

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

HOUSE BILL 1063

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 ARKANSAS PUBLIC  
11 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
16 RETIREMENT SYSTEM APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
17 2026-2027 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. There is hereby established for the  
24 Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System for the 2026-2027 fiscal year,  
25 the 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) EEX36A | RETIREMENT SYSTEM DIRECTOR        | 1                        | GRADE EXE03                                      |
| 32       | (2) PRE06C | RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT DIR  | 1                        | GRADE SPC10                                      |
| 33       | (3) LAT06C | ATTORNEY IV                       | 1                        | GRADE SPC09                                      |
| 34       | (4) FAC08C | CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I            | 1                        | GRADE SPC09                                      |
| 35       | (5) PRE03C | RETIREMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR   | 2                        | GRADE SPC08                                      |
| 36       | (6) PRE05C | RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEPUTY DIRECTOR | 2                        | GRADE SPC08                                      |



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| 1  | (7)  | CMA02C MARKETING DIRECTOR                  | 1        | GRADE SPC05 |
| 2  | (8)  | LAT04P ATTORNEY II                         | 1        | GRADE SPC05 |
| 3  | (9)  | FAC07P CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT         | 1        | GRADE SPC05 |
| 4  | (10) | FAC05P ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT        | 1        | GRADE SPC04 |
| 5  | (11) | FAC03P ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR              | 1        | GRADE SPC03 |
| 6  | (12) | FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II                       | 9        | GRADE SPC02 |
| 7  | (13) | FAU04P AUDITOR II                          | 1        | GRADE SPC02 |
| 8  | (14) | FIN04P INVESTMENT ANALYST                  | 1        | GRADE SPC01 |
| 9  | (15) | CTR03C TRAINING MANAGER                    | 1        | GRADE SGS10 |
| 10 | (16) | HDH08P HR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT                | 1        | GRADE SGS08 |
| 11 | (17) | PRE07P RETIREMENT SYSTEM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 3        | GRADE SGS08 |
| 12 | (18) | HDH05P HR COORDINATOR                      | 1        | GRADE SGS07 |
| 13 | (19) | PRE04P RETIREMENT SYSTEM COORDINATOR       | 6        | GRADE SGS07 |
| 14 | (20) | PRE02P RETIREMENT COUNSELOR II             | 16       | GRADE SGS06 |
| 15 | (21) | PRE01P RETIREMENT COUNSELOR I              | 11       | GRADE SGS05 |
| 16 | (22) | PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR          | 3        | GRADE SGS04 |
| 17 | (23) | HBE01P BENEFITS ANALYST                    | 1        | GRADE SGS04 |
| 18 | (24) | FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST           | 5        | GRADE SGS04 |
| 19 | (25) | IDA01C DATA ARCHITECT                      | 1        | GRADE IST13 |
| 20 | (26) | IIS05C IT INFRASTRUCTURE ARCHITECT         | 1        | GRADE IST11 |
| 21 | (27) | IIA01C CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER I         | 1        | GRADE IST10 |
| 22 | (28) | IIS06P IT INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR       | 1        | GRADE IST08 |
| 23 | (29) | IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST                | 1        | GRADE IST04 |
| 24 | (30) | FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR          | <u>1</u> | GRADE SGS06 |
| 25 |      | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES                      | 78       |             |

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27 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas

28 Public Employees Retirement System for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the

29 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as

30 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: six

31 (6) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to

32 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or

33 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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35 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT - OPERATIONS.

36 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement

1 System, to be payable from the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System  
 2 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public  
 3 Employees Retirement System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the  
 4 following:

| 6 ITEM                             | FISCAL YEAR          |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 7 <u>NO.</u>                       | <u>2026-2027</u>     |
| 8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES            | \$4,773,961          |
| 9 (02) EXTRA HELP                  | 75,000               |
| 10 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 1,686,925            |
| 11 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                      |
| 12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 2,137,473            |
| 13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 67,500               |
| 14 (C) PROF. FEES                  | 2,000,000            |
| 15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 0                    |
| 16 (E) DATA PROC.                  | 0                    |
| 17 (05) BENEFITS-NON EMPLOYEE      | 40,000,000           |
| 18 (06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS     | 85,000,000           |
| 19 (07) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES   | <u>7,000,000</u>     |
| 20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u>\$142,740,859</u> |

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 22 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT - CASH. There  
 23 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System,  
 24 to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for  
 25 payment to beneficiaries by check or wire transfer, by the Arkansas Public  
 26 Employees Retirement System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the  
 27 following:

| 29 ITEM                        | FISCAL YEAR          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 30 <u>NO.</u>                  | <u>2026-2027</u>     |
| 31 (01) BENEFITS               | \$675,000,000        |
| 32 (02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS | <u>50,000,000</u>    |
| 33 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED   | <u>\$725,000,000</u> |

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 35 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE POLICE RETIREMENT - OPERATIONS. There  
 36 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System,

1 to be payable from the State Police Retirement Fund, for operating expenses  
 2 of the State Police Retirement System, by the Arkansas Public Employees  
 3 Retirement System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| 5 ITEM                         | FISCAL YEAR                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 6 <u>NO.</u>                   | <u>2026-2027</u>           |
| 7 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION |                            |
| 8 (A) OPER. EXPENSE            | \$20,000                   |
| 9 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL           | 0                          |
| 10 (C) PROF. FEES              | 265,950                    |
| 11 (D) CAP. OUTLAY             | 0                          |
| 12 (E) DATA PROC.              | 0                          |
| 13 (02) BENEFITS-NON EMPLOYEE  | 5,000,000                  |
| 14 (03) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS | <u>25,000,000</u>          |
| 15 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED   | <u><u>\$30,285,950</u></u> |

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 17 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STATE POLICE RETIREMENT - CASH. There is  
 18 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, to  
 19 be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for payment  
 20 to beneficiaries of the State Police Retirement System by check or wire  
 21 transfer, by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System for the fiscal  
 22 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| 24 ITEM                        | FISCAL YEAR                |
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| 25 <u>NO.</u>                  | <u>2026-2027</u>           |
| 26 (01) BENEFITS               | \$31,000,000               |
| 27 (02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS | <u>1,500,000</u>           |
| 28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED   | <u><u>\$32,500,000</u></u> |

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 30 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - JUDICIAL RETIREMENT - OPERATIONS. There is  
 31 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, to  
 32 be payable from the Judges Retirement Fund, for operating expenses of the  
 33 Judicial Retirement System, by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement  
 34 System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| 36 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 1  | <u>NO.</u>                   | <u>2026-2027</u>          |
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| 2  | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION |                           |
| 3  | (A) OPER. EXPENSE            | \$12,000                  |
| 4  | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL           | 0                         |
| 5  | (C) PROF. FEES               | 140,879                   |
| 6  | (D) CAP. OUTLAY              | 0                         |
| 7  | (E) DATA PROC.               | 0                         |
| 8  | (02) BENEFITS-NON EMPLOYEE   | 500,000                   |
| 9  | (03) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS  | <u>8,000,000</u>          |
| 10 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED    | <u><u>\$8,652,879</u></u> |

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12         SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - JUDICIAL RETIREMENT - CASH. There is hereby

13 appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, to be

14 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for payment to

15 beneficiaries of the Judicial Retirement System by check or wire transfer, by

16 the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System for the fiscal year ending

17 June 30, 2027, the following:

| 19 | ITEM                        | FISCAL YEAR                |
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| 20 | <u>NO.</u>                  | <u>2026-2027</u>           |
| 21 | (01) BENEFITS               | \$20,750,000               |
| 22 | (02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS | <u>250,000</u>             |
| 23 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED   | <u><u>\$21,000,000</u></u> |

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25         SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. JUDICIAL

27 RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$150,000 in the ~~2025-2026~~

28 2026-2027 fiscal year may be transferred from the Judges Retirement Fund to

29 the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund for costs incurred by

30 the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in administering the Judicial

31 Retirement System. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal

32 Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on

33 his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the

34 State.

35         The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~

36 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STATE POLICE RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$250,000 in the ~~2025-~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year may be transferred from the State Police Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund for costs incurred by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in administering the State Police Retirement System. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the State.

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

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXEMPTION FROM PRIOR REVIEW. The Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System is hereby exempted from seeking prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee with regard to transfers between the Benefits and Refund line items in the Public Employees Retirement Cash appropriation section and the Benefits-Non Employee line item in the Public Employees Retirement Operations appropriation section which are specifically related to transfers necessitated by the changes in retirees' selection of the method of payment of retirement benefits. All other provisions of Arkansas Code §19-4-513 shall be applicable.

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

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL STATE POLICE RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$50,000 may be transferred from the State Police Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund to share in the costs incurred by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in the purchase and implementation of a new, and for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the pension administration system, which is utilized to administer State Police

1 pension transactions for members and retirees. Said transfer shall sunset at  
2 the end of fiscal year ~~2026~~ 2027. Such transfer request shall be made to the  
3 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall  
4 be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor  
5 of the State.

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

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9 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL  
11 JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$50,000 may be  
12 transferred from the Judicial Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public  
13 Employees' Retirement System Fund to share in the costs incurred by the  
14 Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in the purchase and  
15 implementation of a new, and for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the  
16 pension administration system, which is utilized to administer Judicial  
17 pension transactions for members and retirees. Said transfer shall sunset at  
18 the end of fiscal year ~~2026~~ 2027. Such transfer request shall be made to the  
19 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall  
20 be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of  
21 the State.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~  
23 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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25 SECTION 14. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
26 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
27 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
28 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
29 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
30 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
31 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
32 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
33 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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35 SECTION 15. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
36 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

1 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
2 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
3 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
4 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
5 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
6 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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8 SECTION 16. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
9 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
10 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
11 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of  
12 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
13 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
14 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm  
15 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
16 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
17 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
18 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.  
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