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SENATE BILL 296

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 TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION. There is hereby established for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee Benefits Division for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate Fiscal Year
				2023-2024
(1)	N036N	TSS EBD DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE MP01



(3)	D027C SOFTWARE ENGINEER	1	GRADE IT06
(4)	R003C TSS ASST EBD ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS15
(5)	R052C TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS11
(6)	R053C TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS09
(7)	X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(8)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(9)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASST TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
(10)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
(11)	R018C TSS EBD PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS07
(12)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
(13)	R022C BENEFITS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
(14)	R034C TSS EBD BENEFITS SPECIALIST	9	GRADE GS06
(15)	A019C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
(16)	R033C BENEFITS ANALYST	<u>14</u>	GRADE GS05
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	48	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee Benefits Division for the 2023-2024 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: three (3) 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 - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee Benefits Division - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,451,862

(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	514,474
(03) OVERTIME	5,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,130,172
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
(C) PROF. FEES	54,089
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,159,597</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - COMMISSION STIPEND AND MILEAGE PAYMENTS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee Benefits Division, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for payment of stipends and mileage to commission members for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT ADVISORY COMMISSION MILEAGE & STIPEND PAYMENTS	\$50,000
(02) STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT ADVISORY COMMISSION MILEAGE & STIPEND PAYMENTS	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION - MISCELLANEOUS CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee Benefits Division - Miscellaneous Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,125,830
(02) EXTRA HELP	100,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	445,926
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	953,222
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	71,800
(C) PROF. FEES	24,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>717,700</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,438,478</u></u>

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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, 2023 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, 2023 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, 2023.

/s/Hickey

APPROVED: 4/4/23