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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1136

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS  
STATE POLICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS  
STATE POLICE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2017-  
2018 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
Department of Arkansas State Police for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the  
following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2017-2018
(1)	U064U	DIRECTOR STATE POLICE	1	\$119,974
(2)	N057N	ASP DEPUTY DIRECTOR/LT. COLONEL	2	GRADE N908
(3)	G031N	ASP GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE N906
(4)	A011N	ASP CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE N903
(5)	D103C	ASP CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE C130
(6)	T001C	ASP MAJOR	6	GRADE C130
(7)	X003C	ASP/CACD CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C130



(8)	T003C	ASP CAPTAIN	19	GRADE C128
(9)	P067C	ASP PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE C127
(10)	D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C127
(11)	A021C	AGENCY CONTROLLER I	1	GRADE C126
(12)	C002C	ASP HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE ADMIN	1	GRADE C126
(13)	T007C	ASP LIEUTENANT	25	GRADE C126
(14)	T009C	ASP SPECIAL OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C126
(15)	X011C	ASP/CACD INVESTIGATOR ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C126
(16)	G047C	ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C126
(17)	T011C	ASP SERGEANT	64	GRADE C124
(18)	A031C	ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	2	GRADE C124
(19)	D030C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE C124
(20)	B021C	LICENSED ARCHITECT	2	GRADE C124
(21)	R013C	AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	2	GRADE C123
(22)	S093C	ASP FLEET MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
(23)	G086C	ASP PROGRAM ASST ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C123
(24)	D038C	SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE C123
(25)	X035C	ASP/CACD AREA MANAGER	12	GRADE C122
(26)	A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
(27)	A050C	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
(28)	T022C	ASP CORPORAL	474	GRADE C121
(29)	T024C	ASP/CACD HOTLINE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C121
(30)	G109C	GRANTS MANAGER	2	GRADE C121
(31)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
(32)	V004C	PROCUREMENT MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
(33)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C121
(34)	D056C	SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	1	GRADE C120
(35)	G156C	ASP PROGRAM MANAGER	3	GRADE C119
(36)	R022C	BENEFITS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
(37)	G147C	GRANTS COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C119
(38)	T046C	ASP/CACD HOTLINE SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE C118
(39)	X090C	ASP/CACD SENIOR INVESTIGATOR	73	GRADE C118
(40)	R024C	ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C118
(41)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
(42)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE C118
(43)	T044C	INTELLIGENCE ANALYST SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C118

(44)	B083C	ASP AFIS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C117
(45)	X108C	ASP DL/CDL COORDINATOR	4	GRADE C117
(46)	G191C	ASP HWY SAFETY PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3	GRADE C117
(47)	S020C	AVIATION TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C117
(48)	D071C	COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	9	GRADE C117
(49)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
(50)	S017C	MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C117
(51)	S024C	CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE COORD	4	GRADE C116
(52)	D074C	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR	12	GRADE C116
(53)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	8	GRADE C115
(54)	S036C	AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C115
(55)	X188C	FIRE MARSHALL INSPECTOR	3	GRADE C115
(56)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	5	GRADE C115
(57)	R032C	HUMAN RESOURCES PROG REPRESENTATIVE	1	GRADE C115
(58)	A090C	PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C115
(59)	T061C	SENIOR INTELLIGENCE ANALYST	4	GRADE C115
(60)	T102C	ASP CACD SR. HOTLINE OPERATOR	37	GRADE C114
(61)	X161C	ASP INVESTIGATOR SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C114
(62)	X160C	ASP USED MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTOR	9	GRADE C114
(63)	P042C	BROADCAST PRODUCTION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C114
(64)	S044C	FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C114
(65)	G214C	GRANTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C114
(66)	D081C	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	68	GRADE C114
(67)	R036C	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	3	GRADE C113
(68)	P046C	PHOTOGRAPHER	1	GRADE C113
(69)	C043C	RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	9	GRADE C113
(70)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	6	GRADE C112
(71)	X189C	ASP AFIS TECHNICIAN	15	GRADE C112
(72)	T082C	ASP EXECUTIVE SECURITY GUARD	6	GRADE C112
(73)	S053C	AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC	1	GRADE C112
(74)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE C112
(75)	C054C	LOCAL OFFICE ADMIN SPECIALIST	22	GRADE C112
(76)	X179C	ASP COMM DRIVER LICENSE EXAMINER	19	GRADE C111
(77)	X178C	FINGERPRINT TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE C111
(78)	X182C	ASP DRIVERS LICENSE EXAMINER	34	GRADE C110
(79)	A101C	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE C109

(80)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	20	GRADE C109
(81)	C080C	CREDENTIALING ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C108
(82)	C087C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>12</u>	GRADE C106
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,064	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Arkansas State Police for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: twenty (20) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be payable from the Department of Arkansas State Police Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Arkansas State Police - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$45,701,802
(02) EXTRA HELP	100,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	31,210,136
(04) OVERTIME	460,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	11,890,570
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	138,000
(C) PROF. FEES	217,375
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	4,253,323
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) COVERT OPERATIONS	<u>125,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$94,096,206</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - VARIOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be payable from

the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Arkansas State Police - Various Federal Programs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	\$4,646
(02) OVERTIME	15,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	180,300
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,200
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	145,658
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY GRANTS	<u>133,853</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$579,657</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AFIS). There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be payable from the State Police Equipment Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Arkansas State Police - Automated Fingerprint Identification System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,163,420
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	12,100
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,523,960
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,699,480</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CONFISCATED FUNDS TRANSFER. There is hereby

appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be payable from the Court Awards Fund, for personal services, maintenance and operations, fund transfers, refunds and investments of the Department of Arkansas State Police - Confiscated Funds Transfer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	\$80,000
(02) OVERTIME	150,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	800,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) REFUNDS-INVESTS-TRANSFER	<u>800,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,130,000</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be payable from the State Police Equipment Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Arkansas State Police - Criminal Background Checks for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$407,258
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	241,853
(03) OVERTIME	1,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,508,440
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,700
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,136,950
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$5,304,201

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be payable from the Department of Arkansas State Police Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and Highway Safety Grants of the Department of Arkansas State Police - Highway Safety Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$544,979
(02) EXTRA HELP	76,630
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	543,665
(04) OVERTIME	808,167
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,982,559
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	114,858
(C) PROF. FEES	3,442,750
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	382,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS	<u>32,640,834</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$43,536,442</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be payable from the Arkansas Child Passenger Protection Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and Highway Safety Program Grants of the Department of Arkansas State Police - Highway Safety Program - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$62,751
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,398
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

(A) OPER. EXPENSE	56,350
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM GRANTS	<u>219,533</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$386,032</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - HOMELAND SECURITY - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Arkansas State Police - Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$259,314
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	138,993
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	493,414
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$891,721</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK (AWIN) - GENERAL REVENUE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be payable from the Department of Arkansas State Police Fund, for operations, maintenance, equipment and various system requirements and expenses of the Department of Arkansas State Police - Arkansas Wireless Information Network for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$7,319,385

(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,319,385</u></u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK (AWIN) - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Arkansas State Police - Arkansas Wireless Information Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,000,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for extra help and personal services of the Department of Arkansas State Police - Concealed Handgun Licensing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) EXTRA HELP	\$46,550
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>9,216</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$55,766</u></u>

SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Department of Arkansas State Police is hereby authorized to purchase from Maintenance & General Operations Classifications in the Operations Appropriation provided by this Act, up to an amount not to exceed \$2,500 each fiscal year, promotional items, authorized by the Director of the Department to meet requirements of the Arkansas State Police Strategic Recruitment Plan.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. OVERTIME.

The Department of Arkansas State Police is hereby authorized to make overtime payments from such funds and appropriations provided for overtime payments to those officers or other employees that are currently assigned or may be assigned by the Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police to Special Law Enforcement Task Forces and other special programs reimbursable to Arkansas State Police by federal or local authorities as approved by the Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police. All such overtime payments shall be processed through the State Accounting System and shall be in addition to the Regular Salaries and benefits accruing to the employee. Payment of overtime is the preferred method of implementing the provisions of this section.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

*SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE. The Department of Arkansas State Police is hereby authorized to purchase motor vehicles from the appropriations authorized for Capital Outlay in the State Police Operations and/or Confiscated Funds Transfer appropriation in this Act. Motor vehicles donated to Arkansas State Police and confiscated vehicles used for Arkansas State Police operations shall not be included in the maximum number of authorized passenger vehicles.*

*The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.*

SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. UNIFORM EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REPORTING. The Department of Arkansas State Police shall report monthly to the Governor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee regarding the activity and condition for the uniformed employee health insurance plan. The report shall include, but not limited to, the beginning reserve fund balance, contributions made during the month, claims paid, and the ending fund balance of the month. In the event it is determined that the cost to adequately maintain the uniform employee health insurance plan is not feasible within the existing resources available to the department, the ~~90<sup>th</sup>~~ 91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly shall study the feasibility and desirability of discontinuing the self-insurance program and instead provide medical and hospital insurance to uniform employees through the public employees insurance program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES. The Department of Arkansas State Police is hereby authorized to purchase from Maintenance & Operations Classifications in the Operations Appropriation provided by this Act, up to an amount not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) each fiscal year, for emergency purchases for food, drinks and other essential items during emergency operations only when authorized by the Agency Director. During an emergency, an ASP employee may be designated and authorized, by the Director, to incur expenses for all deployed personnel.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS

WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK. Once the requirements of Arkansas Code §12-8-310 are satisfied, the second ~~two million dollars (\$2,000,000)~~ two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) deposited into the Department of Arkansas State Police Fund generated by Arkansas Code §27-16-801(a) shall be used for the operations, maintenance, equipment and various system requirements and expenses of the Department of Arkansas State Police - Arkansas Wireless Information Network.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

*SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. QUARTERLY REPORTING. The Department of Arkansas State Police shall on a quarterly basis provide to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee a report detailing expenditures from the Court Awards Fund of the Confiscated Funds Transfer appropriation of this Act. The report shall include the State Police division, purpose and amount of expenditures. The quarterly reports shall be provided no later than the 15th day of the month immediately following the end of each quarter.*

*The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.*

SECTION 21. 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 Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization 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.

SECTION 22. 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 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.

SECTION 23. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.

*/s/ Joint Budget Committee*

**APPROVED: 04/06/2017**