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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 40

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE  
10 COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, AND THE  
11 INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
12 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE  
17 RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL  
19 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 Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the  
27 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2015-2016
33	(1) Q030U	DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARCH	1	\$159,582
34	(2) Q029U	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	4	\$154,141
35	(3) Q014N	BLR ADMINISTRATOR	9	GRADE N910
36	(4) Q061N	BLR COUNSEL	1	GRADE N908



1	(5)	Q063N	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE SVCS ADMR	1	GRADE N906
2	(6)	Q004C	DATABASE MANAGER	1	GRADE C130
3	(7)	Q062C	LEGAL EDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C130
4	(8)	Q006C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	33	GRADE C130
5	(9)	Q221C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	16	GRADE C130
6	(10)	Q195C	LEGISLATIVE NETWORK PROGRAMMER II	1	GRADE C129
7	(11)	Q223C	SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR	3	GRADE C128
8	(12)	Q032C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE C128
9	(13)	Q220C	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	1	GRADE C128
10	(14)	Q026C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
11	(15)	Q023C	DATABASE PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
12	(16)	Q025C	NETWORK SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C127
13	(17)	Q027C	NETWORK/WEB PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C127
14	(18)	Q024C	PC SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE C127
15	(19)	Q007C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE C126
16	(20)	Q073C	LEGAL EDITOR II	1	GRADE C124
17	(21)	Q064C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	1	GRADE C124
18	(22)	Q046C	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	1	GRADE C124
19	(23)	Q067C	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C122
20	(24)	Q066C	DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C122
21	(25)	Q222C	LEGAL EDITOR I	1	GRADE C122
22	(26)	Q079C	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE C122
23	(27)	Q063C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE C122
24	(28)	Q077C	ADMIN ASSIST TO AD	3	GRADE C120
25	(29)	Q075C	DESKTOP APPLICATIONS SUPPORT	2	GRADE C120
26	(30)	Q197C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SVCS ANALYST II	2	GRADE C120
27	(31)	Q078C	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C120
28	(32)	Q065C	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C119
29	(33)	Q224C	ASSETS MANAGER	1	GRADE C117
30	(34)	Q198C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
31	(35)	Q110C	LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT II	8	GRADE C117
32	(36)	Q118C	REFERENCE ANALYST	2	GRADE C116
33	(37)	Q127C	HELP DESK COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C114
34	(38)	Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	16	GRADE C114
35	(39)	Q130C	DIGITAL RESEARCH TECH	1	GRADE C112
36	(40)	Q131C	BLR SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C110

1 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 130

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3 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
4 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 2015-  
5 2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary  
6 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated  
7 herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or part-time employees,  
8 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform  
9 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the  
10 appropriate classification.

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12 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
13 to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be  
14 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services,  
15 operating expenses, contingency, committee rooms and construction and capital  
16 improvements of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Legislative  
17 Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 NO.	2015-2016
21 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,090,629
22 (02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
23 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,860,032
24 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,133,686
26 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	218,002
27 (C) PROF. FEES	298,889
28 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
29 (E) DATA PROC.	0
30 (05) CONSTRUCTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000
31 (06) CONTINGENCY	893,480
32 (07) COMMITTEE ROOMS	<u>205,063</u>
33 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$17,299,781</u>

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35 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is  
36 hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative

1 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 2 Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General  
 3 Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

4	5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
7	(01) INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES	<u>\$271,060</u>

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 9 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby  
 10 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
 11 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 12 Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and mileage to members of the Arkansas  
 13 General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee  
 14 related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General  
 15 Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as  
 16 approved by the appropriate committee for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 17 2016, the following:

18	19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
21	(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE FOR	
22	MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL	
23	ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$1,419,199
24	(02) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM	
25	COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE	
26	STAFF WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE	
27	APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE	<u>277,197</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,696,396</u>

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 30 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby  
 31 appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative  
 32 Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services  
 33 Fund, for paying expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly  
 34 attending meetings of the Energy Council and for other associated expenses  
 35 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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1 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
3 (01) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND	
4 OTHER EXPENSES	<u>\$65,806</u>

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6 SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau  
7 of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable from the  
8 State Central Services Fund, from the balance of the appropriation remaining  
9 on June 30, 2015 in Section 3 of Act 61 of 2014, there to be used for the  
10 same purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, in a sum not to  
11 exceed.....\$2,000,000.

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13 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
15 PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research  
16 is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to  
17 transfer appropriation between line items within appropriations and also  
18 between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined  
19 necessary.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
21 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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23 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST OF  
25 LIVING INCREASES. Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned  
26 to positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living  
27 increases on July 1, in an amount equal to that granted to all other state  
28 agency, board, commission or institution of higher education employees on  
29 those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual salary rates for Bureau  
30 employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee  
31 retention or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the  
32 Director of the Bureau. Salary payments shall not be restricted to maximum  
33 amounts authorized by law, if the salary adjustments exceed the maximum line  
34 item amount authorized by law for a position, the amount shall be paid to the  
35 employee as a lump-sum payment.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~

1 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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3 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
5 DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the  
6 Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds  
7 appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses. The  
8 Director shall appoint a designee who shall serve as the disbursing officer  
9 in his/her absence. In the event there is no Director, the Co-Chairs of the  
10 Arkansas Legislative Council can appoint a disbursing officer. All  
11 expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in  
12 accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in  
13 accordance with appropriate law.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
15 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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17 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
18 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
19 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
20 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
21 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
22 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
23 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
24 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
25 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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36 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

1 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
2 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
3 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
4 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
5 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
6 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
7 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
8 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
9 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
10 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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