

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

HOUSE BILL 1012

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROVIDING PAYMENT  
10 OF CLAIMS TO SURVIVING SPOUSES AND/OR DEPENDENT  
11 CHILDREN OF POLICEMEN, FIREMEN, CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS  
12 AND OTHER SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES KILLED IN THE  
13 OFFICIAL LINE OF DUTY, AS PERSCRIBED BY LAW;  
14 PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF SMALL CONTROVERSIAL AND NON-  
15 CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE  
16 ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION; PROVIDING PERSONAL  
17 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS  
18 STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
19 JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

22 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS  
23 COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-  
24 2027 FISCAL YEAR.  
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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30 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
31 for the Arkansas State Claims Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the  
32 following maximum number of regular employees.  
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		Maximum Annual
	Maximum	Salary Rate
Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
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No.	Code	Title	Employees	2026-2027
(1)	PBC01C	CLAIMS COMMISSION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(2)	LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE SPC05
(3)	PBC02A	CLAIMS COMMISSIONER	5	GRADE SGS09
(4)	PAS01P	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
(5)	PAS03P	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	GRADE SGS02
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State Claims Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$479,067
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	189,242
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	95,390
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$763,699</u></u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of claims awarded to surviving spouses and/or dependent children of deceased policemen, firemen, correctional officers and other specified state employees killed in the official line of duty, as prescribed by law; for payment of small controversial claim awards made by the Arkansas State Claims Commission; and for payment of awards made by the Arkansas State Claims Commission, as provided by law, on non-controversial claims, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

1 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2 NO.	2026-2027
3 (01) CLAIMS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES/DEPENDENT	
4 CHILDREN, SMALL CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS	
5 AND SMALL NON-CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS	<u>\$2,250,000</u>

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7 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FIREFIGHTER BENEFIT REVIEW PANEL. There is

8 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable

9 from the State Central Services Fund, for expense reimbursements for the

10 Firefighter Benefit Review Panel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,

11 the sum of.....\$8,000.

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13 SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General

33 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

34 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 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, 2026 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, 2026.

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