

State of Arkansas  
94th General Assembly  
Fiscal Session, 2024

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 15

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
AT PINE BLUFF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT  
PINE BLUFF APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-  
2025 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

| Item No.   | Title                                   | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025 |
|--|---|--------------------------|--|
| <u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u> |   |                          |  |
| (1)  | Chancellor                              | 1                        | \$282,216  |
| (2)  | Provost                                 | 1                        | \$195,059  |
| (3)  | Vice Chan. for Finance & Administration | 1                        | \$188,295  |
| (4)  | V-C for Res., Innovation & Econ. Devel. | 1                        | \$182,640  |
| (5)  | Chief of Staff                          | 1                        | \$182,640  |

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|------|--|----|-----------|
| (6)  | Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs    | 1  | \$182,640 |
| (7)  | Vice Chan. for Advancement/Development | 1  | \$182,640 |
| (8)  | Vice Chan. for Enrollment Mgmt         | 1  | \$182,640 |
| (9)  | Dean                                   | 7  | \$168,522 |
| (10) | Dean of Graduate Studies               | 1  | \$168,522 |
| (11) | Dir. of Research & Sponsored Programs  | 1  | \$168,087 |
| (12) | Director of Counseling                 | 1  | \$150,003 |
| (13) | Director of Computer Services          | 1  | \$141,058 |
| (14) | Director of Corporate Giving           | 1  | \$139,795 |
| (15) | Director of Facilities Planning        | 1  | \$138,460 |
| (16) | Director of University Relations       | 1  | \$138,457 |
| (17) | Director of Physical Plant             | 1  | \$138,295 |
| (18) | Assistant to the Chancellor            | 1  | \$137,594 |
| (19) | Associate Vice Chancellor              | 3  | \$137,594 |
| (20) | Business Affairs Administrator         | 1  | \$137,594 |
| (21) | Director of International Programs     | 1  | \$137,594 |
| (22) | Director of Development                | 2  | \$137,594 |
| (23) | Controller                             | 1  | \$134,023 |
| (24) | Director of Affirmative Action         | 1  | \$131,538 |
| (25) | Director of Social Work                | 1  | \$131,538 |
| (26) | Project/Program Administrator          | 27 |           |
|      | Project/Program Director               |    | \$131,538 |
|      | Project/Program Manager                |    | \$119,204 |
|      | Project/Program Specialist             |    | \$102,848 |
| (27) | Dir. of Alumni and Gov. Relations      | 1  | \$129,442 |
| (28) | Director of Institutional Research     | 1  | \$128,468 |
| (29) | Registrar                              | 1  | \$125,164 |
| (30) | Director of Admissions                 | 1  | \$122,311 |
| (31) | Director of Student Financial Aid      | 1  | \$122,311 |
| (32) | Director of Cooperative Education      | 1  | \$120,191 |
| (33) | Development/Advancement Manager        | 1  | \$117,558 |
| (34) | Budget Director                        | 1  | \$117,197 |
| (35) | Director of University Police          | 1  | \$117,081 |
| (36) | Dean of Students                       | 2  | \$116,159 |
| (37) | Director of Administrative Services    | 1  | \$112,669 |
| (38) | Assoc. Dean of Students                | 2  | \$109,891 |

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|------|---------------------------------|----|-----------|
| (39) | Associate Dean                  | 2  | \$109,891 |
| (40) | Assistant Dean                  | 1  | \$103,430 |
| (41) | Dir. of Educational Assessment  | 1  | \$103,430 |
| (42) | Director of Health Services     | 1  | \$103,430 |
| (43) | Director of Recruitment         | 1  | \$103,430 |
| (44) | Student Development Specialist  | 2  | \$97,533  |
| (45) | Director of Disability Services | 1  | \$95,609  |
| (46) | Executive Assistant             | 1  | \$92,947  |
| (47) | Associate for Administration    | 2  | \$91,030  |
| (48) | Director of Publications        | 1  | \$91,030  |
| (49) | Systems Analyst                 | 1  | \$87,425  |
| (50) | Fiscal Support Pool             | 17 |           |
|      | Fiscal Support Manager          |    | \$89,227  |
|      | Fiscal Support Supervisor       |    | \$73,338  |
|      | Accountant II                   |    | \$70,518  |
|      | Accountant I                    |    | \$67,806  |
|      | Fiscal Support Analyst          |    | \$65,197  |
|      | Fiscal Support Specialist       |    | \$57,961  |
|      | Accounting Technician           |    | \$53,587  |
|      | Fiscal Support Technician       |    | \$49,544  |
| (51) | Public Safety Pool              | 20 |           |
|      | HE Public Safety Commander III  |    | \$87,425  |
|      | Director Public Safety I        |    | \$85,795  |
|      | HE Public Safety Commander II   |    | \$84,063  |
|      | HE Public Safety Commander I    |    | \$80,829  |
|      | HE Public Safety Supervisor     |    | \$71,858  |
|      | Public Safety Officer           |    | \$69,094  |
|      | Public Safety Officer II        |    | \$63,881  |
|      | Security Officer Supervisor     |    | \$60,279  |
|      | Public Safety/Security Officer  |    | \$54,605  |
|      | HE Public Safety Dispatcher     |    | \$45,806  |
|      | Parking Control Supv.           |    | \$45,806  |
|      | Security Officer                |    | \$45,806  |
|      | Parking Control Officer         |    | \$44,045  |
|      | Watchman                        |    | \$37,650  |
| (52) | Asst. Dir. of Continuing Educ.  | 2  | \$87,340  |

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|------|-----------------------------------|----|----------|
| (53) | Asst. Dir. of Coop. Education     | 2  | \$87,340 |
| (54) | Director of Materials Management  | 1  | \$87,340 |
| (55) | Grants Manager                    | 1  | \$82,496 |
| (56) | Personnel Manager                 | 1  | \$82,496 |
| (57) | Television Program Manager        | 1  | \$82,496 |
| (58) | Information Technology Manager    | 1  | \$80,829 |
| (59) | Public Information Coordinator    | 1  | \$79,322 |
| (60) | Computer Support Specialist       | 1  | \$77,721 |
| (61) | Campus Maintenance Supervisor     | 3  | \$76,272 |
| (62) | Education Counselor               | 3  | \$76,272 |
| (63) | Payroll Services Coordinator      | 1  | \$76,272 |
| (64) | Research Technologist             | 1  | \$76,272 |
| (65) | Admissions Counselor              | 3  | \$74,790 |
| (66) | Academic Advisor                  | 5  | \$74,790 |
| (67) | Transfer Coordinator              | 1  | \$74,790 |
| (68) | Network Support Analyst           | 2  | \$74,731 |
| (69) | Website Developer                 | 1  | \$74,731 |
| (70) | Information Systems Analyst       | 2  | \$71,858 |
| (71) | Skilled Trades Pool               | 26 |          |
|      | Skilled Trades Foreman            |    | \$71,858 |
|      | Skilled Trades Supervisor         |    | \$69,094 |
|      | Skilled Tradesman                 |    | \$66,436 |
|      | Skilled Trades Helper             |    | \$50,486 |
|      | Apprentice Tradesman              |    | \$44,882 |
| (72) | Asst. Dir. Financial Aid          | 1  | \$70,518 |
| (73) | Budget Specialist                 | 1  | \$70,518 |
| (74) | Human Resources Analyst           | 1  | \$70,518 |
| (75) | Research Project Analyst          | 4  | \$70,518 |
| (76) | HEI Program Coordinator           | 1  | \$67,806 |
| (77) | Media Specialist                  | 2  | \$67,806 |
| (78) | Print Shop Manager                | 1  | \$67,806 |
| (79) | Computer Support Technician       | 2  | \$66,436 |
| (80) | Administrative Support Pool       | 58 |          |
|      | Administrative Assistant          |    | \$65,197 |
|      | Administrative Analyst            |    | \$65,197 |
|      | Administrative Support Supervisor |    | \$60,279 |

|       |                                   |    |          |
|-------|-----------------------------------|----|----------|
|       | Administrative Specialist III     |    | \$57,961 |
|       | Administration Support Specialist |    | \$57,961 |
|       | Administrative Specialist II      |    | \$51,526 |
|       | Administrative Support Specialist |    | \$51,526 |
|       | Administrative Specialist I       |    | \$45,806 |
|       | Extra Help Assistant              |    | \$37,650 |
| (81)  | Assistant Registrar               | 3  | \$65,197 |
| (82)  | Financial Aid Analyst             | 4  | \$65,197 |
| (83)  | Library Support Pool              | 11 |          |
|       | Library Supervisor                |    | \$65,197 |
|       | Library Specialist                |    | \$55,731 |
|       | Library Technician                |    | \$51,526 |
|       | Library Support Assistant         |    | \$47,639 |
| (84)  | Payroll Services Specialist       | 1  | \$65,197 |
| (85)  | Purchasing Specialist             | 2  | \$65,197 |
| (86)  | Network Analyst                   | 4  | \$63,881 |
| (87)  | Broadcast Production Specialist   | 1  | \$62,690 |
| (88)  | Institutional Printer             | 2  | \$62,690 |
| (89)  | Warehouse Manager                 | 1  | \$62,690 |
| (90)  | Financial Aid Specialist          | 3  | \$60,279 |
| (91)  | Human Resources Specialist        | 2  | \$60,279 |
| (92)  | Inventory Control Manager         | 1  | \$60,279 |
| (93)  | Multimedia Specialist             | 3  | \$60,279 |
| (94)  | Student Recruitment Specialist    | 2  | \$60,279 |
| (95)  | Maintenance Specialist            | 1  | \$57,961 |
| (96)  | Research Assistant                | 2  | \$57,961 |
| (97)  | Athletic Facility Supervisor      | 1  | \$55,731 |
| (98)  | Coordinator of Housekeeping       | 2  | \$55,731 |
| (99)  | Food Preparation Supervisor       | 1  | \$55,731 |
| (100) | Storeroom Supervisor              | 1  | \$55,731 |
| (101) | Computer Lab Technician           | 1  | \$54,605 |
| (102) | Human Resources Assistant         | 1  | \$53,587 |
| (103) | Laboratory Technician             | 3  | \$53,587 |
| (104) | Institutional Bus Driver          | 3  | \$51,526 |
| (105) | Research Technician               | 2  | \$51,526 |
| (106) | Inventory Control Technician      | 1  | \$49,544 |

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|-------|-----------------------------------|----|----------|
| (107) | Maintenance Assistant             | 14 | \$49,544 |
| (108) | Registrar's Assistant             | 1  | \$47,639 |
| (109) | Shipping & Receiving Clerk        | 4  | \$44,045 |
| (110) | Institutional Services Supervisor | 4  | \$42,351 |
| (111) | Institutional Services Assistant  | 27 | \$40,722 |

TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

|       |                              |    |           |
|-------|------------------------------|----|-----------|
| (112) | Department Chairperson       | 16 | \$155,168 |
| (113) | Faculty                      | 38 |           |
|       | Professor                    |    | \$148,421 |
|       | Associate Professor          |    | \$131,541 |
|       | Assistant Professor          |    | \$121,417 |
|       | Instructor                   |    | \$101,152 |
| (114) | Director of Library Services | 1  | \$131,541 |
| (115) | Research Associate           | 1  | \$129,290 |
| (116) | Assoc. Director of Library   | 1  | \$125,955 |
| (117) | Associate Librarian          | 5  | \$106,664 |
| (118) | Special Instructor           | 1  | \$101,152 |
| (119) | Assistant Librarian          | 2  | \$93,743  |
| (120) | Graduate Assistant           | 2  | \$33,446  |

NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

|       |                         |     |           |
|-------|-------------------------|-----|-----------|
| (121) | Faculty                 | 132 |           |
|       | Distinguished Professor |     | \$156,811 |
|       | Professor               |     | \$145,046 |
|       | Associate Professor     |     | \$128,160 |
|       | Assistant Professor     |     | \$118,035 |
|       | Instructor              |     | \$97,779  |
| (122) | Special Instructor      | 2   | \$97,779  |
| (123) | Lecturer                | 2   | \$72,939  |
| (124) | Part-Time Faculty       | 53  | \$54,308  |
| (125) | Laboratory Assistant    | 6   | \$38,918  |

TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES

POSITIONS

|       |                       |   |           |
|-------|-----------------------|---|-----------|
| (126) | Head Coach            | 7 | \$189,723 |
| (127) | Director of Athletics | 1 | \$154,891 |

|       |                                     |    |           |
|-------|-------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| (128) | Director of Auxiliary Enterprises   | 1  | \$121,656 |
| (129) | Assistant Director of Athletics     | 2  | \$118,466 |
| (130) | Senior Women's Sports Administrator | 1  | \$118,466 |
| (131) | Coach                               | 13 | \$118,450 |
| (132) | Athletic Compliance Coordinator     | 1  | \$115,182 |
| (133) | Assistant Coach                     | 8  | \$111,247 |
| (134) | Head Athletic Trainer               | 1  | \$111,246 |
| (135) | Business Manager                    | 1  | \$96,704  |
| (136) | Sports Information Director         | 1  | \$96,703  |
| (137) | Athletic Facility Manager           | 1  | \$93,584  |
| (138) | Eligibility Specialist              | 1  | \$93,584  |
| (139) | Registered Nurse                    | 1  | \$79,322  |
| (140) | Education Counselor                 | 3  | \$76,272  |
| (141) | Director of Student Union           | 1  | \$73,338  |
| (142) | UAPB Director of Housing            | 1  | \$73,338  |
| (143) | Athletic Ticket Sales Coord.        | 1  | \$67,806  |
| (144) | HEI Program Coordinator             | 2  | \$67,806  |
| (145) | Administrative Support Pool         | 2  |           |
|       | Administrative Assistant            |    | \$65,197  |
|       | Administrative Analyst              |    | \$65,197  |
|       | Administrative Support Supervisor   |    | \$60,279  |
|       | Administrative Specialist III       |    | \$57,961  |
|       | Administration Support Specialist   |    | \$57,961  |
|       | Administrative Specialist II        |    | \$51,526  |
|       | Administrative Support Specialist   |    | \$51,526  |
|       | Administrative Specialist I         |    | \$45,806  |
|       | Extra Help Assistant                |    | \$37,650  |
| (146) | Asst. Director Student Union        | 1  | \$65,197  |
| (147) | Licensed Practical Nurse            | 1  | \$60,279  |
| (148) | Recreation Coordinator              | 1  | \$57,961  |
| (149) | Resident Hall Specialist            | 12 | \$55,731  |
| (150) | Athletic Trainer                    | 2  | \$53,587  |
| (151) | Inventory Control Technician        | 1  | \$49,544  |
| (152) | Mail Services Coordinator           | 1  | \$47,639  |
| (153) | Mail Services Assistant             | 2  | \$44,045  |
| (154) | Institutional Services Assistant    | 5  | \$40,722  |

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION  
TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL  
ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

|       |                                     |   |           |
|-------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| (155) | Dir. of UAPB Agri. Experiment Stat. | 1 | \$168,522 |
| (156) | Resident Director                   | 1 | \$102,346 |
| (157) | Administrative Support Pool         | 6 |           |
|       | Administrative Assistant            |   | \$65,197  |
|       | Administrative Analyst              |   | \$65,197  |
|       | Administrative Support Supervisor   |   | \$60,279  |
|       | Administrative Specialist III       |   | \$57,961  |
|       | Administration Support Specialist   |   | \$57,961  |
|       | Administrative Specialist II        |   | \$51,526  |
|       | Administrative Support Specialist   |   | \$51,526  |
|       | Administrative Specialist I         |   | \$45,806  |
|       | Extra Help Assistant                |   | \$37,650  |
| (158) | Research Assistant                  | 3 | \$57,961  |
| (159) | Landscape Specialist                | 1 | \$53,587  |

TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL  
ACADEMIC POSITIONS

|       |                           |    |           |
|-------|---------------------------|----|-----------|
| (160) | Faculty                   | 37 |           |
|       | Distinguished Professor   |    | \$156,811 |
|       | Professor                 |    | \$148,422 |
|       | Associate Professor       |    | \$131,541 |
|       | Assistant Professor       |    | \$121,417 |
|       | Instructor                |    | \$101,152 |
| (161) | Research Associate        | 12 | \$129,290 |
| (162) | Research Specialist       | 7  | \$102,840 |
| (163) | Senior Research Assistant | 14 | \$97,779  |
| (164) | Graduate Assistant        | 33 | \$55,600  |

UAPB 1890 EXTENSION PROGRAM  
TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL  
ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

|       |                                   |   |           |
|-------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|
| (165) | UAPB 1890 Extension Administrator | 1 | \$168,522 |
| (166) | Project/Program Director          | 2 | \$131,538 |
| (167) | Administrative Support Pool       | 3 |           |
|       | Administrative Assistant          |   | \$65,197  |

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|-------|---|----------|-----------|
|       | Administrative Analyst                      |          | \$65,197  |
|       | Administrative Support Supervisor           |          | \$60,279  |
|       | Administrative Specialist III               |          | \$57,961  |
|       | Administration Support Specialist           |          | \$57,961  |
|       | Administrative Specialist II                |          | \$51,526  |
|       | Administrative Support Specialist           |          | \$51,526  |
|       | Administrative Specialist I                 |          | \$45,806  |
|       | Extra Help Assistant                        |          | \$37,650  |
|       | <u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u> |          |           |
|       | <u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>                   |          |           |
| (168) | Extension Faculty                           | 35       |           |
|       | Extension Specialist V                      |          | \$234,854 |
|       | Extension Specialist IV                     |          | \$216,946 |
|       | Extension Specialist III                    |          | \$185,110 |
|       | Extension Specialist II                     |          | \$175,158 |
|       | Extension Specialist I                      |          | \$124,787 |
|       | Extension Asst. Specialist                  |          | \$109,936 |
| (169) | Extension Associate                         | 9        | \$97,785  |
| (170) | Multi-County Ext. Agent                     | 5        | \$57,282  |
| (171) | Extension Program Aide                      | <u>7</u> | \$54,503  |
|       | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES                       | 880      |           |

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for the 2024-2025 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: nine hundred twenty-four (924) 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 - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

| ITEM<br>NO.                     | FISCAL YEAR<br>2024-2025 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$19,642,939             |
| (02) EXTRA HELP                 | 317,860                  |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 5,114,760                |
| (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                          |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 4,887,448                |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 0                        |
| (C) PROF. FEES                  | 575,000                  |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 0                        |
| (E) DATA PROC.                  | <u>0</u>                 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u>\$30,538,007</u>      |

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - 1890 EXTENSION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff 1890 Extension Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

| ITEM<br>NO.  | FISCAL YEAR<br>2024-2025 |
|--|--------------------------|
| (01) EXTENSION PROGRAM PERSONAL SERVICES<br>AND OPERATING EXPENSES | <u>\$7,400,000</u>       |

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

| ITEM<br>NO.           | FISCAL YEAR<br>2024-2025 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$10,122,263             |
| (02) EXTRA HELP       | 1,815,986                |

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| (03) OVERTIME                                   | 500,000                    |
| (04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING                 | 5,235,857                  |
| (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION                    |                            |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE                               | 21,273,367                 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL                              | 776,093                    |
| (C) PROF. FEES                                  | 2,440,232                  |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY                                 | 4,000,000                  |
| (E) DATA PROC.                                  | 0                          |
| (06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS                       | 36,000,000                 |
| (07) DEBT SERVICE                               | 2,602,223                  |
| (08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND<br>INVESTMENTS | 20,000                     |
| (09) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS                          | <u>113,499</u>             |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED                       | <u><u>\$84,899,520</u></u> |

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. JENKINS CENTER. Of the funds appropriated in the State Operations appropriation section, the sum of \$252,558 for the fiscal year shall be used to provide support to the Jenkins Center in Pine Bluff. Provided, however, such funds shall be used to conduct and maintain a University training program in cooperation with the Jenkins Center. Provided, further, any reductions in funding for appropriation provided in the State Operations appropriation section shall be proportionately applied to the funds set out herein for support.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 7. 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, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction 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 8. 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 9. 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, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024.

APPROVED: 4/19/24