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I am requesting a pay increase for my county-funded deputy prosecutor position. The Arkansas Legislature passed a comprehensive pay plan during the last legislative session, seeking to make state employees pay competitive with neighboring states while also recruiting talent to choose government service over the private sector. As a result, the starting pay for a deputy prosecutor rose from $62,531 to $85,943.

Department 0416, Fund 1000, Position 1112 is a county-funded deputy prosecutor that handles traffic and criminal cases on behalf of the county in District Court. This prosecutor is the only deputy prosecutor assigned to this court, which oversees felony first appearances, traffic and misdemeanor cases, as well as various other duties like Petitions to Seal criminal records and filing decisions. The increase from the State pay plan leaves this position lagging behind entry level state prosecutors, as its current pay is $74,552.31. I am requesting an additional $11,390.69 to bring this position in line with other SPC05 attorneys in State government.

This request would enable me to recruit and retain talented attorneys that are willing to work on behalf of the people of Faulkner County in a very important position in public safety.

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