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A Bill

SENATE BILL 106

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
AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Agriculture - Shared 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)	SC001	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	U072U	DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE02
(3)	U057U	AGRI LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	L104C	AGRI LABORATORY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP04
(5)	D022N	IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(6)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08



(7)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	IT05
(8)	D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	IT05
(9)	D061C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE	IT05
(10)	D057C	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE	IT05
(11)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE	IT05
(12)	D056C	SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	1	GRADE	IT05
(13)	G345C	AGRI GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE	GS15
(14)	A151C	CFO OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE	GS14
(15)	A010C	AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE	GS13
(16)	B006C	AGRI CONSERVATION DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE	GS13
(17)	A010N	AGRICULTURE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE	GS13
(18)	N001C	DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE	GS13
(19)	G004C	MANAGING ATTORNEY	3	GRADE	GS13
(20)	B002C	AGRI DIRECTOR OF MARKETING	1	GRADE	GS12
(21)	R006C	HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE	GS12
(22)	A027C	ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE	GS11
(23)	B010C	AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE	GS11
(24)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	2	GRADE	GS10
(25)	T110C	AGRI LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEF	1	GRADE	GS10
(26)	B144C	FARM SCHOOL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	GS10
(27)	A050C	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	2	GRADE	GS09
(28)	T130C	AGRI LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPUTY CHIEF	1	GRADE	GS09
(29)	G109C	GRANTS MANAGER	4	GRADE	GS09
(30)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE	GS08
(31)	T121C	AGRI LAW ENFORCEMENT ASST CHIEF	1	GRADE	GS08
(32)	B049C	AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE	GS08
(33)	G126C	FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	GS08
(34)	X109C	AGRI INVESTIGATOR	3	GRADE	GS07
(35)	B072C	AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	GS07
(36)	R024C	ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE	GS07
(37)	V008C	BUYER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	GS07
(38)	A073C	PROGRAM/FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	GS07
(39)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE	GS06
(40)	P049C	GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE	GS06
(41)	G179C	LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	GS06
(42)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	GS06

(43) V014C BUYER	3	GRADE GS05
(44) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
(45) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
(46) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS04
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	65	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Agriculture - Shared 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: 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 - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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 Agriculture - Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,311,179
(02) EXTRA HELP	21,900
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,482,467
(04) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	140,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,162,067
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,500
(C) PROF. FEES	704,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,115,613</u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Agriculture 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)	U048U	LIVESTOCK & POULTRY DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	U043U	NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	U044U	PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	U003U	STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE SE01
(5)	B004N	STATE VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE MP05
(6)	L106C	VETERINARY SPECIALIST	5	GRADE MP04
(7)	D040C	GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(8)	G052N	NATURAL RESOURCES DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
(9)	B005C	AGRI WATER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS13
(10)	G344C	AGRI WATER RESOURCES DIV MANAGER	1	GRADE GS13
(11)	B004C	AGRI WATER RESOURCES DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS13
(12)	B001C	DEPUTY STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE GS13
(13)	N058N	LIVESTOCK & POULTRY DIVISION DEPUTY	1	GRADE GS13
(14)	B015C	ENGINEER SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS12
(15)	G036N	PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
(16)	B010C	AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	6	GRADE GS11
(17)	B014C	ASST STATE FORESTER	3	GRADE GS11
(18)	B023C	ENGINEER, P.E.	8	GRADE GS11
(19)	B149C	SR LABORATORY SCIENTIST	2	GRADE GS11
(20)	B022C	DISTRICT FORESTER	7	GRADE GS10
(21)	E013C	EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(22)	X217C	NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN COORD	1	GRADE GS10
(23)	B136C	AGRI LAB QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(24)	S005C	AVIATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(25)	B037C	CHEMIST SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
(26)	B035C	GEOLOGY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
(27)	G109C	GRANTS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
(28)	B034C	MICROBIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS09

(29)	B038C STATE FOREST MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(30)	B049C AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	22	GRADE GS08
(31)	X148C AIRCRAFT PILOT	2	GRADE GS08
(32)	B067C ARCHAEOLOGIST	8	GRADE GS08
(33)	B055C ECOLOGIST COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(34)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(35)	B043C PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	2	GRADE GS08
(36)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
(37)	B127C SENIOR MICROBIOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS08
(38)	B058C STAFF FORESTER	5	GRADE GS08
(39)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
(40)	C015C AGRI ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
(41)	X058C AGRI COMMODITY AREA SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
(42)	X111C AGRI INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS07
(43)	B072C AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR	9	GRADE GS07
(44)	B081C CHEMIST	16	GRADE GS07
(45)	B065C ECOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS07
(46)	X054C ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR	7	GRADE GS07
(47)	B080C FORESTER	39	GRADE GS07
(48)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
(49)	B060C LAND RESOURCE SPECIALIST SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
(50)	B077C MICROBIOLOGIST	12	GRADE GS07
(51)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(52)	G145C RURAL CONST GRANT/FINANCIAL OFFICER	6	GRADE GS07
(53)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
(54)	X146C AGRI INSPECTOR III	34	GRADE GS06
(55)	B147C AGRI PROGRAM SPECIALIST	14	GRADE GS06
(56)	D076C COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
(57)	B088C COUNTY FOREST RANGER	60	GRADE GS06
(58)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(59)	B078C METROLOGIST	2	GRADE GS06
(60)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
(61)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(62)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	2	GRADE GS06
(63)	X157C AGRI INSPECTOR II	96	GRADE GS05
(64)	X097C AGRI SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05

(65)	S036C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
(66)	X129C CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	1	GRADE GS05
(67)	B098C FOREST RANGER II	108	GRADE GS05
(68)	S034C INTERSTATE TRUCK DRIVER	2	GRADE GS05
(69)	B093C LAND RESOURCE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS05
(70)	C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	11	GRADE GS05
(71)	D081C TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	7	GRADE GS05
(72)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	13	GRADE GS04
(73)	X165C AGRI INSPECTOR I	2	GRADE GS04
(74)	B096C AGRI SEED ANALYST	5	GRADE GS04
(75)	S053C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC	4	GRADE GS04
(76)	S040C CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
(77)	B101C NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS04
(78)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	11	GRADE GS03
(79)	S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	<u>3</u>	GRADE GS02
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	610	

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Agriculture - Operations 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: one hundred eighty-one (181) 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 6. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Department of Agriculture Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,195,891
(02) EXTRA HELP	74,131

(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,060,189
(04)	OVERTIME	21,571
(05)	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	3,200
(06)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,716,272
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,613
	(C) PROF. FEES	33,500
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(07)	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	6,148
(08)	BOLL WEEVIL PROGRAM	<u>5,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$16,149,515</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL AND ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Disease Control and Eradication Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR	
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$543,206
(02)	EXTRA HELP	55,000
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	245,853
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	213,846
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,000
	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,177,905</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EGG GRADING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

from the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,550,361
(02) EXTRA HELP	67,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	745,484
(04) OVERTIME	300,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	252,971
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,350
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	1,594,968
(07) EGG PROMOTION EXPENSE	<u>64,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,694,134</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - AGRI LABORATORY TESTING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Agri Laboratory Testing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$265,600
(02) EXTRA HELP	34,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	115,019
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,696,745
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	310,000

(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
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TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,446,864</u></u>
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SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Equine Infectious Anemia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$76,551
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,560
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	233,046
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$439,157</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL HEALTH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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 Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$389,331
(02) EXTRA HELP	8,311
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	167,396
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,111
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,350
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$688,499</u></u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION PLANT BOARD - ADMINISTRATION/PEST CONTROL.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Administration/Pest Control for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,374,438
(02) EXTRA HELP	800,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,870,407
(04) OVERTIME	250,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,158,314
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	103,613
(C) PROF. FEES	594,510
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,200,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) PROJECT PLANNING, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH GRANTS AND AID	394,140
(07) PEST ERADICATION	<u>1,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,745,422</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PUBLIC GRAIN WAREHOUSE

INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Public Grain Warehouse Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$202,230
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	79,407
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,614
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,613
(C) PROF. FEES	1,200
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$348,064</u></u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE SURVEILLANCE.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Pesticide Surveillance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$179,529
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	73,932
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	40,783
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$300,244</u></u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - APIARY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Apiary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$112,555
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	43,391
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	42,170
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$208,116</u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - AGRI PRODUCT MARKETING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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 Agriculture - Agri Product Marketing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,869,935
(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	666,688
(04) OVERTIME	13,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	461,112
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	538,083
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) PRODUCT MARKETING GRANTS & AID	854,899
(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	5,000
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,508,717</u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - REFUNDS/TRANSFERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses, refunds, and transfers to the State Treasury by the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Refunds/Transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$50,500</u></u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE/PLANT REGULATORY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide and Plant Regulator Disposal Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Pesticide/Plant Regulatory Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u>

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri Scholarship Program Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Agri Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>\$970,000</u>

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,084,408
(02) EXTRA HELP	255,855
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,989,693
(04) OVERTIME	52,400
(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	0
(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,710,744
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
(C) PROF. FEES	280,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,663,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(07) FORESTRY GRANTS AND AID	269,981
(08) DISTRICT OFFICE REPLACEMENT	400,000
(09) FOREST ACTION PLAN	70,000
(10) FEDERAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM	138,512
(11) UNDERSERVED LANDOWNER OUTREACH	500,000
(12) OUTREACH AND PLANTING AID	<u>225,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,739,593</u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and federal matching grants to purchase firefighting equipment of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$108,363
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	41,414
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	399,816
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	60,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	270,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) RURAL COMMUNITY MATCH GRANTS	<u>822,563</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,702,156</u></u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - URBAN FORESTRY SERVICES - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and urban forestry matching grants of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Urban Forestry Services - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$67,500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) URBAN FORESTRY MATCHING GRANTS AND AID	82,000
(03) URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY	<u>1,875,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,074,500</u></u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to communities for fire protection by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Service Loans for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION LOANS	<u><u>\$1,200,000</u></u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - STATE FORESTRY TRUST PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Forestry Trust Fund, for management and operating expenses, fire control, communications, contracting for assistance, and other services of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - State Forestry Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$200,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,250,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) FIRE CONTROL/COMMUNICATE	900,000
(03) MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,750,000</u></u>

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PREVENTION.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Southern Pine Beetle Prevention for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$230,000</u>

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - FOREST LEGACY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses, grants and aid by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Forest Legacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,599
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,800
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) FOREST LEGACY ADMINISTRATION	157,000
(03) WHITE RIVER HEADWATERS PROJECT	1,455,000
(04) FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM	<u>6,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$7,625,399</u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SILVICULTURAL NON-POINT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Silvicultural Non-Point Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$36,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$40,000</u></u>

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE CASH OPERATING FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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 Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$40,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	2,000
(03) BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED GRANTS & PROJECTS	<u>160,682</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$402,682</u></u>

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Industrial Hemp Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses to administer the Industrial Hemp Program of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM	<u>\$99,500</u>

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - REGISTERED FORESTERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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 Agriculture - Registered Foresters for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) EXTRA HELP	\$37,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,064
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,329
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$46,393</u>

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - VETERINARY MEDICINE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Veterinary Examiners Board Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Veterinary Medicine for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$61,131
(02) EXTRA HELP	21,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	23,830
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,996
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	281
(C) PROF. FEES	16,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$168,238</u></u>

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM	<u><u>\$70,000</u></u>

SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Meat Inspection Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) STATE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM	<u><u>\$606,083</u></u>

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM - GENERAL REVENUE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$150,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	85,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$250,000</u></u>

SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - FERAL HOG ERADICATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Feral Hog Eradication Fund, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to eliminate feral hogs by the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) FERAL HOG ERADICATION	<u><u>\$200,000</u></u>

SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - AGRI FAIR FUNDING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri Fair Fund, for personal services, fair funding and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) ARKANSAS STATE FAIR	\$84,000
(02) ARKANSAS YOUTH EXPO	48,000
(03) ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA FAIR	54,000
(04) COUNTY FAIRS	1,095,272
(05) DISTRICT JR LIVESTOCK SHOWS	27,000
(06) <i>NORTHEAST DISTRICT FAIR</i>	54,000
(07) <i>NORTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR</i>	54,000

(08) SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
(09) SOUTHEAST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
(10) NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
(11) FOUR STATES FAIR	54,000
(12) PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES	<u>23,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,655,272</u></u>

SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund, for scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Foresters For The Future Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) SCHOLARSHIPS	<u><u>\$40,000</u></u>

SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - NRC - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,237,928
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	448,479
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	193,182
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,165
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) SURVEYS & INVESTIGATIONS	3,900

(05) WATER PLANNING	<u>130,981</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,024,635</u></u>

SECTION 39. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,403,559
(02) EXTRA HELP	30,800
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	510,876
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	377,298
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,000
(C) PROF. FEES	910,002
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	225,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) SOIL & WATER GRANTS & LOANS	<u>6,202,017</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,686,552</u></u>

SECTION 40. APPROPRIATION - NRC - DAM INVENTORY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Dam Inventory for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$89,358
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,211

(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	49,216
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,000
(C) PROF. FEES	130,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) GRANTS & AID DAM - SAFETY PROJECTS	76,997
(06) HIGH HAZARD DAMS REHAB	<u>226,803</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$638,585</u></u>

SECTION 41. APPROPRIATION - NRC - FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Flood Insurance Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$160,867
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	65,508
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	268,504
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	32,571
(C) PROF. FEES	1,700,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) GRANTS & AID - FLOOD HAZARD	
MITIGATION GRANTS	<u>3,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,262,450</u></u>

SECTION 42. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER QUALITY PLAN IMPLEMENTAITON. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural

Resources Commission - Water Quality Plan Implementation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$317,076
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	104,333
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,089
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) WATER QUALITY MATCH GRANTS	500,000
(05) WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN	<u>750,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,675,498</u>

SECTION 43. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND POLLUTION ABATEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Water, Waste Disposal, Pollution Abatement, Administrative and Research Facilities Construction Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$137,764
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,731
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,400
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS	<u>90,000,000</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$90,187,895

SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION - NRC - NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$294,446
(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	113,166
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	282,774
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
(C) PROF. FEES	706,630
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) NON POINT SOURCE POLLUTION GRANTS	5,642,276
(06) HYPOXIA NUTRIENT REDUCTION	200,000
(07) SMALL/ DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES	637,000
(08) SEWER OVERFLOW AND STORMWATER REUSE	<u>1,606,373</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$9,607,665</u>

SECTION 45. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Construction Assistance Revolving Loan Fund Program 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) REGULAR SALARIES	\$631,141
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	233,934
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	111,841
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	12,219
(C) PROF. FEES	13,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,002,635</u></u>

SECTION 46. APPROPRIATION - NRC - BEAVER ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants to the conservation districts for beaver control programs within the districts of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Beaver Eradication Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) GRANTS FOR BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAMS	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - NRC - GRANTS & ATTORNEY SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Grants and Attorney Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) RIVER BASIN COMPACT	\$42,820
(02) LEGAL COUNSEL	5,871
(03) COMMITTEE/COMMISSION EXPENSES	10,000
(04) CONSERVATION PROJECTS	3,500
(05) ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT	17,800
(06) RED RIVER COMPACT	<u>11,720</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$91,711

SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAM GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services matching and grants to conservation districts of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation District Program Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) GRANTS TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS	\$250,000
(02) CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANTS & ASSISTANCE	<u>1,522,672</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,772,672</u>

SECTION 49. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER RESEARCH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water Research for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) WATER RESEARCH/CONTRACT	<u>\$42,800</u>

SECTION 50. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE - REVOLVING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund, for water, sewer, and solid waste grants of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste - Revolving for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS &	

AID \$6,000,000

SECTION 51. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for water, sewer, and solid waste grants or loans that will be repaid to the water, sewer and solid waste revolving appropriation of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS	<u>\$84,296</u>

SECTION 52. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER USE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for reporting expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water Use Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) WATER USE DATA REPORTING	<u>\$125,000</u>

SECTION 53. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation Technical Assistance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$164,013
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	61,434

(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	120,246
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) RESOURCE GRANTS	<u>906,637</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,292,330</u></u>

SECTION 54. APPROPRIATION - NRC - UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Unpaved Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) UNPAVED ROADS GRANTS & AID OR OPERATING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$600,000</u></u>

SECTION 55. APPROPRIATION NRC - FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to eliminate feral swine by the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Feral Swine Eradication and Control - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL	<u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u>

SECTION 56. APPROPRIATION - NRC - OPERATIONS - SOIL CLASSIFIERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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

Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Soil Classifiers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,296
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,296</u></u>

SECTION 57. APPROPRIATION - NRC - ALLIANCE LANDOWNER CONSERVATION PRACTICES - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses associated with Alliance Landowner Conservation Practices of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Alliance Landowner Conservation Practices - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) ALLIANCE LANDOWNER CONSERVATION PRACTICES	<u><u>\$2,445,538</u></u>

SECTION 58. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FAIR FUND TRANSFER. On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as is practical, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer the amount needed for distribution by the Department of Agriculture to fund fairs from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Agri Fair 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.
SHARED SERVICES.

(a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of the State and Auditor of State for the payment of all personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture.

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriations acts authorized for the department.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage 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.
FUND TRANSFER. The Deputy Director of the Livestock and Poultry Commission, with prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and for the reimbursing of documented expenditures designated by law to be made from the transferred special revenue, may transfer funds among the Livestock and Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, and the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund or from these funds to the Livestock and Poultry Fund Account. The purpose of these transfers shall only be for accurate allocation of incurred costs between the funds. Requests for fund transfer will at least include the total amount to be transferred, to and from which funds, the nature, purpose, and time period of the expenditures being reimbursed, and any other information requested by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

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 Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission 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 61. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

TRANSFER PROVISION - PEST ERADICATION. If the State Plant Board determines that the demands of pest eradication efforts require additional personnel expenses, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, appropriations may be transferred from the Pest Eradication Program special line item to the line items for Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Overtime, and Personal Services Matching.

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 State Plant Board may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the State Plant Board 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 62. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

TRANSFER PROVISION. If the State Forestry Commission determines that temporary firefighters, dispatchers, or pilots are required to meet the demands of a wildfire season, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, appropriations may be transferred from either Extra Help or Professional Fees and Services to the proper character code for the employment of such personnel.

If the State Forestry Commission determines that the deployment of air tankers for fighting wildfires requires additional Professional Fees and Services, and upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, excess appropriation in Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching may be transferred to Professional Fees and Services in the Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

If the State Forestry Commission determines that the most effective way for it to cooperate in the growing and distribution of forest planting stock is by contracting work with private vendors and/or hiring temporary employees for seasonal work, the Commission is hereby authorized, upon approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to transfer the necessary appropriation authorized for Extra Help and Maintenance and General Operation in the Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

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

SECTION 63. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is authorized to charge fees to federal agencies and other states to reimburse the Commission for expenditures made on behalf of these governmental units. These fees shall be deposited into the State Forestry Fund in the State Treasury as a refund to expenditure.

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

SECTION 64. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to the transfer of year-end fund balances or any law to the contrary, any funds up to \$500,000 which remain in the Department of Agriculture Fund Account at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the Department of Agriculture Fund Account and be made available to fund appropriation(s) authorized by law to be made for maintenance and operating costs associated with wildfire suppression, as well as the purchase of fire suppression equipment for the Forestry Division and made payable from the Department of Agriculture Fund Account for the following fiscal year. Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding up to \$500,000 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 or Joint Budget Committee 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, from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, 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 so 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 noncompliance 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 65. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER. (A)(1) If the Arkansas Department of Agriculture determines additional funding is required to support the purchase of firefighting equipment and forest fire suppression activities, to include the maintenance and operations costs associated with fire suppression, the Department of Agriculture with prior approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, may transfer the sum of one million one hundred eighty thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,180,100) of the amount authorized for transfer by Act 154 of 2012, to the State Forestry Fund.

(2) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (A)(1) of this section may be used in furtherance of the State Forestry Trust Program.

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

SECTION 66. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. The Department of Agriculture provides a wide range of services to all Arkansans. The specific service needs, along with staffing required to meet them, can vary significantly due to factors such as natural disasters, changing federal mandates, and job market variations like wildland firefighters, dispatchers, foresters, engineers, and microbiologists' shortages. These factors make it challenging for the Department to accurately predict the exact needs for positions across its different appropriations throughout any fiscal year. To respond swiftly to

changing needs and to utilize resources effectively, the Department of Agriculture is authorized to reallocate resources as necessary. Upon determining that a reallocation is essential for the efficient and effective operation of the department, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, if meeting in Legislative Session, may request to transfer positions between existing business areas of the department. Transfer authority shall be limited to no more than 5% of the total authorized department positions in any fiscal year.

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 Department of Agriculture may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Agriculture authorizing broad powers under the Reallocation of Resources provisions herein. 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 jurisdiction, this entire section is void. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

SECTION 67. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

TRANSFER PROVISION- NRC. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall authorize the transfer of obligated water, sewer, and solid waste funds, as provided in the appropriation act for the Natural Resources Commission in the appropriation entitled "Water, Sewer and Solid Waste - State", from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, to the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund.

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

SECTION 68. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD - NRC. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of obligated grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for Matching Grants in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan Implementation".

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 from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, 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 69. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD - NRC.

At the end of the fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of obligated grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for Water Quality Technicians in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan Implementation".

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 from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, 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 70. 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 71. 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 72. 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: 4/18/25