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SENATE BILL 10

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, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 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 2026-2027
fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	LAT06C	ATTORNEY IV	1	GRADE SPC09
(2)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	2	GRADE SPC08
(3)	FAC11C	DIVISION FISCAL ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC07
(4)	FAC04C	ACCOUNTING MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC06
(5)	FAC10C	CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC06



(6)	FIN03P FINANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC06
(7)	FAC06C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	3	GRADE SPC05
(8)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE SPC05
(9)	FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE SPC02
(10)	FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I	5	GRADE SPC01
(11)	FAU03P AUDITOR I	1	GRADE SPC01
(12)	FFS01C FISCAL SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SGS10
(13)	FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS09
(14)	PCO04P COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
(15)	PPR05P PROCUREMENT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
(16)	FBU01P BUDGET ANALYST	4	GRADE SGS07
(17)	PCO01P COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
(18)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS07
(19)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS07
(20)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS07
(21)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
(22)	PCO03P COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
(23)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	5	GRADE SGS06
(24)	FGM04P GRANTS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS06
(25)	TMA04P MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06
(26)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
(27)	FBU03P BUDGET SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS05
(28)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	5	GRADE SGS05
(29)	PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS05
(30)	PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	4	GRADE SGS05
(31)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS04
(32)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	20	GRADE SGS04
(33)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
(34)	TMA03P MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS04
(35)	TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE SGS03
(36)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
(37)	MRE02P REHABILITATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MED02
(38)	IIE04C IT SECURITY EXPERT	1	GRADE IST10
(39)	IIP03P IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
(40)	IAS03P APPLICATIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IST09
(41)	IAS05P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER II	5	GRADE IST08

(42)	IAS01P APPLICATIONS ANALYST I	2	GRADE IST07
(43)	IDM02P DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE IST07
(44)	IAS04P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER I	6	GRADE IST06
(45)	IIE02P IT SECURITY ANALYST I	3	GRADE IST06
(46)	IUS02P USER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE IST05
(47)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE IST04
(48)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	10	GRADE IST02
(49)	IAS07C STATE APPLICATIONS ADMINISTRATOR	<u>3</u>	GRADE IST11
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	136	

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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</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><u>\$16,258,332</u></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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$29,196,349
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,000,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	11,648,479
(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>\$63,610,021</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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) U I TRUST FUND INTEREST	\$3,000,000
(02) LOAN INTEREST	<u>1</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,000,001</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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REED ACT FUNDS	<u>\$1,000,000</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 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2026-2027</u>
(1)	EEX55A WORKFORCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC10
(2)	LAT02C APPEALS TRIBUNAL CHAIRMAN	1	GRADE SPC10
(3)	FAC04C ACCOUNTING MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC06
(4)	PCO02C COMMERCE PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE SPC05
(5)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	7	GRADE SPC05
(6)	FAC05P ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC04
(7)	FAU04P AUDITOR II	2	GRADE SPC02
(8)	FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE SPC01
(9)	FAU03P AUDITOR I	12	GRADE SPC01
(10)	PQA02C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS09
(11)	PCA03P CLAIMS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
(12)	PCO04P COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	19	GRADE SGS08
(13)	PCO01P COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	5	GRADE SGS07
(14)	ILS02I HEARING OFFICER	10	GRADE SGS06
(15)	PCR03P CLAIMS REVIEW SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	7	GRADE SGS06
(16)	PCO03P COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	22	GRADE SGS06
(17)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS06
(18)	PPE03P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE SGS06
(19)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	19	GRADE SGS05
(20)	PCR01P CLAIMS REVIEW ANALYST	8	GRADE SGS05
(21)	IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II	12	GRADE SGS05

(22)	PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	118	GRADE SGS05
(23)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	5	GRADE SGS04
(24)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	11	GRADE SGS04
(25)	PCO05P TAX SPECIALIST	29	GRADE SGS04
(26)	PCR02P CLAIMS REVIEW SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS03
(27)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	<u>21</u>	GRADE SGS02
	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, 2027, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,050,500
(02) EXTRA HELP	500,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,685,817
(04) OVERTIME	260,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,000,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	75,000
(C) PROF. FEES	775,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$21,346,317</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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) NEW HIRE REGISTRY-PERSONAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE & GENERAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$250,000</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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION. 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 Modernization for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<i>NO.</i>	<i>2026-2027</i>
(01) <i>UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION</i>	<u><u>\$10,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 16. 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 the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Trade Adjustment Assistance Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<i>NO.</i>	<i>2026-2027</i>
(01) TAA SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	\$200,000
(02) TAA VENDOR PAYMENTS	<u>1,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,200,000</u></u>

SECTION 17. 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 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
No.	Code Title	Employees	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2026-2027
(1)	EEX56A WORKFORCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	PPE14C WORKFORCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(3)	PWD04P WORKFORCE DEVELOP SUPERVISOR/EXP	1	GRADE SPC06
(4)	PCO02C COMMERCE PROGRAM MANAGER	3	GRADE SPC05
(5)	PWD02P WORKFORCE DEVELOP PROJECT CONSULT	1	GRADE SPC05
(6)	PWD01P WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SPC03
(7)	PCO04P COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	7	GRADE SGS08

(8)	PCO01P COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	12	GRADE SGS07
(9)	PPE01P FIELD OFFICE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	14	GRADE SGS07
(10)	PCO03P COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	23	GRADE SGS06
(11)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
(12)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	6	GRADE SGS05
(13)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
(14)	PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	59	GRADE SGS05
(15)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
(16)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS02
(17)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	137	

SECTION 18. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,000,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	789,450
(04) OVERTIME	10,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,310,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
(C) PROF. FEES	1,000,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,384,450</u></u>

SECTION 19. 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 Peysler - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) WAGNER PEYSER - FEDERAL	<u>\$7,000,000</u>

SECTION 20. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) JOBS FOR VETERANS - FEDERAL	<u>\$1,750,000</u>

SECTION 21. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	<u>\$450,000</u>

SECTION 22. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM	<u>\$450,000</u>

SECTION 23. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - FEDERAL	<u>\$350,000</u>

SECTION 24. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REIMAGINE PROGRAM	<u>\$600,000</u>

SECTION 25. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>		<u>2026-2027</u>
(01)	WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

SECTION 26. 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 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2026-2027</u>
(1)	PPE14C WORKFORCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(2)	PED04P ECONOMIC DEVELOP SUPERVISOR/EXP	4	GRADE SPC07
(3)	PCO02C COMMERCE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC05
(4)	PWD02P WORKFORCE DEVELOP PROJECT CONSULT	1	GRADE SPC05
(5)	FBU01P BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS07
(6)	PWD03P WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	<u>3</u>	GRADE SPC01
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	11	

SECTION 27. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>		<u>2026-2027</u>
(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 28. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u><u>2026-2027</u></u> <u><u>\$257,182</u></u>

SECTION 29. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$764,198
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	252,048
(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><u>\$2,085,796</u></u>

SECTION 30. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</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><u>\$1,162,614</u></u>

SECTION 31. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
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(01) SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION AND INTELLIGENCE NETWORK \$400,000

SECTION 32. 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 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	PPE14C	WORKFORCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(2)	PWD02P	WORKFORCE DEVELOP PROJECT CONSULT	1	GRADE SPC05
(3)	PWD01P	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SPC03
(4)	FAU04P	AUDITOR II	1	GRADE SPC02
(5)	PWD03P	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	9	GRADE SPC01
(6)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
(7)	FFS04P	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	17	

SECTION 33. 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 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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><u>\$26,210,963</u></u>

SECTION 34. 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 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$54,061
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	20,338
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	32,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) GRANTS TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT	<u>800,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$916,399</u></u>

SECTION 35. 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, 2027, the

following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION FORMULA	2026-2027 <u>\$1,130,150</u>

SECTION 36. REGULAR SALARIES - ADULT EDUCATION. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Education for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	PPE14C	WORKFORCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(2)	PWD04P	WORKFORCE DEVELOP SUPERVISOR/EXP	1	GRADE SPC06
(3)	PWD01P	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC03
(4)	PCO04P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	4	GRADE SGS08
(5)	PAS08I	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	2	GRADE SGS07
(6)	PCO01P	COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	6	GRADE SGS07
(7)	PAS01P	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE SGS05
(8)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			21	

SECTION 37. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	2026-2027 \$1,792,288
(02) EXTRA HELP	7,000

(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	639,837
(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>\$2,664,132</u></u>

SECTION 38. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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 39. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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 40. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) ADULT BASIC & GENERAL ADULT EDUCATION	<u>\$22,770,569</u>

SECTION 41. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) GED TEST COSTS	<u>\$400,000</u>

SECTION 42. APPROPRIATION - ADULT EDUCATION - 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 and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

SECTION 43. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	PPE14C	WORKFORCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(2)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08
(3)	PCO02C	COMMERCE PROGRAM MANAGER	3	GRADE SPC05
(4)	FAC03P	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC03
(5)	SCM03P	LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE SPC03
(6)	PCO04P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	7	GRADE SGS08
(7)	PQA04P	QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVIS/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS08
(8)	ETF07P	VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE SGS08
(9)	PAS08I	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
(10)	CPR04I	INTERPRETER	1	GRADE SGS07
(11)	PQA01P	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	4	GRADE SGS07
(12)	TST05P	SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
(13)	CTR02P	TRAINER	1	GRADE SGS07
(14)	TMA04P	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS06
(15)	PQA03P	QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS06
(16)	SSE03P	SECURITY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06

(17)	ETF05P TEACHER I	1	GRADE SGS06
(18)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE SGS05
(19)	TIW04P INVENTORY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS05
(20)	CME04P MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
(21)	PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS05
(22)	PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	14	GRADE SGS05
(23)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	16	GRADE SGS04
(24)	TFM01P FACILITY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
(25)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
(26)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	2	GRADE SGS04
(27)	TST07P TRADES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
(28)	TIW03P INVENTORY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS03
(29)	TFS05P KITCHEN SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS03
(30)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	77	GRADE SGS02
(31)	TFS01P COOK	1	GRADE SGS01
(32)	THO01P HOUSEKEEPER	1	GRADE SGS01
(33)	PRC04P RESIDENTIAL CARE SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS01
(34)	MPH03P PHYSICIAN	1	GRADE MED10
(35)	MNU04P NURSE PRACTITIONER	1	GRADE MED08
(36)	MPS03P PSYCHOLOGIST I	2	GRADE MED08
(37)	MLM03C OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	3	GRADE MED07
(38)	MRE01C REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATOR	6	GRADE MED06
(39)	MRE04C REHABILITATION MANAGER	20	GRADE MED05
(40)	MRE06P VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	53	GRADE MED04
(41)	MPS02P PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	7	GRADE MED03
(42)	MNU01P LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	1	GRADE MED02
(43)	MRE02P REHABILITATION COORDINATOR	52	GRADE MED02
(44)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IST02
(45)	PWD01P WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORD	1	GRADE SPC03
(46)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
(47)	PCO03P COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
(48)	IDN02P DATA ANALYST SUPERVIS/EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST09
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	316	

SECTION 44. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation

Services for the 2026-2027 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 45. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$15,437,231
(02) EXTRA HELP	252,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	6,022,724
(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>\$60,132,954</u></u>

SECTION 46. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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 47. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$174,003
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	71,648
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	80,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,000
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE GRANTS	<u>310,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$647,651</u></u>

SECTION 48. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$30,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$30,000</u></u>

SECTION 49. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) LOANS	<u><u>\$750,000</u></u>

SECTION 50. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$356,542
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$356,542</u></u>

SECTION 51. 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 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2026-2027</u>
(1)	PPE14C WORKFORCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(2)	PCO02C COMMERCE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC05
(3)	PCO04P COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS08
(4)	EEP03P EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(5)	CTRO2P TRAINER	2	GRADE SGS07
(6)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	6	GRADE SGS05
(7)	PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE SGS05
(8)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	8	GRADE SGS04
(9)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	12	GRADE SGS02
(10)	MRE04C REHABILITATION MANAGER	7	GRADE MED05
(11)	MRE06P VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	8	GRADE MED04
(12)	MRE02P REHABILITATION COORDINATOR	18	GRADE MED02
(13)	PSO01P COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	69	

SECTION 52. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Division of State Services for

the Blind for the 2026-2027 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 53. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,179,453
(02) EXTRA HELP	384,174
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,298,688
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,222,186
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	155,000
(C) PROF. FEES	195,259
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,534,760</u></u>

SECTION 54. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

(01) GRANTS AND AID/PURCHASE OF SERVICES \$6,000,000

SECTION 55. 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 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX55A	WORKFORCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC10
(2)	PCO04P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS08
(3)	PCO03P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	11	GRADE SGS06
(4)	PAS01P	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE SGS05
(5)	PWD01P	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SPC03
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	18	

SECTION 56. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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>

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

\$1,993,792

SECTION 57. 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, ~~2026~~ 2027, 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~~ 2027 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~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 58. 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 ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 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: fifty (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, ~~2025-2026~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 59. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 60. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 61. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 62. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 63. 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~~ 2027, 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~~ 2027 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~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 64. 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~~ 2027, 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~~ 2027 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~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 65. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

(a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the appropriations, positions, and related funding associated with vocational rehabilitation services shall be utilized in a manner that supports the planned consolidation of services, subject to existing appropriation authority and applicable law.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Division of Workforce Services, through Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, is authorized during the transition period to:

(1) Submit amendments to Arkansas's vocational rehabilitation services portion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Unified or Combined State Plan;

(2) Represent to the United States Department of Education and other appropriate federal agencies that Arkansas intends to operate as a combined vocational rehabilitation agency;

(3) Undertake planning, coordination, and other administrative actions necessary to obtain federal approval for the transition to a combined vocational rehabilitation agency structure; and

(4) Take any action before the effective date of any statutory amendments necessary to fully implement the consolidation of vocational

rehabilitation services.

(c)(1) To ensure compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025:

(A) The Division of Workforce Services shall serve as the designated state agency; and

(B) Arkansas Rehabilitation Services shall serve as the designated state agency for the administration of vocational rehabilitation services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025.

(2) Services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired shall continue to be provided through a distinct organizational unit within Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be known as the Office of Blind Services, in a manner consistent with federal law, and ensuring the provision of specialized and comprehensive services.

(d) The authority granted under this section:

(1) Is limited to actions necessary for fiscal alignment, federal planning, submission, approval, and transition coordination; and

(2) Shall not, by itself, effectuate the transfer of statutory authority, programs, appropriations, positions, or funding except as otherwise authorized by law or by further action of the General Assembly.

(e) This section is intended to ensure the continuity of services and funding, and it shall not be construed to interrupt services or federal funding.

(f) All actions taken under this section shall:

(1) Preserve services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired;

(2) Maintain eligibility for all federal vocational rehabilitation funding;

(3) Protect maintenance-of-effort requirements; and

(4) Ensure uninterrupted service delivery to current and future program participants.

(g) This section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

SECTION 66. 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 67. 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 68. 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, 2026 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, 2026 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, 2026.

/s/Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 4/29/26