

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025
4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 41

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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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 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
11 AND FUNDS TO ALLEVIATE CONDITIONS ARISING IN PUBLIC
12 EMERGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
25 for the Office of the Governor for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
26 maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
32	(1) Q420U	OFF OF THE GOV CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE04
33	(2) Q423U	OFF OF THE GOV CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE03
34	(3) Q421U	OFF OF THE GOV DEP CHIEF OF STAFF	2	GRADE SE03
35	(4) Q422U	OFF OF THE GOV PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIR	1	GRADE SE03
36	(5) Q123U	GOV OFC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	1	GRADE SE01



1	(6)	Q133U GOV OFC CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15
2	(7)	Q022U GOV OFC SR. MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	7	GRADE GS14
3	(8)	Q081U GOV OFC SR. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	5	GRADE GS13
4	(9)	Q121U GOV OFC MANAGER OFFICER ADMIN	1	GRADE GS12
5	(10)	Q050U GOV OFC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT II	4	GRADE GS11
6	(11)	Q120U GOV OFC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT I	5	GRADE GS10
7	(12)	Q068U GOV OFC MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	12	GRADE GS09
8	(13)	Q115U GOV OFC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III	2	GRADE GS08
9	(14)	Q076U GOV OFC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	13	GRADE GS07
10	(15)	Q114U GOV OFC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	<u>4</u>	GRADE GS06
11		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	60	

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13 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 14 the Office of the Governor for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
 15 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 16 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7)
 17 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 18 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 19 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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21 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 22 to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the State Central Services
 23 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of the
 24 Governor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,504,822
29	(02) EXTRA HELP	8,789
30	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,502,658
31	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	446,706
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,200
34	(C) PROF. FEES	14,000
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$6,492,175

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 3 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR’S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. There is
 4 hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the
 5 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for the purpose provided by Arkansas Code 19-2-
 6 404, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

8 ITEM 9 NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
10 (01) GOVERNOR’S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION	<u>\$500,000</u>

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 12 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 14 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer
 15 of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
 16 Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any
 17 line item authorized in Operations Appropriation of the Governor’s Office in
 18 this Act to any other line item authorized in Operations Appropriation.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
 20 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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 22 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 23 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 24 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 25 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 26 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 27 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 28 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 29 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 30 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 32 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 33 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 34 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 35 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 36 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

1 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
2 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
3 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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5 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
7 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
10 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
11 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
12 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
13 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
14 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
15 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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