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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1087

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
10 AND ENVIRONMENT - OIL AND GAS COMMISSION FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND
16 ENVIRONMENT - OIL AND GAS COMMISSION
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
18 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. REGULAR SALARIES - OIL AND GAS COMMISSION. There is hereby
25 established for the Department of Energy and Environment - Oil and Gas
26 Commission for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
27 regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2025-2026
33	(1)	U045U OIL & GAS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
34	(2)	D015C STATE NETWORK ENGINEER	1	GRADE IT07
35	(3)	D040C GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
36	(4)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05



1	(5) D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT03
2	(6) G032C E&E ENERGY OPERATIONS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS12
3	(7) B014N SENIOR PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST	3	GRADE GS11
4	(8) G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
5	(9) G063C E&E BRANCH MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
6	(10) B050C E&E INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR II	1	GRADE GS08
7	(11) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE GS06
8	(12) X082C E&E INSPECTOR II	9	GRADE GS06
9	(13) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	4	GRADE GS04
10	(14) X098C OIL & GAS TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
11	(15) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS03
12	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	33	

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 14 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OIL AND GAS COMMISSION. There is hereby
 15 authorized, for the Department of Energy and Environment - Oil and Gas
 16 Commission for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 17 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from
 18 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time
 19 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 20 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 21 for the appropriate classification.

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 23 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OIL AND GAS COMMISSION - OPERATIONS. There
 24 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be
 25 payable from the Oil and Gas Commission Fund, for personal services and
 26 operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Oil and Gas
 27 Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 28 following:

30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,910,320
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	60,000
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	705,017
35	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	887,197

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	40,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(05) POLLUTION CONTROL	275,000
6	(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	100,000
7	(07) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	348,217
8	(08) INTERSTATE OIL COMPACT	35,000
9	(09) UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL	100,000
10	(10) GROUNDWATER PROTECTION	12,500
11	(11) ENERGY EDUCATION	<u>30,000</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,728,251</u></u>

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14 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - OIL AND GAS COMMISSION - REFUNDS AND

15 REIMBURSEMENTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy

16 and Environment, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code

17 §19-4-801, for refunds and reimbursements of the Department of Energy and

18 Environment - Oil and Gas Commission - Refunds and Reimbursements for the

19 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
23	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u><u>\$200,000</u></u>

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25 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - OIL AND GAS COMMISSION - WELL PLUGGING

26 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and

27 Environment, to be payable from the Abandoned and Orphaned Well Plugging

28 Fund, for well plugging program expenses of the Department of Energy and

29 Environment - Oil and Gas Commission - Well Plugging Program for the fiscal

30 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
34	(01) WELL PLUGGING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$12,500,000</u></u>

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36 SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST. There is

1 hereby established for the Department of Energy and Environment - Office of
 2 the State Geologist for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum
 3 number of regular employees.

			Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of	Salary Rate
Item	Class	Title	Employees	Fiscal Year
No.	Code	Title	Employees	2025-2026
9	(1)	U039U STATE GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE SE01
10	(2)	D040C GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
11	(3)	D044C SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
12	(4)	D062C DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
13	(5)	D078C GIS TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE IT02
14	(6)	B013N ASST STATE GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS12
15	(7)	B014N SENIOR PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS11
16	(8)	B035C GEOLOGY SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS09
17	(9)	B043C PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	4	GRADE GS08
18	(10)	B051C GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS07
19	(11)	C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
20	(12)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
21	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		20	

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 23 SECTION 7. EXTRA HELP - OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST. There is hereby
 24 authorized, for the Department of Energy and Environment - Office of the
 25 State Geologist for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 26 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 27 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: eight (8) temporary or
 28 part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 29 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 30 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 32 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST - OPERATIONS.
 33 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to
 34 be payable from the Oil and Gas Commission Fund, for personal services and
 35 operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Office of
 36 the State Geologist - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,199,871
(02) EXTRA HELP	45,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	429,343
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	257,047
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,979,261</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST - MAP RESALE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Geology Map Resale Revolving Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Office of the State Geologist - Map Resale Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) RESALE REVOLVING FUND	<u><u>\$49,000</u></u>

SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST - STATE GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM. There is hereby established for the Department of Energy and Environment - Office of the State Geologist - State Geologic Mapping Program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
		<u>2025-2026</u>

1 (1) B051C GEOLOGIST 1 GRADE GS07
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 1
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4 SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP - OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST - STATE GEOLOGIC
 5 MAPPING PROGRAM. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Energy
 6 and Environment - Office of the State Geologist - State Geologic Mapping
 7 Program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
 8 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 9 appropriated herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time
 10 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 11 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 12 for the appropriate classification.
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14 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST - STATE
 15 GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 16 Energy and Environment, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by
 17 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 18 expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Office of the State
 19 Geologist - State Geologic Mapping Program for the fiscal year ending June
 20 30, 2026, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$43,660
(02) EXTRA HELP	48,779
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	21,681
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	77,742
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$191,862</u></u>

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 35 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST - GEOLOGY
 36 MUSEUM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and

1 Environment, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury
 2 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for museum expenses
 3 of the Department of Energy and Environment - Office of the State Geologist -
 4 Geology Museum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 NO.	2025-2026
8 (01) MUSEUM EXPENSES	<u>\$1,125</u>

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 10 SECTION 14. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST -
 11 GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH - LANDSLIDE/SINKHOLE. There is hereby established for
 12 the Department of Energy and Environment - Office of the State Geologist -
 13 Geological Research - Landslide/Sinkhole for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
 14 following maximum number of regular employees.

18 Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
19 No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2025-2026
20 (1)	B043C PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08
21	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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 23 SECTION 15. EXTRA HELP - OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST - GEOLOGICAL
 24 RESEARCH - LANDSLIDE/SINKHOLE. There is hereby authorized, for the
 25 Department of Energy and Environment - Office of the State Geologist -
 26 Geological Research - Landslide/Sinkhole for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
 27 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 28 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two
 29 (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 30 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 31 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 33 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST - GEOLOGICAL
 34 RESEARCH - LANDSLIDE/SINKHOLE. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 35 Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the cash fund
 36 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

1 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 2 Energy and Environment - Office of the State Geologist - Geological Research
 3 - Landslide/Sinkhole for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:
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5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$49,011
8 (02) EXTRA HELP	27,328
9 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	21,268
10 (04) GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH	<u>143,762</u>
11 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$241,369</u></u>

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 13 SECTION 17. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 14 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 15 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 16 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 17 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 18 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 19 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 20 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 21 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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23 SECTION 18. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 24 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 25 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 26 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 27 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 28 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 29 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 30 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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32 SECTION 19. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 33 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
 34 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
 36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

1 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
2 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
3 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
4 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
5 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
6 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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