

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

SENATE BILL 30

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, 2027;  
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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027
32	(1) GOV09G	GOV CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE EXE02
33	(2) GOV17G	GOV DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF	2	GRADE EXE01
34	(3) GOV08G	GOV CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE SPC11
35	(4) GOV34G	GOV SENIOR ADVISOR	1	GRADE SPC11
36	(5) GOV12G	GOV COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08



1	(6)	GOV25G GOV LEG/POLICY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
2	(7)	GOV35G GOV SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR	1	GRADE SPC08
3	(8)	GOV05G GOV ATTORNEY III	2	GRADE SPC07
4	(9)	GOV07G GOV BUDGET DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC06
5	(10)	GOV13G GOV COMMUNICATIONS SENIOR ADVISOR	1	GRADE SPC06
6	(11)	GOV20G GOV DEPUTY DIR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	GRADE SPC06
7	(12)	GOV04G GOV ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE SPC05
8	(13)	GOV32G GOV POLICY MANAGER	2	GRADE SPC05
9	(14)	GOV36G GOV SENIOR POLICY MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC05
10	(15)	GOV28G GOV PHOTOGRAPHER	1	GRADE SPC02
11	(16)	GOV29G GOV POLICY ADVISOR	5	GRADE SPC02
12	(17)	GOV11G GOV COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC01
13	(18)	GOV26G GOV LEGAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC01
14	(19)	GOV31G GOV POLICY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC01
15	(20)	GOV21G GOV DIR OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS	1	GRADE SGS10
16	(21)	GOV22G GOV DIR OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES	1	GRADE SGS10
17	(22)	GOV24G GOV EXECUTIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS09
18	(23)	GOV33G GOV SCHEDULER	1	GRADE SGS09
19	(24)	GOV03G GOV ADVANCE & COALITIONS DIR	1	GRADE SGS08
20	(25)	GOV27G GOV OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS08
21	(26)	GOV37G GOV OFFICE STAFF	9	GRADE SGS08
22	(27)	GOV19G GOV DEP DIR OF BRDS & COMMISSIONS	1	GRADE SGS07
23	(28)	GOV18G GOV DEP DIR ADVANCE & COALITIONS	1	GRADE SGS06
24	(29)	GOV02G GOV ADVANCE & COALITIONS COORD	5	GRADE SGS05
25	(30)	GOV06G GOV BOARDS & COMMISSIONS COORD	1	GRADE SGS05
26	(31)	GOV15G GOV CONSTITUENT SERVICES COORD	1	GRADE SGS05
27	(32)	GOV23G GOV EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
28	(33)	GOV01G GOV ADVANCE & COALITIONS AIDE	1	GRADE SGS04
29	(34)	GOV10G GOV COMMUNICATIONS AIDE	1	GRADE SGS04
30	(35)	GOV14G GOV CONSTITUENT SERVICES AIDE	3	GRADE SGS04
31	(36)	GOV30G GOV POLICY AIDE	1	GRADE SGS04
32	(37)	GOV16G GOV CONSTITUENT SERVICES STAFF	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS01
33		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	59	

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35 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 36 the Office of the Governor for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following

1 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra  
 2 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7)  
 3 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed  
 4 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 5 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 7 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 8 to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 9 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of the  
 10 Governor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,505,822
15 (02) EXTRA HELP	8,789
16 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,502,888
17 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	446,706
19 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,200
20 (C) PROF. FEES	14,000
21 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$6,493,405</u>

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25 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. There is  
 26 hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the  
 27 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for the purpose provided by Arkansas Code 19-2-  
 28 401 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32 (01) GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION	<u>\$500,000</u>

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34 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 36 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer

1 of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
2 Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any  
3 line item authorized in Operations Appropriation of the Governor's Office in  
4 this Act to any other line item authorized in Operations Appropriation.

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

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8 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
9 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
10 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
11 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
14 controllaws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
16 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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18 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
19 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
20 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
21 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
22 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
23 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
24 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
25 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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27 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
29 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of  
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
32 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
33 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm  
34 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
35 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
36 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

1 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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