0009 Legislative Audit ACT#: 160 SECTION#: 3

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

TRANSFER PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Legislative Auditor is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation between the line items of the appropriation in Section 2 of this Act in such amounts determined necessary. In no event, however, shall the Regular Salaries line item in Section 2 be increased or decreased by such transfers authorized herein, until the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee reviews such transfers.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, $\frac{2016}{2017}$ through June 30, $\frac{2017}{2018}$.

0009 Legislative Audit ACT#: 160 SECTION#: 4

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)

SALARIES. Employees of Arkansas Legislative Audit shall be eligible for cost-of-living increases on July 1, in an amount equal to that granted to all other state agency, board, commission or institution of higher education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual salary rates for employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the Legislative Auditor. In addition, the Legislative Auditor may implement a merit program to reward employees for exceptional service. The plan shall be approved by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee prior to its implementation. In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and retained, Arkansas Legislative Audit may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions authorized in the appropriation act after receiving approval from the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Salary payments in accordance with this section shall not be restricted to maximum amounts authorized by law.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, $\frac{2016}{2017}$ through June 30, $\frac{2017}{2018}$.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

0009 Legislative Audit ACT#: 160 SECTION#: 5

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

FUNDS. In the event Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee should receive any funds in connection with performing their duties as prescribed by the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, such funds shall be deposited into the State Central Services Fund to be utilized solely by Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee in performing such duties.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, $\frac{2016}{2017}$ through June 30, $\frac{2017}{2018}$.

0009 Legislative Audit ACT#: NEW SECTION#: NEW

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 4, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

10-4-428. Employment of outside legal counsel.

- (a) Arkansas Legislative Audit may employ outside legal counsel as deemed necessary by the Legislative Auditor after receiving prior approval of the executive committee of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.
- (b) If the executive committee of the Legislative Joint Auditing

 Committee approves the employment of outside legal counsel by Arkansas

 Legislative Audit, no additional approval is required.

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION