

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 39

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

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
17 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 Arkansas State University for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
25 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
	<u>ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - SYSTEM</u>		
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATION AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Pres., Arkansas State University	1	\$449,802
(2)	Executive Vice President	1	\$281,925
(3)	Vice President	5	\$261,425



1	(4)	General Counsel	1	\$246,270
2	(5)	Assoc. Vice Pres.	2	\$214,241
3	(6)	Project/Program Administrator	11	
4		Executive Project/Program Director		\$213,928
5		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$186,892
6		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$172,738
7		Project/Program Director		\$140,094
8		Project/Program Manager		\$126,956
9		Executive Assistant		\$118,680
10		Project/Program Specialist		\$109,536
11	(7)	Associate General Counsel	4	\$203,540
12	(8)	Exec. Asst. to President	1	\$168,833
13	(9)	Assistant Vice President	1	\$163,608
14	(10)	Chief Audit Executive	1	\$136,367
15	(11)	Sr. Internal Auditor	3	\$113,239
16	(12)	Associate for Administration	1	\$101,455
17	(13)	Legislative Intern/Research Assist.	1	\$90,528
18	(14)	Research Assistant	2	\$90,528
19		<u>ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - JONESBORO</u>		
20		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
21		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
22	(15)	Chancellor, ASU-Jonesboro	1	\$399,144
23	(16)	Dean of Veterinary Medicine	1	\$398,851
24	(17)	Executive Vice Chancellor	2	\$277,092
25	(18)	Dean of Business Administration	1	\$271,941
26	(19)	Dean of Engineering	1	\$271,941
27	(20)	Associate Vice Provost	3	\$242,905
28	(21)	Dean of Schools	8	\$229,865
29	(22)	Vice Chancellor	4	\$228,939
30	(23)	Project/Program Administrator	119	
31		Executive Project/Program Director		\$213,928
32		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$186,892
33		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$172,738
34		Project/Program Director		\$140,094
35		Project/Program Manager		\$126,956
36		Executive Assistant		\$118,680

1		Project/Program Specialist		\$109,536
2	(24)	Assoc. Dean of Schools	13	\$210,339
3	(25)	IT Pool	69	
4		Network Engineer		\$207,404
5		Information Systems Manager		\$133,122
6		Computer Network Coordinator		\$132,901
7		Technical Support Staff		\$126,956
8		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$125,461
9		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$125,461
10		Coordinator of Information Tech		\$123,806
11		Website Developer/Programmer		\$123,806
12		System Programmer/Web Developer		\$122,387
13		Computer Systems Mgr.		\$112,475
14		Database Administrator		\$110,019
15		Systems Administrator		\$108,925
16		Information Systems Security Spec		\$106,894
17		Institution Information Tech Coord.		\$104,736
18		Assistant Database Administrator		\$100,790
19		Computer Support Manager		\$100,708
20		Information Systems Coordinator		\$100,708
21		Senior Software Support Specialist		\$100,708
22		Systems Specialist		\$100,708
23		Information Technology Manager		\$99,493
24		Network Support Specialist		\$96,834
25		Senior Software Support Analyst		\$96,834
26		Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$95,330
27		Tech Support/Applications Support		\$95,330
28		Information Systems Business Mgr.		\$93,110
29		Security Analyst		\$93,110
30		Systems Analyst		\$93,110
31		Information Technology Specialist		\$91,166
32		Computer Support Coordinator		\$89,529
33		Software Support Analyst		\$89,529
34		Systems Applications Supervisor		\$89,529
35		Computer Operations Coordinator		\$86,085
36		Systems Coordination Analyst		\$86,085

1	PC Support Specialist		\$84,480
2	Computer Support Specialist		\$82,775
3	Database Analyst		\$82,775
4	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$79,590
5	Network Support Analyst		\$79,590
6	Website Developer		\$79,590
7	Information Systems Analyst		\$76,530
8	Info Systems Security Analyst		\$76,530
9	Computer Support Analyst		\$76,530
10	Software Support Specialist		\$73,587
11	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$73,587
12	Media Specialist		\$72,215
13	Computer Support Technician		\$70,756
14	Help Desk Specialist		\$70,756
15	Computer Operator		\$68,035
16	Network Analyst		\$68,035
17	Telecommunications Specialist		\$68,035
18	Multimedia Specialist		\$64,199
19	Information Technology Assistant		\$60,483
20	Computer Lab Technician		\$58,156
21	Multimedia Technician		\$52,766
22	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$48,785
23	(26) Associate Vice Chancellor	3	\$201,198
24	(27) Executive Asst. to the Chancellor	1	\$201,198
25	(28) Controller	1	\$179,480
26	(29) Asst. Vice-Chancellor	7	\$163,609
27	(30) Registrar	1	\$161,471
28	(31) Archivist	2	\$151,358
29	(32) Coord. of Non-Credit Activity	1	\$151,358
30	(33) Dean Student Affs.-Enrollment Svcs.	1	\$151,358
31	(34) Assoc. Director - Info & Tech Svcs.	2	\$149,190
32	(35) Development/Advancement Admin.	23	
33	Development/Advancement Director		\$140,091
34	Development/Advancement Manager		\$126,956
35	Development/Advancement Specialist		\$109,536
36	(36) Associate Controller	1	\$136,608

1	(37)	Dir. of Grants & Other Spons. Progs	1	\$136,608
2	(38)	Treasurer	1	\$136,608
3	(39)	Assoc. Dean of Student Affairs	6	\$135,834
4	(40)	Associate Registrar	1	\$135,834
5	(41)	Dir. of UPD, CS, Traffic & Parking	1	\$132,400
6	(42)	Project Engineer	1	\$132,076
7	(43)	Academic/Student Support	45	
8		Counselor		\$131,587
9		Student Development Specialist		\$106,814
10		Academic Counselor		\$97,361
11	(44)	Communications Specialist	1	\$125,059
12	(45)	Research Compliance Coordinator	1	\$121,883
13	(46)	Project Architect	1	\$117,009
14	(47)	Bradbury Art Museum Director	1	\$116,727
15	(48)	Asst. Dean of Students	8	\$110,019
16	(49)	Director of Academic Advising	1	\$110,019
17	(50)	Asst. Dir. of Admissions	2	\$109,713
18	(51)	Asst. Dir. Records	1	\$109,713
19	(52)	Assoc. Dir. of Student Aid	1	\$102,604
20	(53)	Coord. of ASU Comm Coll. Deg. Cntrs	1	\$102,604
21	(54)	Research Analyst	5	\$102,558
22	(55)	Assistant Director of Publications	1	\$97,979
23	(56)	Fiscal Support Pool	40	
24		Fiscal Support Manager		\$95,029
25		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$78,106
26		Accountant II		\$75,103
27		Accountant I		\$72,215
28		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$69,437
29		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$61,729
30		Accounting Technician		\$57,071
31		Fiscal Support Technician		\$52,766
32	(57)	Public Safety Pool	29	
33		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$93,110
34		Director Public Safety I		\$91,374
35		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$89,529
36		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$86,085

1		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$76,530
2		Public Safety Officer		\$73,587
3		Public Safety Officer II		\$68,035
4		Security Officer Supervisor		\$64,199
5		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$58,156
6		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$48,785
7		Parking Control Supv.		\$48,785
8		Security Officer		\$48,785
9		Parking Control Officer		\$46,909
10		Watchman		\$40,098
11	(58)	Conservator	1	\$90,747
12	(59)	Technical Director	1	\$90,747
13	(60)	Academic Adviser	23	\$89,557
14	(61)	Assistant Director of Museum	1	\$88,978
15	(62)	Asst. Director of Computer Services	1	\$86,085
16	(63)	ASU Engineer Comm. Facilities Dir.	1	\$86,085
17	(64)	ASU Assoc. Dir. of Physical Plant	1	\$84,480
18	(65)	Benefits Coordinator	1	\$81,232
19	(66)	Curator	2	\$81,232
20	(67)	Procurement Coordinator	1	\$81,232
21	(68)	Education Program Coordinator	1	\$81,231
22	(69)	Grants Manager	2	\$81,231
23	(70)	ASU Asst. Dir. of Physical Plant	3	\$78,106
24	(71)	Skilled Trades Pool	89	
25		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$76,530
26		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$73,587
27		Skilled Tradesman		\$70,756
28		Skilled Trades Helper		\$53,769
29		Apprentice Tradesman		\$47,801
30	(72)	Department Business Coordinator	3	\$75,104
31	(73)	Budget Specialist	2	\$75,103
32	(74)	Human Resources Analyst	4	\$75,103
33	(75)	Production Artist	2	\$75,103
34	(76)	ASU Asst. Director of Farming	1	\$72,215
35	(77)	ASU Dir. of Housekeeping	2	\$72,215
36	(78)	Buyer	1	\$72,215

1	(79)	Construction/Maint. Coordinator	2	\$72,215
2	(80)	HEI Program Coordinator	24	\$72,215
3	(81)	Museum Exhibit Program Specialist	1	\$72,215
4	(82)	Radio News Director	1	\$72,215
5	(83)	Radio Program Director	1	\$72,215
6	(84)	Administrative Support Pool	110	
7		Administrative Assistant		\$69,437
8		Administrative Analyst		\$69,437
9		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$64,199
10		Administrative Specialist III		\$61,729
11		Administration Support Specialist		\$61,729
12		Administrative Specialist II		\$54,877
13		Administrative Support Specialist		\$54,877
14		Administrative Specialist I		\$48,785
15		Extra Help Assistant		\$40,098
16	(85)	Assistant Registrar	6	\$69,437
17	(86)	Financial Aid Analyst	11	\$69,437
18	(87)	Library Support Pool	15	
19		Library Supervisor		\$69,437
20		Library Specialist		\$59,355
21		Library Technician		\$54,877
22		Library Support Assistant		\$50,737
23	(88)	Fabrication Shop Manager	1	\$69,437
24	(89)	Payroll Services Specialist	2	\$69,437
25	(90)	Special Events Manager	2	\$69,437
26	(91)	Broadcast Production Specialist	4	\$66,767
27	(92)	Commercial Graphic Artist	3	\$66,767
28	(93)	Comm. Artist I/Graphic Artist I	2	\$64,199
29	(94)	Human Resources Specialist	2	\$64,199
30	(95)	Landscape Supervisor	2	\$64,199
31	(96)	Museum Registrar	1	\$64,199
32	(97)	Records Management Analyst	15	\$64,199
33	(98)	Maintenance Specialist	5	\$61,729
34	(99)	Purchasing Technician	1	\$61,729
35	(100)	Pest Control Tech	1	\$59,355
36	(101)	Landscape Specialist	2	\$57,071

1	(102)	Special Events Supervisor	1	\$57,071
2	(103)	Student Account Specialist	1	\$57,071
3	(104)	Admissions Analyst	2	\$54,877
4	(105)	Heavy Equipment Operator	7	\$54,877
5	(106)	Inventory Control Technician	3	\$52,766
6	(107)	Maintenance Assistant	4	\$52,766
7	(108)	Registrar's Assistant	2	\$50,737
8	(109)	Institutional Svcs. Supervisor	13	\$45,105
9	(110)	Institutional Svcs. Assistant	65	\$43,370
10		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
11		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
12	(111)	Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Coord.	3	\$277,176
13	(112)	Department Chairperson	30	\$207,746
14	(113)	Faculty	68	
15		Professor		\$204,213
16		Assoc. Professor		\$190,080
17		Asst. Professor		\$161,671
18		Instructor		\$132,901
19	(114)	Research Associate	4	\$151,222
20	(115)	Asst. Library Director	2	\$115,808
21	(116)	Librarian	10	\$115,808
22	(117)	Veterinary Medicine Instructor	3	\$113,958
23	(118)	Instructional Designer	10	\$90,528
24	(119)	Research Assistant	18	\$90,528
25	(120)	Graduate Assistant - Research	10	\$66,161
26	(121)	Graduate Assistant	130	\$48,363
27		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
28		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
29	(122)	College of Business Faculty	40	
30		Distinguished Professor		\$281,518
31		Professor		\$225,527
32		Associate Professor		\$185,254
33		Assistant Professor		\$177,200
34		Instructor		\$144,982
35	(123)	Faculty	501	
36		Distinguished Professor		\$228,748

1	Professor		\$200,682
2	Assoc. Professor		\$175,948
3	Asst. Professor		\$147,286
4	Instructor		\$114,924
5	Lecturer		\$92,858
6	(124) Part-Time Faculty	240	\$57,840
7	(125) Graduate Assistant	150	\$36,272
8	<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
9	<u>POSITIONS</u>		
10	(126) Vice Chancellor - Athletics	1	\$703,794
11	(127) ASU Head Football Coach	1	\$263,434
12	(128) Head Men's Basketball Coach	1	\$263,434
13	(129) ASU Def. Coordinator-Football	1	\$194,465
14	(130) ASU Off. Coordinator-Football	1	\$194,465
15	(131) Assoc. Dir. of Athletics	4	\$179,017
16	(132) ASU Asst. Head Football Coach	2	\$171,785
17	(133) Assistant Football Coach	5	\$171,785
18	(134) Head Coach	12	\$150,721
19	(135) ASU Dir. of Auxiliary Enterprises	1	\$144,786
20	(136) Dir. of Arena	1	\$140,351
21	(137) Development/Advancement Admin.	3	
22	Development/Advancement Director		\$140,091
23	Development/Advancement Manager		\$126,956
24	Development/Advancement Specialist		\$109,536
25	(138) Asst. Dir. Athletics	8	\$134,605
26	(139) Head Athletic Trainer	1	\$134,605
27	(140) Assistant Coach	25	\$114,370
28	(141) Dir. of Strength & Conditioning	3	\$114,370
29	(142) Trainer	5	\$114,370
30	(143) Facilities and Equipment Manager	2	\$102,992
31	(144) Assistant Director	1	\$99,669
32	(145) Fiscal Support Pool	1	
33	Fiscal Support Manager		\$95,029
34	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$78,106
35	Accountant II		\$75,103
36	Accountant I		\$72,215

1		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$69,437
2		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$61,729
3		Accounting Technician		\$57,071
4		Fiscal Support Technician		\$52,766
5	(146)	Asst. Dir. of Media Relations	2	\$90,622
6	(147)	Academic Adviser	2	\$89,557
7	(148)	Director of Marketing	1	\$86,850
8	(149)	Ticket Manager	1	\$84,254
9	(150)	Director of Student Union	1	\$78,106
10	(151)	Skilled Trades Pool	9	
11		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$76,530
12		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$73,587
13		Skilled Tradesman		\$70,756
14		Skilled Trades Helper		\$53,769
15		Apprentice Tradesman		\$47,801
16	(152)	Athletic Ticket Sales Coordinator	1	\$72,215
17	(153)	Print Shop Manager	1	\$72,215
18	(154)	Administrative Support Pool	8	
19		Administrative Assistant		\$69,437
20		Administrative Analyst		\$69,437
21		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$64,199
22		Administrative Specialist III		\$61,729
23		Administration Support Specialist		\$61,729
24		Administrative Specialist II		\$54,877
25		Administrative Support Specialist		\$54,877
26		Administrative Specialist I		\$48,785
27		Extra Help Assistant		\$40,098
28	(155)	Special Events Manager	2	\$69,437
29	(156)	Institutional Printer	5	\$66,767
30	(157)	Student Union Night Manager	1	\$66,767
31	(158)	Special Events Coordinator	2	\$61,729
32	(159)	Athletic Facility Supervisor	3	\$59,355
33	(160)	Student Union Sec. Mgr.	1	\$54,877
34	(161)	Institutional Svcs. Supervisor	3	\$45,105
35	(162)	Institutional Svcs. Assistant	<u>25</u>	\$43,370
36		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2,270	

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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas State University 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 thousand sixty-four (2,064) 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 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from the Arkansas State University Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$60,413,455
(02) EXTRA HELP	200,956
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,711,103
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,160,751
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	570,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	1,000,000
(06) CONTINGENCY	<u>3,534,405</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$82,590,670</u></u>

SECTION 4. ALLOCATIONS. There is hereby allocated, to the various programs of Arkansas State University, as set out herein, the following amounts of the funds appropriated in the State Operations appropriation section in this Act, to Arkansas State University, there to be used as provided by law, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

MAXIMUM ALLOCATION

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ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(1) JONESBORO CAMPUS	\$76,310,097
(2) ASU - SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	3,283,706
(3) HERITAGE SITES	2,529,697
(4) DELTA CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<u>467,170</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED	<u>\$82,590,670</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$36,000,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,970,000
(03) OVERTIME	30,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	15,500,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	47,000,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000,000
(C) PROF. FEES	27,675,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	11,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	60,396,158
(07) DEBT SERVICE	18,000,000
(08) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	200,000
(09) RESALE	<u>125,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$232,896,158</u>

SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

1 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
2 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
3 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
4 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
5 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
6 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
7 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
8 disbursement of said funds.

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

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

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