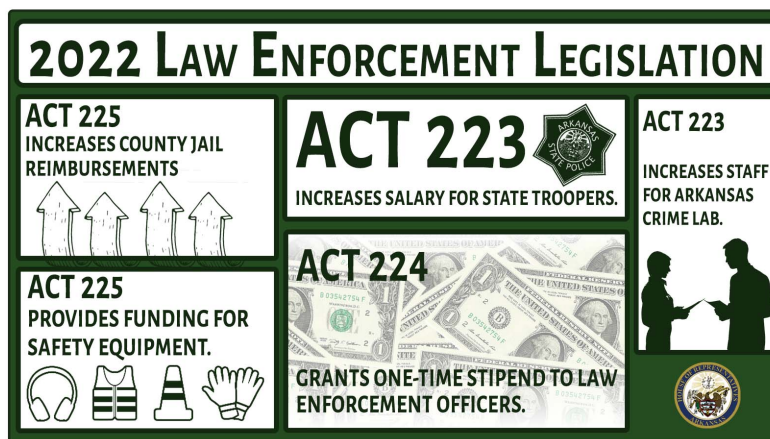




# Arkansas House Newsletter

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## 2023 Budget Funds Increases for Law Enforcement



From one-time bonuses to increased funding for safety equipment, the 93rd General Assembly made support for law enforcement a top priority in this fiscal session.

[Act 224](#) provides a one-time stipend of \$5,000 to full-time certified city and county law enforcement officers as well as probation and parole officers.

It also provides for a \$2,000 one-time stipend for state troopers.

[Act 223](#) increases the average starting salary for state troopers from \$42,357 to \$54,000.

This act also allows for an increase of positions at the Arkansas Crime Lab.

[Act 225](#) which outlines the budget for Fiscal Year 2023 funds an increase for county jail reimbursement from \$32 per day to \$40 per day and provides \$10 million for body cameras, bullet-proof vests, and other law-enforcement safety equipment.

The General Assembly passed [Act 219](#) which will provide funding to hire an additional 45 deputy prosecutors this fiscal year.

[Act 222](#) will provide funding for an additional 45 public defenders.

This will help to alleviate a backlog of cases in our court system.

[Speaker Shepherd and Senator Hickey have issued a proclamation that calls for the Fiscal Session of the 93rd General Assembly to automatically adjourn sine die at noon on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.](#)

In accordance with House Rules, a caucus of the entire House of Representatives will be held 15 minutes following adjournment to elect the Speaker-designate for the 94th General Assembly. The House caucus will convene at 12:15 p.m. this Tuesday, March 15, 2022, for this purpose.

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