

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1561

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS
11 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE
12 BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC
17 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2003-2005
19 BIENNIUM.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Arkansas
26 Public Employees Retirement System for the 2003-2005 biennium, the following
27 maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the
28 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code
29 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.
30 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual
31 salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of
32 said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying
33 positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the
34 Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101),
35 or its successor.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
				Fiscal Year 2003-2004	Fiscal Year 2004-2005
1	(1)	9977 PERS DIRECTOR	1	\$102,370	\$104,654
2	(2)	9029 PERS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	\$77,912	\$79,793
3	(3)	9028 PERS ASSOC DIR - INVESTMENTS	1	\$65,987	\$67,641
4	(4)	297Z GENERAL BUSINESS MANAGER	1	GRADE	24
5	(5)	608Z PERS MEMBER SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE	23
6	(6)	610Z PERS PROG MGR/ADMIN SVCS	1	GRADE	23
7	(7)	D046 SYSTEMS APPLICATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	23
8	(8)	R017 PERS INFORMATION SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE	23
9	(9)	D124 LEAD PROGRAMMER/ANALYST	1	GRADE	22
10	(10)	A097 RETIREMENT COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE	21
11	(11)	A132 APERS MANAGER/SUPERVISOR MEMBERSHIP	2	GRADE	21
12	(12)	A164 RETIREMENT FUND INVESTMENT SUPV	1	GRADE	21
13	(13)	A061 SENIOR INVESTMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	20
14	(14)	A056 INTERNAL AUDITOR	1	GRADE	20
15	(15)	A061 SENIOR INVESTMENT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE	20
16	(16)	A062 SENIOR RETIREMENT COUNSELOR	10	GRADE	20
17	(17)	A124 ACCOUNTING SERVICES REP II	1	GRADE	20
18	(18)	D121 USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE	20
19	(19)	R266 MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	3	GRADE	20
20	(20)	R150 RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE	19
21	(21)	A111 ACCOUNTANT	1	GRADE	18
22	(22)	R010 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1	GRADE	17
23	(23)	A092 REPORTING SPECIALIST III	6	GRADE	15
24	(24)	A108 ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II	3	GRADE	15
25	(25)	K041 EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	2	GRADE	14
26	(26)	K153 SECRETARY II	<u>4</u>	GRADE	13
27		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	52		

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33 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas
34 Public Employees Retirement System for the 2003-2005 biennium, the following
35 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
36 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: four (4)

1 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
2 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
3 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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5 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - AGENCY OPERATIONS/ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM. There
6 is hereby appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set
7 out herein, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System for the
8 biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

9 (a) For the Agency Operations/Administration program, the sum of \$10,775,137
10 for the 2003-2004 fiscal year and \$10,835,199 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

11 (1) Program Description. To provide high quality member services,
12 including education and counseling to customers (ie. members, retirees,
13 employers) about the benefit program and other available services. To
14 effectively manage the investment of the assets of APERS, ASPRS & AJRS. To
15 provide administrative and support services for APERS, ASPRS & AJRS.

16	(2) Appropriation payable from:	FISCAL YEARS	
17		<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
18	(A) Trust Funds	\$ 10,775,137	\$ 10,835,199

19 (3) Performance Targets:

20	(A) Percent of customers satisfied		
21	with accessibility, accuracy and		
22	timeliness of services.	95	95
23	(B) Number of educational seminars		
24	provided for members per year.	22	22
25	(C) Number of newsletters		
26	distributed to members per year.	3	4
27	(D) Percent of public employers		
28	determined to be in compliance		
29	with the Social Security and		
30	Medicare coverage regulations		
31	applicable to public employers.	75	80
32	(E) Number of agency proprietary		
33	systems administered.	2	2
34	(F) Agency information technology		
35	budget as a percentage of total		
36	agency budget - APERS.	20	20

1	(G) Agency information technology		
2	budget as a percentage of total		
3	agency budget - ASPRS.	8	8
4	(H) Agency information technology		
5	budget as a percentage of total		
6	agency budget - AJRS.	10	10
7	(I) Percentage of investment		
8	transactions by external money		
9	managers reviewed/reconciled by		
10	agency staff.	100	100
11	(J) Percentage of investments		
12	reviewed on a quarterly basis for		
13	compliance with asset allocation		
14	as set forth by the Board of		
15	Trustees.	100	100
16	(K) Administrative cost in dollars		
17	per active and retired member -		
18	APERS.	58	58
19	(L) Administrative cost in dollars		
20	per active and retired member -		
21	ASPRS.	70	70
22	(M) Administrative cost in dollars		
23	per active and retired member -		
24	AJRS.	231	231
25	(N) Number of prior year audit		
26	findings repeated in subsequent		
27	audit.	0	0
28	(O) Percentage of performance		
29	measures achieved.	80	80

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31 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - BENEFIT PAYMENTS PROGRAM. There is hereby
32 appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set out
33 herein, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System for the biennial
34 period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

35 (a) For the Benefit Payments program, the sum of \$259,500,000 for the 2003-
36 2004 fiscal year and \$275,500,000 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

1 (1) Program Description. To produce accurate and timely benefit payments
 2 to retired members or eligible beneficiaries and refunds to active/inactive
 3 members or employers of APERS, ASPRS & AJRS.

4 (2) Appropriation payable from: FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
5 (A) Cash Funds	\$ 186,500,000	\$ 202,500,000
6 (B) Trust Funds	\$ 73,000,000	\$ 73,000,000

8 (3) Performance Targets:

9 (A) Percent of initial benefit		
10 payments made to a retired member		
11 or eligible beneficiary at their		
12 requested retirement date or		
13 within 30 days of the receipt of		
14 required documentation.	100	100
15 (B) Percent of member earnings,		
16 service and contributions		
17 recorded correctly in the		
18 membership database.	97	98

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 20 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
 21 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD.
 22 The remaining balance as of June 30, 2004, of unexpended appropriation for
 23 the Agency Operations/Administration Program and available to be used for
 24 Operating Expense, up to \$765,393; Professional Fees, up to \$4,931,959; and
 25 Capital Outlay, up to \$25,000 shall be carried forward into fiscal year 2004-
 26 2005 to be used for the same purposes.

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003
 28 through June 30, 2005.

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 30 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. JUDICIAL
 32 RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed ~~\$19,122~~ \$20,681 in the 2001-
 33 ~~2002~~ 2003-2004 fiscal year, and ~~\$19,696~~ \$21,715 in the 2002-2003 2004-2005
 34 fiscal year may be transferred from the Judges Retirement Fund to the
 35 Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System Fund for costs incurred by the
 36 Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in administering the Judicial

1 Retirement System. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal
 2 Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on
 3 his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the
 4 State. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1,~~
 5 ~~2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 7 *SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
 8 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.*
 9 *TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed* ~~\$31,935~~ \$34,538 *in the* ~~2001-2002~~ 2002-2003
 10 *fiscal year, and* ~~\$32,893~~ \$36,265 *in the* ~~2002-2003~~ 2004-2005 *fiscal year may*
 11 *be transferred from the State Police Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public*
 12 *Employees Retirement System Fund for costs incurred by the Arkansas Public*
 13 *Employees Retirement System in administering the State Police Retirement*
 14 *System. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal Officer of*
 15 *the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on his books*
 16 *and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the State.*

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~
 18 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 20 *SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized*
 21 *by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds*
 22 *made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the*
 23 *restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and*
 24 *Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary*
 25 *Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal*
 26 *control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by*
 27 *the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be*
 28 *strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.*

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 30 *SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly*
 31 *that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained*
 32 *in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act*
 33 *was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations*
 34 *and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by*
 35 *the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral*
 36 *testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or*

1 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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3 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
4 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
5 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
6 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
7 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
8 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
9 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
10 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
11 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
12 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
13 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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15 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*
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