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SENATE BILL 40

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

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE
11 COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, AND THE
12 INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
13 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE
19 RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
21 YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
27 for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the
28 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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			Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of	Salary Rate
Item	Class		Employees	Fiscal Year
No.	Code	Title		2025-2026
34	(1)	Q030U DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	GRADE SE05
35	(2)	Q029U ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	4	GRADE SE04
36	(3)	Q061N BLR COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE03



1	(4)	Q014N BLR ADMINISTRATOR	10	GRADE SE02
2	(5)	Q236C SR APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER II	6	GRADE IT10
3	(6)	Q237C SR NETWORK SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE IT10
4	(7)	Q285C PC PROCUREMENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
5	(8)	Q286C SENIOR PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST III	4	GRADE IT07
6	(9)	Q262C BLR PRODUCTION ASSISTANT	1	GRADE IT04
7	(10)	Q224C ASSETS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT03
8	(11)	Q272C LEGISLATIVE ECONOMIST	1	GRADE GS15
9	(12)	Q068N LEGAL EDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS14
10	(13)	Q281C SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY III	23	GRADE GS14
11	(14)	Q287C SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR III	7	GRADE GS13
12	(15)	Q282C SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST III	33	GRADE GS13
13	(16)	Q283C BLR PROGRAM DEV & COMPLIANCE ANALYST II	1	GRADE GS10
14	(17)	Q284C LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST III	3	GRADE GS10
15	(18)	Q067C ADMIN ASSIST TO DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
16	(19)	Q077C ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	4	GRADE GS08
17	(20)	Q065C OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS08
18	(21)	Q235C ADMIN ASSIST TO ADMINISTRATOR	8	GRADE GS07
19	(22)	Q118C FACILITIES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
20	(23)	Q110C LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT II	16	GRADE GS06
21	(24)	Q131C BLR SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
22		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	134	

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24 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 25 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2025-
 26 2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 27 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 28 herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or part-time employees,
 29 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 30 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 31 appropriate classification.

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33 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 34 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be
 35 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services,
 36 operating expenses, contingency, committee rooms, and construction and

1 capital improvements of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the
 2 Legislative Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,860,244
7 (02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
8 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,827,527
9 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,083,686
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002
12 (C) PROF. FEES	298,889
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (05) CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000
16 (06) CONTINGENCY	3,393,480
17 (07) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$22,486,891</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is
 21 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
 22 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
 23 Fund, for study expenses of the Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly
 24 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

26 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
28 (01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u><u>\$271,060</u></u>

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 30 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby
 31 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative
 32 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services
 33 Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas
 34 General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee
 35 related activities of the Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly for the
 36 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	NO.	2025-2026
4	(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR	
5	MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
6	COMMITTEES	<u>\$1,449,199</u>
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8 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

10 CLASSIFICATION UTILIZATION. The Bureau of Legislative Research may utilize,
 11 at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, the
 12 following classifications as necessary. The use of these classifications
 13 shall not be considered as increasing the number of positions authorized in
 14 this act, only as a temporary reclassification or cross grade of a position.

16	CLASS		
17	CODE	TITLE	GRADE
18	Q221C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	GS13
19	Q234C	SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR II	GS12
20	Q006C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	GS12
21	Q220C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	GS12
22	Q223C	SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR	GS11
23	Q032C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	GS11
24	Q007C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	GS11
25	Q073C	LEGAL EDITOR III	GS10
26	Q064C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST III	GS10
27	Q046C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	GS10
28	Q232C	BLR PROGRAM DEVELOP & COMPLIANCE ANALYST	GS09
29	Q222C	LEGAL EDITOR II	GS09
30	Q197C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST II	GS09
31	Q079C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	GS09
32	Q240C	LEGAL EDITOR	GS08
33	Q239C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	GS08
34	Q198C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST	GS07
35	Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	GS05
36	Q241C	SR. APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	IT09

1	Q242C	SR. NETWORK SPECIALIST	IT09
2	Q243C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER II	IT08
3	Q244C	NETWORK SPECIALIST II	IT08
4	Q246C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	IT07
5	Q247C	NETWORK SPECIALIST	IT07
6	Q238C	SENIOR PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	IT06
7	Q245C	SR. PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IT05
8	Q271C	APPLICATIONS SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IT05
9	Q063C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	IT04
10	Q078C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IT03
11	Q127C	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	IT02

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13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
 14 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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16 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 10-3-303,
 17 concerning the Bureau of Legislative Research, is amended to add additional
 18 subsections to read as follows:

19 (i) The director may direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the state to
 20 transfer appropriation between the following in such amounts as are
 21 determined to be necessary:

22 (1) The line items within appropriations pertaining to the bureau;
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24 (2) The appropriations made by the operative appropriation act for the
 25 bureau; and

26 (3) The appropriations for the Bureau to any other Constitutional
 27 Officer.

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29 SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 30 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 31 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 32 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 33 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 34 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 35 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 36 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be

1 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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3 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
4 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
5 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
6 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
7 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
8 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
9 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
10 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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12 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
13 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
14 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
15 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
16 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
17 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
18 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
19 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
20 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
21 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
22 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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