

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1001

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5 By: Representative Evans
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR NECESSARY
10 EXPENSES, PAY EXPENSES OF MEMBERS, PAY SALARIES OF
11 EMPLOYEES, PAY FOR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE
12 ARKANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH
13 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
14 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH
20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATION FOR THE
21 2025-2026 FISCAL 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. APPROPRIATION - HOUSE EXPENSES. There is hereby
27 appropriated, to the Arkansas House of Representatives, to be payable from
28 the Constitutional Officers Fund, for necessary expenses of the Arkansas
29 House of Representatives for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
30 following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES	\$311,500
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	57,000
(03) MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS AND EXPENSES	<u>1,906,660</u>



1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$2,275,160

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3 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 5 TRANSFERS. If the Speaker of the House and the Chief of Staff or his or her
 6 designee determine that any item or portion thereof appropriated for a
 7 specific purpose is not needed for such purposes, they may certify such fact
 8 to the ~~State Auditor~~ Auditor of State, and the ~~State Auditor~~ Auditor of State
 9 shall cause transfer to be made between any appropriations authorized by the
 10 General Assembly for the House of Representatives.

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12 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. USES OF
 14 APPROPRIATION. The funds appropriated in this Act shall be used to defray
 15 the expenses of the House of Representatives of the Legislative Session of
 16 the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, and upon adjournment of the Legislative
 17 Session, any unexpended balance of the funds appropriated in this Act may be
 18 used to defray the necessary expenses of the operation of the Office of the
 19 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Office of the Chief of Staff,
 20 the Office of the Coordinator of House Legislative Services, the Office of
 21 Parliamentarian, the Chief Clerk's Office, House Member Services Office and
 22 other reasonable and necessary expenses of the House of Representatives of
 23 the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly incurred during the interim between the
 24 adjournment of the Legislative Session of the Ninety-Fifth and July 1, ~~2025~~
 25 2026.

26 Additionally, if it is determined by the Speaker of the House that the
 27 presence, assistance, oversight and expertise of any House member is needed
 28 in the interim between the legislative sessions, and if it is determined by
 29 the Speaker of the House that certain expenses and per diem of members of the
 30 House should be paid by the House, such expenses and per diem at the rate
 31 authorized for attending legislative sessions shall be paid from the funds
 32 appropriated herein for Maintenance, Operations and Expenses.

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34 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARY
 36 LEVELS. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chief of Staff

1 or his or her designee shall, during the month of June, each fiscal year,
2 meet and determine the actual salaries to be paid each employee beginning the
3 following July 1. Such salaries of the employees will be based upon an
4 evaluation of the performance of the Chief of Staff by the Speaker of the
5 House of Representatives and upon an evaluation of the performance of the
6 other employees by the Chief of Staff or his or her designee.

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8 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
9 General Assembly, that the House of Representatives of the 95th General
10 Assembly convenes in Fiscal Session on April 8, 2026; that expenses of the
11 session begin immediately; and that the expenses are a just expense of the
12 state which must be paid at the time the services are provided.
13 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
14 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
15 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its
16 passage and approval. If the bill is neither approved not vetoed by the
17 Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time
18 during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the
19 Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date
20 the last house overrides the veto.

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