Property Claims	\$35,000,000	<u>\$50,000,000</u>

I appreciate your consideration of these requests. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dennis Milligan
Auditor of State

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 51

AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE - OPERATIONS AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
PROGRAM APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 51

Amend Senate Bill 51 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete SECTION 1 in its entirety and replace with the following:

" SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Auditor of State for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Title	Maximum	Maximum Annual
		No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	DEPUTY AUDITOR	1	\$183,185
(2)	CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$183,185
(3)	CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	\$171,630
(4)	DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$166,525
(5)	IT ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$154,915
(6)	INTERNAL AUDITOR/CPA	1	\$141,845
(7)	CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	\$128,950
(8)	PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	\$106,570
(9)	HR ADMIN	2	\$96,880
(10)	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	\$96,880
(11)	ACCOUNTANT II	2	\$88,075
(12)	MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	\$88,075
(13)	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	\$80,065
(14)	DATABASE SPECIALIST	2	\$79,495
(15)	ACCOUNTANT I	1	\$72,790
(16)	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	\$48,575

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MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES

20"

AND

Page 2, line 30, delete "\$1,753,495" and replace with "\$1,928,845"

AND

Page 2, line 32, delete "701,398" and replace with "771,538"

AND

Page 3, line 3, delete "\$3,193,343" and replace with "\$3,438,833"

AND

Page 3, delete SECTION 4 in its entirety and replace with the following:

" SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is hereby established for the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$166,525
(2)	UCP COMPLIANCE MANAGER	1	\$117,226
(3)	UCP CLAIMS MANAGER II	1	\$117,226
(4)	UCP CLAIMS MANAGER I	2	\$106,569
(5)	UCP COMPLIANCE AGENT II	1	\$80,067
(6)	UCP CLAIMS EXAMINER II	2	\$80,067
(7)	UCP COMPLIANCE AGENT I	1	\$72,788
(8)	UCP CLAIMS EXAMINER I	<u>3</u>	\$72,788
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	12"	

AND

Page 3, immediately following SECTION 4, add the following SECTION:

" SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is hereby authorized for the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program for the 2026-2027 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: three (3) 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."

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill

AND

Page 3, line 31, delete "\$783,635" and replace with "\$862,000"

AND

Page 3, immediately following line 31, insert the following line:
"(02) EXTRA HELP 30,000"

AND

Page 3, line 32, delete "313,454" and replace with "344,800"

AND

Page 4, line 3, delete "1,000,000" and replace with "700,000"

AND

Page 4, line 4, delete "\$3,985,089" and replace with "\$3,824,800"

AND

Page 4, line 15, delete "35,000,000" and replace with "50,000,000"

AND

Page 4, line 16, delete "\$35,002,500" and replace with "\$50,002,500"

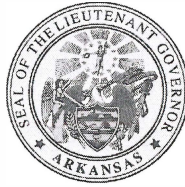
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By: Joint Budget Committee

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Secretary



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
LESLIE RUTLEDGE

April 16, 2026

The Hon. Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
The Hon. Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee

Dear Senator Dismang & Representative Jean,

I respectfully request the following changes to FY27 for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, I am requesting an increase in appropriations for regular salaries of \$81,200 and increase in personal services matching of \$18,676 for a total increase in appropriation of \$99,876.

Please delete SECTION 1. Regular Salaries – Operations in its entirety and replace with the following number accordingly:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Maximum No. of Employees</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Salary Rate FY 2026-2027</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Q540U</u>	<u>Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$129,000</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Q541U</u>	<u>Communications/Policy Director</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$102,000</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Q543U</u>	<u>Lt. Gov. Security Officer</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>\$82,500</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Q542U</u>	<u>Executive Assistant/Scheduler</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$64,800</u>
		<u>Max. No. of Employees</u>	<u>5</u>	

The above request is necessary to align the Lieutenant Governor’s Office positions with the grades outlined in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act.

Thank you for considering this request and for your committee's dedicated service to our State. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Leslie Rutledge

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 29

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 29

Amend Senate Bill 29 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 31, delete "\$104,500" and replace with "\$129,000"

AND

Page 1, line 32, delete "\$77,000" and replace with "\$102,000"

AND

Page 1, line 33, delete "\$75,000" and replace with "\$82,500"

AND

Page 1, line 34, delete "\$44,000" and replace with "\$64,800"

AND

Page 2, line 9, delete "\$379,600" and replace with "\$460,800"

AND

Page 2, line 10, delete "129,773" and replace with "148,449"

AND

Page 2, line 17, delete "\$572,911" and replace with "\$672,787".

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By: Joint Budget Committee

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Secretary