

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

SENATE BILL 346

5 By: Senate Efficiency  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE FOR  
11 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
18 YEAR.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 *SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby*  
24 *established for the Arkansas Senate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the*  
25 *following maximum number of regular employees.*  
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Item No.	Title	Maximum Annual	
		Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	DIRECTOR OF SENATE/SEC OF SENATE	1	GRADE EXE01
(2)	SECRETARY OF SENATE	1	GRADE EXE01
(3)	CHIEF COUNSEL/PARLIAMENTARIAN	1	GRADE SPC09
(4)	CONSTITUENT SVCS	8	GRADE SPC07
(5)	COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION	2	GRADE SPC06
(6)	FISCAL OFFICER/EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LIAISON	1	GRADE SPC04



1	(7)	TECHNICAL SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC04
2	(8)	LEGISLATIVE ASST/RECEPTIONIST/SESSION	3	GRADE SGS08
3	(9)	PROPERTIES OFFICER/INVENTORY	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
4		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	19	

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6 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby authorized,  
7 for the Arkansas Senate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum  
8 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",  
9 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary  
10 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those  
11 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
12 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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14 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby  
15 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central  
16 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas  
17 Senate - Staff Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
18 following:

20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,963,896
23	(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
24	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	587,183
25	(04) MAINT. & GEN OPERATION	<u>250,000</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,851,079</u></u>

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28 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ORIENTATION. There is hereby appropriated,  
29 to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund,  
30 for expenses of the State Orientation including the payment of per diem and  
31 mileage of members of the Arkansas Senate who attend the Senate Orientation  
32 program held prior to the convening of a Legislative Session of the General  
33 Assembly, the sum of.....\$15,000.

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35 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS  
36 FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable

1 from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for the balance remaining on June 30,  
 2 2025 in the appropriations Section 3 of Act 1 of 2024, Sections 4 and 5 of  
 3 Act 32 of 2024, and SB1 as introduced in the 2025 Regular Session, there to  
 4 be used for any purpose to defray the necessary expenses of the Arkansas  
 5 Senate of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, in a sum in the aggregate not to  
 6 exceed.....\$4,000,000.

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 8 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - STATE CENTRAL SERVICES  
 9 FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable  
 10 from the State Central Services Fund, and payable from the balance remaining  
 11 on June 30, 2025 in the appropriations, Sections 3, 6, 7 and 8 of Act 32 of  
 12 2024 there to be used for any purpose to defray the necessary expenses of the  
 13 Arkansas Senate of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, in a sum in the  
 14 aggregate not to exceed.....\$4,000,000.

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 16 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTERIZATION. There is hereby  
 17 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central  
 18 Services Fund, for expenses necessary in continuing the computerization of  
 19 the legislative process in the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

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 21 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. There is  
 22 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State  
 23 Central Services Fund, for construction, improvements, renovations and  
 24 equipping of the Arkansas Senate facilities and other purposes of the  
 25 Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$1,500,000.

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 27 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 29 TRANSFERS. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the Secretary of the  
 30 Senate, subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should determine that  
 31 any item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific purpose is not  
 32 needed for such purpose, the Secretary of the Senate may certify such fact to  
 33 the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause a transfer to be made  
 34 from one item to another.

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 36 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES.  
2 In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and  
3 retained, the Senate may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than  
4 twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions  
5 authorized in their operation appropriation act, and may exceed the maximum  
6 salary levels for the purpose of merit adjustments for all positions.

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8 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
9 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
10 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
11 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
14 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
16 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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18 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
19 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
20 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
21 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
22 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
23 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
24 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
25 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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27 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
28 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
29 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
32 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
33 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
34 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
35 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
36 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

1 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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