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A Bill

SENATE BILL 47

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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 SAU-TECH FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE SAU-TECH APPROPRIATION FOR
17 THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
23 for the SAU-Tech for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number
24 of regular employees.
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Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Chancellor, SAUT	1	\$214,799
(2)	IT Pool	6	
	Network Engineer		\$207,404
	Information Systems Manager		\$133,122
	Computer Network Coordinator		\$132,901



1	Technical Support Staff	\$126,956
2	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$125,461
3	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$125,461
4	Coordinator of Information Tech	\$123,806
5	Website Developer/Programmer	\$123,806
6	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$122,387
7	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$112,475
8	Database Administrator	\$110,019
9	Systems Administrator	\$108,925
10	Information Systems Security Spec.	\$106,894
11	Institution Information Tech Coord	\$104,736
12	Assistant Database Administrator	\$100,790
13	Computer Support Manager	\$100,708
14	Information Systems Coordinator	\$100,708
15	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$100,708
16	Systems Specialist	\$100,708
17	Information Technology Manager	\$99,493
18	Network Support Specialist	\$96,834
19	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$96,834
20	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$95,330
21	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$95,330
22	Information Systems Business Mgr.	\$93,110
23	Security Analyst	\$93,110
24	Systems Analyst	\$93,110
25	Information Technology Specialist	\$91,166
26	Computer Support Coordinator	\$89,529
27	Software Support Analyst	\$89,529
28	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$89,529
29	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$86,085
30	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$86,085
31	PC Support Specialist	\$84,480
32	Computer Support Specialist	\$82,775
33	Database Analyst	\$82,775
34	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$79,590
35	Network Support Analyst	\$79,590
36	Website Developer	\$79,590

1	Information Systems Analyst		\$76,530
2	Info Systems Security Analyst		\$76,530
3	Computer Support Analyst		\$76,530
4	Software Support Specialist		\$73,587
5	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$73,587
6	Media Specialist		\$72,215
7	Computer Support Technician		\$70,756
8	Help Desk Specialist		\$70,756
9	Computer Operator		\$68,035
10	Network Analyst		\$68,035
11	Telecommunications Specialist		\$68,035
12	Multimedia Specialist		\$64,199
13	Information Technology Assistant		\$60,483
14	Computer Lab Technician		\$58,156
15	Multimedia Technician		\$52,766
16	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$48,785
17	(3) Vice-Chan. for Instruction	1	\$172,403
18	(4) Vice-Chan. for Dev. & Ext. Ed.	1	\$161,671
19	(5) Vice-Chan. for Finance	1	\$161,671
20	(6) Vice-Chan. for Information Tech	1	\$161,671
21	(7) Vice-Chan. for Student Services	1	\$161,671
22	(8) Director of Human Resources	1	\$136,981
23	(9) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$136,981
24	(10) Counselor	1	\$131,589
25	(11) Registrar	1	\$126,161
26	(12) Director of Student Financial Aid	1	\$125,910
27	(13) Project/Program Administrator	1	
28	Project/Program Director		\$124,789
29	Project/Program Manager		\$104,496
30	Project/Program Specialist		\$94,333
31	(14) Director of Computer Services	1	\$123,806
32	(15) Controller	1	\$120,931
33	(16) Director of Development	1	\$117,086
34	(17) Director of Cont. Ed/Bus. Outreach	1	\$117,085
35	(18) Director of Physical Plant	1	\$116,722
36	(19) Director of Admissions	1	\$115,020

1	(20)	Coordinator of Student Recruitment	2	\$114,926
2	(21)	Director of Special Programs	3	\$114,924
3	(22)	Assistant to the Chancellor	1	\$107,799
4	(23)	Dir. of Student Activities/Org.	1	\$105,207
5	(24)	Communications Coordinator	1	\$105,207
6	(25)	Fiscal Support Pool	3	
7		Fiscal Support Manager		\$95,029
8		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$78,106
9		Accountant II		\$75,103
10		Accountant I		\$72,215
11		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$69,437
12		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$61,729
13		Accounting Technician		\$57,071
14		Fiscal Support Technician		\$52,766
15	(26)	Public Safety Pool	4	
16		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$93,110
17		Director Public Safety I		\$91,374
18		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$89,529
19		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$86,085
20		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$76,530
21		Public Safety Officer		\$73,587
22		Public Safety Officer II		\$68,035
23		Security Officer Supervisor		\$64,199
24		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$58,156
25		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$48,785
26		Parking Control Supv.		\$48,785
27		Security Officer		\$48,785
28		Parking Control Officer		\$46,909
29		Watchman		\$40,098
30	(27)	Maintenance Manager	1	\$87,860
31	(28)	Payroll Services Coordinator	1	\$81,232
32	(29)	Procurement Coordinator	1	\$81,232
33	(30)	Academic Advisor	2	\$79,653
34	(31)	Research and Statistics Manager	1	\$78,106
35	(32)	Skilled Trades Pool	6	
36		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$76,530

1		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$73,587
2		Skilled Tradesman		\$70,756
3		Skilled Trades Helper		\$53,769
4		Apprentice Tradesman		\$47,801
5	(33)	Assistant Director of Financial Aid	1	\$75,103
6	(34)	Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$75,103
7	(35)	Buyer	1	\$72,215
8	(36)	Administrative Support Pool	22	
9		Administrative Assistant		\$69,437
10		Administrative Analyst		\$69,437
11		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$64,199
12		Administrative Specialist III		\$61,729
13		Administration Support Specialist		\$61,729
14		Administrative Specialist II		\$54,877
15		Administrative Support Specialist		\$54,877
16		Administrative Specialist I		\$48,785
17		Extra Help Assistant		\$40,098
18	(37)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$69,437
19	(38)	Financial Aid Analyst	1	\$69,437
20	(39)	Library Support Pool	3	
21		Library Supervisor		\$69,437
22		Library Specialist		\$59,355
23		Library Technician		\$54,877
24		Library Support Assistant		\$50,737
25	(40)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$69,437
26	(41)	Statistician	1	\$66,767
27	(42)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$64,199
28	(43)	Residential Advisor	1	\$59,355
29	(44)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$57,071
30	(45)	Warehouse Specialist	1	\$57,071
31	(46)	Admissions Analyst	1	\$54,877
32	(47)	Maintenance Assistant	6	\$52,766
33	(48)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$45,105
34	(49)	Institutional Services Assistant	4	\$43,370
35		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
36		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		

1	(50)	Division Chairperson	2	\$150,880
2	(51)	Librarian	1	\$136,981
3		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
4		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
5	(52)	Faculty	41	\$114,926
6	(53)	Part-Time Faculty	71	\$57,840
7		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
8		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
9	(54)	Athletic Admin. & Support Pool	9	
10		Coach		\$108,248
11		Asst. Coach		\$57,839
12		Athletic Trainer		\$43,298
13		<u>CAREER ACADEMY</u>		
14		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
15		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
16	(55)	Director, SAUT Career Academy	1	\$114,924
17	(56)	Academic Counselor	1	\$97,361
18		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
19		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
20	(57)	Director of Adult Education	1	\$131,590
21	(58)	Faculty	12	\$114,926
22		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
23		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
24	(59)	Assistant Bookstore Manager	1	\$61,729
25	(60)	Cashier	1	\$52,766
26	(61)	Institutional Services Assistant	2	\$43,370
27		<u>FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY</u>		
28		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
29		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
30	(62)	IT Pool	1	
31		Network Engineer		\$207,404
32		Information Systems Manager		\$133,122
33		Computer Network Coordinator		\$132,901
34		Technical Support Staff		\$126,956
35		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$125,461
36		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$125,461

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2	Website Developer/Programmer	\$123,806
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5	Database Administrator	\$110,019
6	Systems Administrator	\$108,925
7	Information Systems Security Spec.	\$106,894
8	Institution Information Tech Coord	\$104,736
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10	Computer Support Manager	\$100,708
11	Information Systems Coordinator	\$100,708
12	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$100,708
13	Systems Specialist	\$100,708
14	Information Technology Manager	\$99,493
15	Network Support Specialist	\$96,834
16	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$96,834
17	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$95,330
18	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$95,330
19	Information Systems Business Mgr.	\$93,110
20	Security Analyst	\$93,110
21	Systems Analyst	\$93,110
22	Information Technology Specialist	\$91,166
23	Computer Support Coordinator	\$89,529
24	Software Support Analyst	\$89,529
25	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$89,529
26	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$86,085
27	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$86,085
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34	Information Systems Analyst	\$76,530
35	Info Systems Security Analyst	\$76,530
36	Computer Support Analyst	\$76,530

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3		Media Specialist		\$72,215
4		Computer Support Technician		\$70,756
5		Help Desk Specialist		\$70,756
6		Computer Operator		\$68,035
7		Network Analyst		\$68,035
8		Telecommunications Specialist		\$68,035
9		Multimedia Specialist		\$64,199
10		Information Technology Assistant		\$60,483
11		Computer Lab Technician		\$58,156
12		Multimedia Technician		\$52,766
13		Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$48,785
14	(63)	Director	1	\$141,151
15	(64)	Deputy Director	1	\$111,648
16	(65)	Fiscal Support Pool	1	
17		Fiscal Support Manager		\$95,029
18		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$78,106
19		Accountant II		\$75,103
20		Accountant I		\$72,215
21		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$69,437
22		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$61,729
23		Accounting Technician		\$57,071
24		Fiscal Support Technician		\$52,766
25	(66)	Administrative Support Pool	10	
26		Administrative Assistant		\$69,437
27		Administrative Analyst		\$69,437
28		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$64,199
29		Administrative Specialist III		\$61,729
30		Administration Support Specialist		\$61,729
31		Administrative Specialist II		\$54,877
32		Administrative Support Specialist		\$54,877
33		Administrative Specialist I		\$48,785
34		Extra Help Assistant		\$40,098
35	(67)	Maintenance Assistant	2	\$52,766
36	(68)	Institutional Services Assistant	1	\$43,370

1	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
2	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
3	(69)	Assistant Director for Training	1 \$118,115
4	(70)	Faculty	21 \$114,926
5	(71)	Satellite Center Coordinator	1 \$105,403
6	(72)	Part-Time Faculty	25 \$57,840
7	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY</u>		
8	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
9	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
10	(73)	Director	1 \$123,888
11	(74)	Assistant Director for Training	1 \$118,115
12	(75)	Administrative Support Pool	3
13		Administrative Assistant	\$69,437
14		Administrative Analyst	\$69,437
15		Administrative Support Supervisor	\$64,199
16		Administrative Specialist III	\$61,729
17		Administration Support Specialist	\$61,729
18		Administrative Specialist II	\$54,877
19		Administrative Support Specialist	\$54,877
20		Administrative Specialist I	\$48,785
21		Extra Help Assistant	\$40,098
22	(76)	Maintenance Assistant	1 \$52,766
23	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
24	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
25	(77)	Faculty	7 \$114,926
26	(78)	Part-Time Faculty	12 \$57,840
27	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY</u>		
28	<u>STATEWIDE SOLID WASTE PROGRAM</u>		
29	<u>PURSUANT TO ACT 1850 OF 2005</u>		
30	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
31	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
32	(79)	Stwd. Solid Waste Trng. Inst. Coord.	1 \$72,900
33		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	333

35 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 36 the SAU-Tech for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of

1 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from
 2 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred seventy-five (175)
 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 - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 8 appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the SAU-Tech Fund, for
 9 personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech for the fiscal year
 10 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,200,000
15 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,200,000
16 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	504,546
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	56,627
19 (C) PROF. FEES	0
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21 (E) DATA PROC.	0
22 (04) CONTINGENCY	<u>298,059</u>
23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$6,259,232</u>

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 25 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
 26 to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code
 27 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech for
 28 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,000,000
33 (02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
34 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,100,000
35 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,500,000

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	300,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,300,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	23,000,000
6	(06) DEBT SERVICE	375,000
7	(07) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
8	INVESTMENTS	<u>600,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$34,525,000</u>

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11 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. There is hereby
 12 authorized, for the SAU-Tech - Fire Training Academy for the 2026-2027 fiscal
 13 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
 14 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 15 purposes: fifty-five (55) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
 16 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 17 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 18 classification.

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20 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY.
 21 There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the SAU-
 22 Tech Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech -
 23 Fire Training Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 24 following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,022,990
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	393,776
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	500,000
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	38,500
33	(C) PROF. FEES	0
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	28,782
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,984,048</u>

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 2 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY.
 3 There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the SAU-
 4 Tech Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech -
 5 Fire Training Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 6 following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
10 (01) PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING	
11 EXPENSES	<u>\$3,045,637</u>

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 13 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. There
 14 is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from cash funds as
 15 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating
 16 expenses of the SAU-Tech - Fire Training Academy for the fiscal year ending
 17 June 30, 2027, the following:

19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$265,200
22 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	80,000
23 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	300,000
25 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	65,000
26 (C) PROF. FEES	85,751
27 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,000
28 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
29 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$915,951</u>

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 31 SECTION 9. EXTRA HELP - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY. There is
 32 hereby authorized, for the SAU-Tech - Environmental Training Academy for the
 33 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 34 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 35 herein for such purposes: fifty (50) temporary or part-time employees, when
 36 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform

1 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 2 appropriate classification.

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 4 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING
 5 ACADEMY. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from
 6 the SAU-Tech Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-
 7 Tech - Environmental Training Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 8 2027, the following:

10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$244,110
13 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,000
14 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	125,000
16 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
17 (C) PROF. FEES	0
18 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$444,110</u></u>

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 22 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING
 23 ACADEMY. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from
 24 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and
 25 operating expenses of the SAU-Tech - Environmental Training Academy for the
 26 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$242,000
31 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	119,900
32 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	165,000
34 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
35 (C) PROF. FEES	11,000
36 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	55,000

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(04) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	<u>55,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$677,900</u></u>

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5 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

6 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

7 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

8 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

9 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

10 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction

11 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where

12 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and

13 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in

14 disbursement of said funds.

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16 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

17 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

18 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

19 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

20 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

21 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

22 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

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

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25 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

26 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits

27 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of

29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

30 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

31 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm

32 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

33 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

34 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

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

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