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SENATE BILL 39

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 COMMERCE
- DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 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 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the 2025-2026
fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.*

<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>		<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
			<i>Employees</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
				<i>2025-2026</i>
(1)	U070U	ACOM DWS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	U076U	DWS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	D002N	STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR LEAD	1	GRADE IT11
(4)	D006N	STATE SYSTEMS ARCHITECT	3	GRADE IT10
(5)	D001C	STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT09



(6)	D022N IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(7)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	3	GRADE IT08
(8)	D012C DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
(9)	D017C INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT07
(10)	D022C SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT06
(11)	D028C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE IT07
(12)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	14	GRADE IT06
(13)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	6	GRADE IT05
(14)	D061C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE IT05
(15)	D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
(16)	D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT03
(17)	G349C DWS CHIEF OF LEGAL SERVICES	1	GRADE GS15
(18)	A139C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS15
(19)	G007N ACOM DWS GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
(20)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS13
(21)	N050N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	1	GRADE GS13
(22)	G010C ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
(23)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS11
(24)	A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	2	GRADE GS11
(25)	G040C ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR - SPECIAL PROGRAMS	1	GRADE GS10
(26)	G073C ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS10
(27)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(28)	G110C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE GS09
(29)	R015C ACOM DWS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(30)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
(31)	R019C BUDGET MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(32)	R021C BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE GS08
(33)	G127C ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	5	GRADE GS08
(34)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(35)	G128C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER II	1	GRADE GS08
(36)	L098C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	3	GRADE GS08
(37)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08
(38)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
(39)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(40)	X047C REAL ESTATE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
(41)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	3	GRADE GS07

(42)	A065C PAYROLL SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(43)	A075C FINANCIAL ANALYST I	2	GRADE GS07
(44)	A081C AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS07
(45)	G163C ACOM REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(46)	G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(47)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS06
(48)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(49)	G217C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS06
(50)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS06
(51)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(52)	R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
(53)	S032C PRINT SHOP SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
(54)	V014C BUYER	3	GRADE GS05
(55)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	1	GRADE GS05
(56)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	16	GRADE GS05
(57)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
(58)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	3	GRADE GS04
(59)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
(60)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	137	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$8,165,436
(02) EXTRA HELP	200,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,042,896
(04) OVERTIME	100,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,200,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000

(C) PROF. FEES	250,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	250,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,258,332</u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - TRUST FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Operations - Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$29,170,849
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,000,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	11,642,535
(04) OVERTIME	360,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	19,335,741
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	396,990
(C) PROF. FEES	1,672,462
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$63,578,577</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND EXPENSES - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for unemployment benefit payments and other expenses including disaster relief payments, training allowances, payments to participant contractors and Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund loan repayments by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Unemployment Benefits and Expenses - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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NO.	2025-2026
(01) DISASTER RELIEF PAYMENTS	\$350,000
(02) FEDERALLY PAID BENEFITS PAYMENTS	200,000,000
(03) U I BENEFITS - REIMBURSABLE EMPLOYERS	1,000,000
(04) U I BENEFITS - TAXABLE EMPLOYERS	500,000,000
(05) TRAINING ALLOWANCES	500,000
(06) PAYMENTS TO PART CONTRACTORS	150,000
(07) UI ADVANCE REPAYMENT	<u>1</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$702,000,001</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Special Fund, for payment of the annual assessment to maintain voting member rights in the National Association of Workforce Agencies by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Annual Assessments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) ANNUAL ASSESSMENT	<u>\$26,000</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - EXCESS UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Special Fund, for construction, personal services and matching, maintenance and general operating expenses for the Administration Building and all other agency owned buildings, building and land acquisition, rent of buildings, and payment of unemployment benefits and expenses incurred by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services in the administration of the Division of Workforce Services Law, the Arkansas Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and the Arkansas Works Act of 2016, or their successor programs and any other programs transferred under the direction and supervision of the Division of Workforce Services, when such expenses exceed funds available from other sources by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Excess Unemployment Benefits and Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) CONSTRUCTION	\$0
(02) RENT OF BUILDINGS	0
(03) PAYMENT/EXPENSES	<u>10,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT PAYMENTS	<u>\$30,000,000</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - U I TRUST FUND INTEREST/UNEMPLOYMENT

INSURANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Employment Security Advance Interest Trust Fund, for paying interest incurred by the state on advances from the Federal Unemployment Trust Fund, making refunds of advance interest taxes or interest and penalty payments which were erroneously paid, and returning moneys to the Unemployment Compensation Fund Clearing Account which were incorrectly identified and erroneously transferred, if needed by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - U I Trust Fund Interest/Unemployment Insurance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) U I TRUST FUND INTEREST	\$3,000,000

(02) LOAN INTEREST	<u>1</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,000,001</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - REED ACT FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for construction, improvement of buildings, rent and lease costs, acquisition of data processing equipment, acquisition of land, payment of salaries and related benefits, maintenance and general operation and for the payment of unemployment insurance benefits or as prescribed by the Social Security Act by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Reed Act Funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REED ACT FUNDS	<u><u>\$1,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - REEMPLOYMENT. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Reemployment for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code Title</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
		<i>Employees</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
			<i>2025-2026</i>
(1)	U036U AR APPEALS TRIBUNAL CHAIRMAN	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	G324C ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, REEMPLOYMENT	1	GRADE GS15
(3)	N074N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, UNEMPLOYMENT INS	1	GRADE GS13
(4)	G020C ACOM DWS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
(5)	A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	GRADE GS11
(6)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
(7)	G068C ACOM DWS AREA OPERATIONS CHIEF	1	GRADE GS10
(8)	G073C ATTORNEY	8	GRADE GS10
(9)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(10)	G110C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	5	GRADE GS09

(11)	G288C ACOM DWS DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(12)	G127C ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	15	GRADE GS08
(13)	G128C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER II	1	GRADE GS08
(14)	A073C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
(15)	A081C AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS07
(16)	A085C ACOM DWS SR FIELD TAX REPRESENTATIVE	2	GRADE GS07
(17)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
(18)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
(19)	G138C AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OFFICER	8	GRADE GS07
(20)	G149C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I	6	GRADE GS07
(21)	G181C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	29	GRADE GS07
(22)	G196C ACOM DWS SATELLITE OFFICE SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS07
(23)	G209C ACOM DWS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	14	GRADE GS07
(24)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(25)	A092C ACOM DWS FIELD TAX REP	14	GRADE GS06
(26)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	6	GRADE GS06
(27)	C032C ACOM DWS UI CLAIM TECHNICIAN	9	GRADE GS06
(28)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
(29)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	10	GRADE GS06
(30)	G217C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	125	GRADE GS06
(31)	X139C ACOM DWS UI INVESTIGATOR	10	GRADE GS06
(32)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
(33)	C050C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
(34)	G220C DWS UNIT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
(35)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	11	GRADE GS04
(36)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	9	GRADE GS04
(37)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	5	GRADE GS04
(38)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	5	GRADE GS03
(39)	X183C ACOM DWS CLAIMS ADJUDICATOR	4	GRADE GS03
(40)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS02
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	325	

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - REEMPLOYMENT - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, 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 Commerce - Division of

Workforce Services – Reemployment - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</i>	<i>\$10,050,500</i>
<i>(02) EXTRA HELP</i>	<i>500,000</i>
<i>(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	<i>4,685,817</i>
<i>(04) OVERTIME</i>	<i>260,000</i>
<i>(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>5,000,000</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>75,000</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>775,000</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<u><i>0</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$21,346,317</i></u></u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, maintenance and general operations by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - New Hire Registry for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) NEW HIRE REGISTRY-PERSONAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE & GENERAL OPERATIONS</i>	<u><u><i>\$250,000</i></u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - TRAINING TRUST FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants for the Worker Training Program of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Training Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND GRANTS	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for Payments of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program by of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Trade Adjustment Assistance Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) TAA SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	\$200,000
(02) TAA VENDOR PAYMENTS	<u>1,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,200,000</u>

SECTION 16. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Workforce Connections for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Class Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Maximum No. of Employees</i>	<i>Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026</i>
(1)	G323C	DIR OF ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CONNECTION	1	GRADE SE04
(2)	U070U	ACOM DWS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	N051N	ACOM DWS ASST DIR, EMPLOYMENT ASSIST	1	GRADE GS13
(4)	A015C	ACOM DWS DIR INTERNAL AUDIT & SECURITY	1	GRADE GS12
(5)	G016N	ACOM DWS ASST DIR GRANTS RESOURCE ADMIN	1	GRADE GS12
(6)	G020C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
(7)	G068C	ACOM DWS AREA OPERATIONS CHIEF	5	GRADE GS10
(8)	G073C	ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS10
(9)	G109C	GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(10)	G110C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
(11)	G243C	ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER III	2	GRADE GS09
(12)	A060C	SENIOR AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS08
(13)	G114C	ACOM DWS WORKFORCE INVEST REG ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS08
(14)	G127C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	9	GRADE GS08
(15)	G128C	ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER II	12	GRADE GS08
(16)	E040C	STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(17)	G149C	ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I	3	GRADE GS07
(18)	G181C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	16	GRADE GS07
(19)	G209C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS07
(20)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(21)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS06
(22)	E046C	TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS06
(23)	G217C	ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	58	GRADE GS06
(24)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
(25)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>3</u>	GRADE GS03
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	137	

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -

Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Workforce Connections for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</i>	<i>\$2,000,000</i>
<i>(02) EXTRA HELP</i>	<i>25,000</i>
<i>(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	<i>789,450</i>
<i>(04) OVERTIME</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<i>(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>2,310,000</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>50,000</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>1,000,000</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>200,000</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<u><i>0</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$6,384,450</i></u></u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - WAGNER PEYSER - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Wagner Peyser - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) WAGNER PEYSER - FEDERAL</i>	<u><u><i>\$7,000,000</i></u></u>

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - JOBS FOR VETERANS - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Jobs for Veterans - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) JOBS FOR VETERANS - FEDERAL	<u>\$1,750,000</u>

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Foreign Labor Certification Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	<u>\$450,000</u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Work Opportunity Tax Credit - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM	<u>\$450,000</u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Trade Adjustment Assistance Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - FEDERAL	<u>\$350,000</u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - REIMAGINE - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services – Reimagine – Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) REIMAGINE PROGRAM</i>	<u><i>\$600,000</i></u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act – Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT</i>	<u><i>\$4,000,000</i></u>

SECTION 25. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK/EXISTING BUSINESS. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network/Existing Business for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<i>Item Class</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
<u><i>No. Code Title</i></u>	<u><i>No. of</i></u>	<u><i>Salary Rate</i></u>
	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
		<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(1) N225N ACOM AEDC EXEC VICE PRESIDENT & GEN COUNSEL</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>GRADE GS15</i>

(2) N059N ACOM AEDC TRAINING DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
(3) B140C ACOM AEDC MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS DIR	1	GRADE GS13
(4) B018N ACOM AEDC FIELD ENGINEER	3	GRADE GS12
(5) G034N ACOM AEDC ASST DIR SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
(6) G062C ACOM AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	<u>4</u>	GRADE GS11
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	11	

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION

NETWORK/EXISTING BUSINESS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network/Existing Business for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$448,600
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	144,950
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$638,550</u></u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK

- STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u>\$257,182</u>

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and field services by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$763,098
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	251,793
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	269,550
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) FIELD SERVICES	<u>800,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,084,441</u>

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, 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, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$345,963
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	117,821

(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION

(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0

(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY

TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>13,270</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,162,614</u>

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION – SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION AND INTELLIGENCE NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses to support the creation of a National Supply Chain Optimization and Intelligence Network (S-COIN) of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION AND INTELLIGENCE NETWORK	<u>\$400,000</u>

SECTION 31. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Office of Skills Development for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	U065U ACOM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	G010C ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
(3)	E073C APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10

(4) E074C ACOM PROGRAM COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS10
(5) E075C ACOM PROGRAM ADVISOR	3	GRADE GS09
(6) A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS08
(7) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
(8) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	13	

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION – OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Skills Development Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and expenses of the Apprenticeship and Industry Training programs by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Office of Skills Development for the year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$870,966
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	290,541
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	353,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	8,000,000
(05) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	15,000,000
(06) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM	<u>1,611,456</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$26,210,963</u>

SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION – CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT TRAINING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas Construction Industry Craft Training Trust Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and grants by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Construction Industry Craft Training Program for the year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</i>	<i>\$54,061</i>
<i>(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	<i>20,338</i>
<i>(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>32,000</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(04) GRANTS TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT</i>	<u><i>800,000</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$ 916,399</i></u></u>

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION – STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses, and to expand opportunities relating to apprenticeship programs registered under the National Apprenticeship Act through grants, cooperative agreements, contracts and other arrangements, with states and other appropriate entities by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - State Apprenticeship Expansion for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION FORMULA</i>	<u><u><i>\$1,130,150</i></u></u>

SECTION 35. REGULAR SALARIES - ADULT EDUCATION. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Education for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<i>Item Class</i>	<i>Maximum No. of</i>	<i>Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year</i>
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<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(1)	U065U ACOM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	G010C ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
(3)	E074C ACOM PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS10
(4)	E075C ACOM PROGRAM ADVISOR	9	GRADE GS09
(5)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
(6)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(7)	G217C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS06
(8)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	21	

SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - ADULT EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Education Administration - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,790,388
(02) EXTRA HELP	7,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	639,393
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	214,507
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,500
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,661,788</u></u>

SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL ADULT BASIC EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Federal Adult Basic Education for

the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$423,968
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	146,387
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	132,467
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,200
(C) PROF. FEES	9,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) ADULT BASIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>10,369,442</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,131,464</u></u>

SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADULT LITERACY.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Governor's Commission on Adult Literacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$28,445
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,591
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	52,242
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,005
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) GRANTS TO LITERACY COUNCILS	<u>1,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,096,283</u></u>

SECTION 39. APPROPRIATION - ADULT BASIC AND GENERAL EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for Adult Basic and General Adult Education grants and aid by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Basic and General Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) ADULT BASIC & GENERAL ADULT EDUCATION	<u>\$22,770,569</u>

SECTION 40. APPROPRIATION - GED TESTING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for the cost of individuals taking the General Education Development (GED) test and official practice test of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - GED Testing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) GED TEST COSTS	<u>\$400,000</u>

SECTION 41. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	U012U REHABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSIONER	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	L013N GENERAL PHYSICIAN	2	GRADE MP06
(3)	L003C PSYCHOLOGIST	2	GRADE MP03
(4)	L021N PHYSICAL THERAPIST	1	GRADE MP03
(5)	L022N OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	3	GRADE MP02

(6)	L032C REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	2	GRADE MP01
(7)	N178N ACOM ARS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT09
(8)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
(9)	N172N ACOM REHAB OPERATIONS DIRECTOR	3	GRADE GS13
(10)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
(11)	N138N ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR FIELD SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
(12)	N170N ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
(13)	E005C ACOM REHAB DIR OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING	1	GRADE GS10
(14)	G040C ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR - SPECIAL PROGRAMS	2	GRADE GS10
(15)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
(16)	E011C ACOM VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS09
(17)	G070C ACOM DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS	1	GRADE GS09
(18)	L033C PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	11	GRADE GS09
(19)	L037C ACOM REHAB AREA MANAGER	13	GRADE GS09
(20)	X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	3	GRADE GS09
(21)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(22)	G121C REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	8	GRADE GS08
(23)	L098C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	97	GRADE GS08
(24)	S004C MAINTENANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(25)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS08
(26)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
(27)	G163C ACOM REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	7	GRADE GS07
(28)	L057C ACOM REHAB SVS FACILITY SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS07
(29)	M032C ACOM VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT SPEC	14	GRADE GS07
(30)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(31)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(32)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(33)	E043C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL TEACHER	17	GRADE GS06
(34)	M050C INTERPRETER	4	GRADE GS06
(35)	S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
(36)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
(37)	T062C PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS06
(38)	C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
(39)	C036C ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
(40)	E049C VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS05
(41)	G215C CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05

(42)	M061C ACOM VOCATIONAL REHAB EVALUATOR	1	GRADE GS05
(43)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	2	GRADE GS05
(44)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
(45)	C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS04
(46)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	9	GRADE GS04
(47)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
(48)	S099C STATIONARY ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS04
(49)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
(50)	V022C PURCHASING TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
(51)	V023C STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
(52)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	64	GRADE GS03
(53)	M081C RESIDENTIAL CARE SHIFT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
(54)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
(55)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	4	GRADE GS02
(56)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	1	GRADE GS02
(57)	M083C RESIDENTIAL CARE TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS02
(58)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS02
(59)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	316	

SECTION 42. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the 2025-2026 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: nineteen (19) 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 43. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid and purchase of services by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 the following:

<i>ITEM NO.</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026</i>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$15,426,131
(02) EXTRA HELP	252,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	6,020,174
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,401,096
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	175,000
(C) PROF. FEES	844,903
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) GRANTS AND AID/PURCHASE OF SERVICES	<u>30,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$60,119,304</u></u>

SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION - INCREASING CAPABILITIES ACCESS NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Increasing Capabilities Access Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM NO.</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026</i>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$200,707
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	77,783
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	400,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,402
(C) PROF. FEES	20,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$818,892</u></u>

SECTION 45. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE DISABILITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

EQUIPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Telecommunications Equipment Fund, for personal services and operating expenses and grants of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Statewide Disability Telecommunications Equipment Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</i>	<i>\$173,203</i>
<i>(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	<i>71,465</i>
<i>(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>80,000</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>7,000</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(04) ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE GRANTS</i>	<u><i>310,000</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$646,668</i></u></u>

SECTION 46. APPROPRIATION - PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM - SPECIAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - People with Disabilities Program - Special for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<u><i>0</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$30,000</i></u></u>

SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for providing loans to individuals with disabilities for essential assistive technology, adaptive equipment, and for loan administration/servicing by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Technology Equipment Revolving Loan Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) LOANS</i>	<u><u><i>\$750,000</i></u></u>

SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, 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 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>\$356,542</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<u><i>0</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$356,542</i></u></u>

SECTION 49. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Division of State Services for the Blind for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>		<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
			<i>Employees</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
				<i>2025-2026</i>
(1)	N125N	ACOM DSB DEP DIR SVCS FOR THE BLIND	1	GRADE GS15
(2)	G021C	ACOM DSB ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
(3)	G303C	ACOM DSB PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS09
(4)	L037C	ACOM REHAB AREA MANAGER	3	GRADE GS09
(5)	X038C	QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(6)	E023C	TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(7)	G121C	REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
(8)	L098C	CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	23	GRADE GS08
(9)	X062C	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(10)	E040C	STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(11)	G163C	ACOM REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
(12)	M032C	ACOM VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT SPEC	1	GRADE GS07
(13)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS06
(14)	E039C	ACOM DSB TEACHER FOR THE BLIND	1	GRADE GS06
(15)	L051C	REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	2	GRADE GS06
(16)	C043C	RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS04
(17)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	8	GRADE GS04
(18)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>11</u>	GRADE GS03
		<i>MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES</i>	<i>69</i>	

SECTION 50. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Division of State Services for the Blind for the 2025-2026 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: thirty (30) 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 51. APPROPRIATION - STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Division of State Services for the Blind for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM NO.</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026</i>
<i>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</i>	<i>\$3,178,053</i>
<i>(02) EXTRA HELP</i>	<i>384,174</i>
<i>(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	<i>1,298,366</i>
<i>(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>1,222,186</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>155,000</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>195,259</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>100,000</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<u><i>0</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$6,533,038</i></u></u>

SECTION 52. APPROPRIATION - BLIND SERVICES GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants and aid and purchase of services by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Blind Services Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM NO.</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026</i>
<i>(01) GRANTS AND AID/PURCHASE OF SERVICES</i>	<u><u><i>\$6,000,000</i></u></u>

SECTION 53. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - WORKFORCE POLICY & INNOVATION. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Workforce Policy & Innovation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Maximum Annual

<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code Title</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
		<i>Employees</i>	<i>2025-2026</i>
(1)	U037U ACOM DWS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE03
(2)	N049N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, INFO AND TECH	1	GRADE GS13
(3)	G110C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(4)	G288C ACOM DWS DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(5)	G127C ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
(6)	G149C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I	1	GRADE GS07
(7)	G181C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	5	GRADE GS07
(8)	G209C ACOM DWS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS07
(9)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(10)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS06
	<i>MAX NO OF EMPLOYEES</i>	<i>18</i>	

SECTION 54. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - WORKFORCE POLICY & INNOVATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Workforce Policy & Innovation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<i>NO.</i>	<i>2025-2026</i>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,285,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	428,792
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	250,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u>\$1,993,792</u></u>

SECTION 55. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY

FORWARD - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. Any balance in the funds made available by this Act for the New Hire Registry which remain on June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose.

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 56. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Division of Workforce Services for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 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: ~~four hundred thirty three~~ fifty(433)

(50) 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, for the appropriate classification. Any of these positions utilized in a manner which are funded by federal sources are specifically exempt from limitation of hours, either by Act or Regulation.

In order to comply with the timeliness requirements set forth by the Social Security Act, the Chairman of the Board of Review is authorized to utilize part-time or temporary employees from the pool of positions provided to the Division of Workforce Services in any occurrence where the number of appeals to the Board of Review or Appeal Tribunal increases above a level that can be resolved by the permanent staff in a timely manner. The Division of Workforce Services will determine the appropriate funding source within the Department for said positions.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 57. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION. Subject to such rules and regulations as may be implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after having sought the prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Division of Workforce Services is hereby authorized to make transfers from any appropriation made by this Act to any other appropriation made by this Act with the exception of the "Reed Act Funds" appropriations set forth in the Reed Act Funds appropriation section of this Act, and of the appropriation made for Regular Salaries or Maintenance and General Operation. Such transfers may be made whenever it appears, by projecting the expenditures of any of the appropriations in this Act, that there will be a deficiency of appropriation in one item and that there will be a corresponding excess of appropriation in another item or items which may be transferred. The transfer of appropriation shall be effected only on approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Provided, however, that no transfer of appropriations may be authorized to increase the total amount appropriated for Regular Salaries, or Maintenance and General Operations, except as may be authorized elsewhere by law.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of

appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Division of Workforce Services may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Division of Workforce Services authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 58. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING TRUST FUND TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of up to two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the Division of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund to the Skills Development Fund.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 59. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FEDERAL MATCHING. The funds appropriated in Sections for Adult Basic and General Adult Education of this Act may also be used to match any available federal funds from any agency in order to provide the maximum amount of money possible for the purposes enumerated in such Section.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 60. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADULT EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION. All funds that become available for Adult Education shall be distributed to those administrative units determined to be operating efficient adult education programs, under criteria established by the Division of Workforce Services. The criteria shall include the relative efficiency of administration of the program in the counties served and achievement of federal performance indicators. The Division of Workforce Services shall promulgate rules and regulations for the distribution of funds in accordance with criteria to be determined by the Board. In the distribution of funds to local units the Board shall consider performance in meeting state and federal performance indicators. Unallocated funds will be redistributed based upon need as determined by the Division of Workforce Services.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 61. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES. Any balance in the funds made available by this Act for the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services which remain on June 30, 2026, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose.

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

SECTION 62. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND. Any balance in the funds made available by this Act for the Division of State Services for the Blind which remain on June 30, 2026, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose.

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written

statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

SECTION 63. 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 64. 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 65. 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

/s/Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 4/14/25