

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

SENATE BILL 34

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

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 CORRECTIONS - ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR THE  
12 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
18 - ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION  
19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL  
20 YEAR.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
26 for the Department of Corrections - Arkansas Sentencing Commission for the  
27 2026-2027 fiscal year, 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      |
| 33       | (1)        | SCP02C ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION DIR | 1                        | GRADE SPC08                |
| 34       | (2)        | SCP11P CORRECTIONS PROGRAM SUPV/EXPERT    | 1                        | GRADE SGS08                |
| 35       | (3)        | PQA01P QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR      | <u>1</u>                 | GRADE SGS07                |
| 36       |            | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES                     | 3                        |                            |



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 2 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 3 to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the Miscellaneous  
 4 Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 5 Department of Corrections - Arkansas Sentencing Commission for the fiscal  
 6 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| 8 ITEM                             | FISCAL YEAR             |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 9 <u>NO.</u>                       | <u>2026-2027</u>        |
| 10 (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$220,125               |
| 11 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 74,323                  |
| 12 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                         |
| 13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 143,807                 |
| 14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 4,550                   |
| 15 (C) PROF. FEES                  | 32,952                  |
| 16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 0                       |
| 17 (E) DATA PROC.                  | <u>0</u>                |
| 18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u><u>\$475,757</u></u> |

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 20 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
 21 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
 22 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
 23 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
 24 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
 25 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
 26 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
 27 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
 28 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 30 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
 31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
 32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
 33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
 34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
 35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
 36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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3 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
4 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
5 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
6 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of  
7 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
8 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
9 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm  
10 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
11 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
12 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
13 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.