

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 39

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES,  
OPERATING EXPENSES AND GRANTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
MONITORING AND EVALUATING PROGRAM EXPENDITURES FROM  
THE PROGRAM ACCOUNTS OF THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT  
PROGRAM FUND FOR THE ARKANSAS TOBACCO SETTLEMENT  
COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS TOBACCO  
SETTLEMENT COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR  
THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the  
Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the following maximum number  
of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual			
		Maximum	Salary Rate		
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year		
No.	Code Title	Employees	2016-2017		
(1)	X014C TOBACCO SETTLEMENT COMM. DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C124		
(2)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE C112		
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		2			

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission, to be payable from the Tobacco Settlement Commission Fund, for personal services and operating expenses necessary to monitor and evaluate the various program accounts established within the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, and to provide grants as authorized in Section 17 of Initiated Act 1 of 2000 for the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$95,017
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	31,432
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	84,575
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
(C) PROF. FEES	1,000,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) TOBACCO SETTLEMENT GRANTS	<u>1,187,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,401,024</u>

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDEPENDENT MONITORING AND EVALUATION. The Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission shall file a quarterly progress report to the Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees and shall hire an independent third party to perform monitoring and evaluation of program expenditures made from tobacco settlement funds. This independent third party shall have appropriate experience in health, preventive resources, health statistics and evaluation expertise. The third party retained to perform such services shall prepare a biennial report to be delivered to the General Assembly and the Governor by each August 1 preceding a regular session of the General Assembly. The report shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission as to the continued funding for each program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER

1 RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be transferred under the provisions of  
2 Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as provided by this act.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
4 2017.

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6 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFERS  
8 OF APPROPRIATIONS. In the event the amount of any of the budget classifications of maintenance and  
9 general operation in this act are found by the administrative head of the agency to be inadequate, then  
10 the agency head may request, upon forms provided for such purpose by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
11 State, a modification of the amounts of the budget classification. In that event, he shall set out on the  
12 forms the particular classifications for which he is requesting an increase or decrease, the amounts  
13 thereof, and his reasons therefor. In no event shall the total amount of the budget exceed either the  
14 amount of the appropriation or the amount of the funds available, nor shall any transfer be made from the  
15 capital outlay or data processing subclassifications unless specific authority for such transfers is provided  
16 by law, except for transfers from capital outlay to data processing when determined by the Department of  
17 Information Systems that data processing services for a state agency can be performed on a more cost-  
18 efficient basis by the Department of Information Systems than through the purchase of data processing  
19 equipment by that state agency. In considering the proposed modification as prepared and submitted by  
20 each state agency, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make such studies as he deems necessary.  
21 The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall, after obtaining the approval of the Legislative Council, approve  
22 the requested transfer if in his opinion it is in the best interest of the state.

23 The General Assembly has determined that the agency in this act could be operated more efficiently if  
24 some flexibility is given to that agency and that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to  
25 transfer between certain items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General Assembly has  
26 granted the agency broad powers under the transfer of appropriations, it is both necessary and  
27 appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring  
28 prior approval of the Legislative Council in the utilization of the transfer authority. Therefore, the  
29 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council is not a severable part of this section. If the  
30 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent  
31 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
33 2017.

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35 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. POSITIONS.

(a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

(b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

(c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Tobacco Settlement Commission.

(d) Whenever applicable the information contained in (a) and (b) of this Section shall be included in the employee handbook and/or Professional Services Contract paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

1        SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that  
2 the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year  
3 period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2016 is essential to the operation of the agency for  
4 which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative  
5 session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2016 could work irreparable harm upon  
6 the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is  
7 hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,  
8 health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2016.