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HOUSE BILL 1031

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 ATTORNEY
11 GENERAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY
16 GENERAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027
17 FISCAL 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
24 for the Office of Attorney General for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
25 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
31	(1) Q426U	CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	1	\$200,000
32	(2) Q242U	SOLICITOR GENERAL	1	\$200,000
33	(3) Q427U	DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	12	\$184,000
34	(4) Q428U	SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	4	\$161,000
35	(5) Q446U	SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT I	4	\$155,000
36	(6) Q434U	SENIOR ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL II	12	\$154,000



1	(7)	Q448U	SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT II	5	\$138,000
2	(8)	Q447U	SENIOR ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL III	17	\$138,000
3	(9)	Q430U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	13	\$124,000
4	(10)	Q431U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	22	\$111,000
5	(11)	Q432U	MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	7	\$99,000
6	(12)	Q074U	INVESTIGATOR I	4	\$99,000
7	(13)	Q433U	SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	12	\$85,000
8	(14)	Q070U	INVESTIGATOR II	6	\$85,000
9	(15)	Q130U	INVESTIGATOR III	10	\$71,000
10	(16)	Q034U	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	18	\$71,000
11	(17)	Q071U	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>16</u>	\$64,000
12		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		164	

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 14 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 15 the Office of Attorney General - Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year,
 16 the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known
 17 as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:
 18 ten (10) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not
 19 to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act,
 20 or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 22 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 23 to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the State Central
 24 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of
 25 Attorney General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$18,533,205
30	(02) EXTRA HELP	250,000
31	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	5,624,505
32	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,885,000
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
35	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000

1 (E) DATA PROC. 0
 2 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$26,392,710

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 4 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - STATE. There
 5 is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud
 6 Division - State for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 7 of regular employees.

			Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of	Salary Rate
Item	Class	Title	Employees	Fiscal Year
No.	Code	Title	Employees	2026-2027
13	(1)	Q427U DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	1	\$184,000
14	(2)	Q448U SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT II	1	\$138,000
15	(3)	Q430U ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	2	\$124,000
16	(4)	Q432U MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$99,000
17	(5)	Q071U ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>1</u>	\$64,000
18		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	6	

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 20 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - STATE. There is
 21 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from
 22 the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses
 23 of the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - State for the
 24 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
NO.		2026-2027
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$738,800
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	219,547
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	56,235
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,100
33	(C) PROF. FEES	17,000
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,500
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,069,182</u></u>

SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	Q428U	SENIOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	2	\$161,000
(2)	Q448U	SENIOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT II	1	\$138,000
(3)	Q447U	SENIOR ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL III	1	\$138,000
(4)	Q430U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL I	2	\$124,000
(5)	Q431U	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL II	1	\$111,000
(6)	Q432U	MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	1	\$99,000
(7)	Q074U	INVESTIGATOR I	2	\$99,000
(8)	Q433U	SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	3	\$85,000
(9)	Q070U	INVESTIGATOR II	5	\$85,000
(10)	Q071U	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>1</u>	\$64,000
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	19	

SECTION 7. EXTRA HELP - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is hereby authorized, for the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,

1 the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,009,600
6 (02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	614,785
8 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	321,275
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	81,300
11 (C) PROF. FEES	418,469
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	31,500
13 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,506,929</u></u>

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16 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION - INDIRECT COSTS.

17 There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be
 18 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 19 the State, for operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General -
 20 Medicaid Fraud Division - Indirect Costs for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 21 2027, the following:

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23 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
25 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$498,461
27 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
28 (C) PROF. FEES	0
29 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$498,461</u></u>

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33 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN. There is

34 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from
 35 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 36 operating expenses of the Office of Attorney General - Internet Crimes

1 Against Children for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
5 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
7 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
8 (C) PROF. FEES	0
9 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
10 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
11 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>

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 13 SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - COOPERATIVE DISABILITY INVESTIGATION
 14 PROGRAM. There is hereby established for the Office of Attorney General -
 15 Cooperative Disability Investigation Program for the 2026-2027 fiscal year,
 16 the following maximum number of regular employees.

20 Item Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
21 <u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
	Employees	Fiscal Year
		2026-2027
22 (1) Q074U INVESTIGATOR I	2	\$99,000
23 (2) Q433U SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	\$85,000
24 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

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 26 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - COOPERATIVE DISABILITY INVESTIGATION
 27 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to
 28 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 29 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of
 30 Attorney General - Cooperative Disability Investigation Program for the
 31 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$285,600
36 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	99,125

1	(03) OVERTIME	42,000
2	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	55,000
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$486,725</u>

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10 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - UNRESTRICTED SETTLEMENT FEES
11 AND OTHER CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of
12 Attorney General, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas
13 Code 19-4-801, for personal services, miscellaneous operating expenses,
14 grants, court order payments, consumer education and enforcement activities
15 from unrestricted settlement fees and other cash funds of the Office of
16 Attorney General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum
17 of.....\$10,000,000.

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19 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - SETTLEMENT FEES AND RESTITUTION. There is
20 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from
21 the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services,
22 miscellaneous operating expenses, grants, fund transfers, and restitution
23 payments and expenses of the Office of Attorney General for the fiscal year
24 ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$31,000.

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26 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
28 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer
29 of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
30 Budget Committee, the Office of Attorney General is authorized to transfer
31 appropriation from any line item authorized in the Operations Appropriation
32 of the Office of Attorney General in this Act to any other line item
33 authorized in the Operations Appropriation.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
35 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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1 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
3 FUND TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Attorney
4 General may deposit or transfer by check monies from the unobligated cash
5 funds of the Office of Attorney General received from court orders or
6 settlement agreements to the State Central Services Fund.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
8 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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10 SECTION 17. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
11 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
12 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
13 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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29 SECTION 19. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
30 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
31 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
34 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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