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HOUSE BILL 1008

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 PUBLIC SAFETY - DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 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 Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

| Item No. | Class Code | Title | Maximum | Maximum Annual |
|----------|------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | No. of Employees | Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027 |
| (1) | EEX18A | EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE EXE01 |
| (2) | SPS05C | PUBLIC SAFETY DEPUTY DIRECTOR | 3 | GRADE SPC06 |
| (3) | LAT04P | ATTORNEY II | 1 | GRADE SPC05 |
| (4) | FFS03C | FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER | 2 | GRADE SGS09 |



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| (5) | SEM04P EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUPVR/EXPERT | 7 | GRADE SGS08 |
| (6) | TFM02C FACILITY MANAGER | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (7) | FGM03C GRANTS MANAGER | 2 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (8) | PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (9) | FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (10) | HDH05P HR COORDINATOR | 2 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (11) | PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (12) | CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (13) | CTR02P TRAINER | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (14) | TAT11I TRUCK DRIVER | 3 | GRADE SGS06 |
| (15) | SIA10P CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE ANALYST | 1 | GRADE SGS06 |
| (16) | SEM01P EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR | 13 | GRADE SGS06 |
| (17) | FGM04P GRANTS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 1 | GRADE SGS06 |
| (18) | TIW07P SURPLUS PROPERTY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 2 | GRADE SGS06 |
| (19) | SEM03P EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST | 13 | GRADE SGS05 |
| (20) | FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR | 8 | GRADE SGS05 |
| (21) | PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE SGS05 |
| (22) | TIW06P SURPLUS PROPERTY AGENT | 5 | GRADE SGS05 |
| (23) | PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR | 7 | GRADE SGS04 |
| (24) | FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 6 | GRADE SGS04 |
| (25) | FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST | 3 | GRADE SGS04 |
| (26) | TIW01P INVENTORY COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE SGS04 |
| (27) | TMA03P MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST | 2 | GRADE SGS04 |
| (28) | SEM05P EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WATCH OFFICER | 9 | GRADE SGS03 |
| (29) | TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN | 1 | GRADE SGS03 |
| (30) | PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE SGS02 |
| (31) | IIA06C IT MANAGER | 1 | GRADE IST10 |
| (32) | IIS11P IT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 1 | GRADE IST09 |
| (33) | IIS01P IT COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE IST08 |
| (34) | IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST | 2 | GRADE IST06 |
| (35) | IUS05P USER SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 1 | GRADE IST06 |
| (36) | IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST | 1 | GRADE IST04 |
| (37) | IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 3 | GRADE IST02 |
| (38) | FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR | <u>1</u> | GRADE SGS06 |
| | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 112 | |

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management 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: twenty-eight (28) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$2,773,472 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 1,103,566 |
| (03) OVERTIME | 10,000 |
| (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 490,306 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$4,377,344</u></u> |

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and First Responder and Homeland Security Grants and Aid of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|--|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$539,171 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 156,438 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 226,696 |
| (04) OVERTIME | 5,000 |
| (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 1,155,207 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 100,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 100,000 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (06) GRANTS/AID - FIRST RESPONDER & HOMELAND SECURITY | <u>10,000,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$12,282,512</u> |

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DISASTER RELIEF GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and Disaster Relief Grants and Aid of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Disaster Relief Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$537,563 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 625,751 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 305,431 |
| (04) OVERTIME | 175,000 |
| (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 120,850 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 30,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 234,500 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |

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| (06) GRANTS/AID DISASTER RELIEF | <u>436,491,222</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$438,520,317</u></u> |

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Office of Hazardous Materials Emergency Management Revolving Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and Hazardous Materials Management Grants and Aid of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Hazardous Materials for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|---|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$176,152 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 32,176 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 79,014 |
| (04) OVERTIME | 5,000 |
| (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 280,438 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 82,792 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 25,000 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (06) GRANTS/AID - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT | <u>10,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$690,572</u></u> |

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - DISASTER RELIEF TRUST. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Arkansas Disaster Relief Program Trust Fund, for assistance to victims of state or federally declared disasters of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Disaster Relief Trust for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
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(01) GRANTS/AID - DISASTER RELIEF \$639,365

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANTS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, 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 Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Radiological Emergency Response Grants 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 | \$20,500 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 19,500 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$40,000</u> |

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, 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 Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Emergency Operations Center - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| (01) EOC EXPENSES | <u>\$207,440</u> |

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Federal Surplus Property Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Federal Surplus Property Program for the fiscal year ending June

30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$670,427 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 6,000 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 284,385 |
| (04) OVERTIME | 30,000 |
| (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 1,092,031 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 15,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 15,263 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$2,113,106</u></u> |

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS 911 RURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, 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 Enhancement Grants and Aid of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$94,074 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 30,237 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 937,636 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 10,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (04) ENHANCEMENT GRANTS | <u>2,000,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$3,071,947</u></u> |

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - IMMEDIATE DISASTER RESPONSE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management, to be payable from the Immediate Disaster Response Fund, for immediate expenses related to disaster response requests for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) IMMEDIATE DISASTER RESPONSE | <u>\$200,000</u> |

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS PUBLIC SAFETY TRUST. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management, to be payable from the Arkansas Public Safety Trust Fund, for disbursements related to costs that enhance, operate, and maintain 911 services in the State of Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REFUNDS/INVESTMENTS/TRANSFERS | <u>\$75,000,000</u> |

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS PUBLIC SAFETY TRUST FUND ADMINISTRATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for administrative expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Arkansas Public Safety Trust Fund Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|---|--------------------------|
| (01) ARKANSAS PUBLIC SAFETY TRUST FUND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES | <u>\$168,000</u> |

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK -

CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Arkansas Wireless Information Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|--|--------------------------|
| (01) ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK EXPENSES | <u>\$10,000,000</u> |

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Arkansas Wireless Information Network for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$479,041 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 168,350 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 6,801,925 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 5,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$7,454,316</u> |

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - LEVEE MITIGATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses related to levee mitigation efforts throughout the State of Arkansas of the Department of Public Safety -

Division of Emergency Management - Levee Mitigation - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (01) LEVEE MITIGATION PROGRAM | <u>\$3,246</u> |

SECTION 18. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.

There is hereby established for the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Office of Fire Protection 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) | SAS01I ARCHITECT | 1 | GRADE SPC03 |
| (2) | SFI05C STATE FIRE MARSHALL | 1 | GRADE SGS09 |
| (3) | TCO01P CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (4) | IIN02P INSPECTOR II | <u>2</u> | GRADE SGS05 |
| | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 5 | |

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Fire Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Office of Fire Protection Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$261,944 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 131,342 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 29,423 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 150 |

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| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (04) FIRE SERVICES TRANSFER | <u>1,600,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$2,022,859</u></u> |

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for miscellaneous grants and expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Fire Protection Services Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| (01) FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS | <u><u>\$30,000</u></u> |

SECTION 21. REGULAR SALARIES - NUCLEAR PLANNING AND RESPONSE PROGRAM. There is hereby established for the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Nuclear Planning and Response Program 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) | SPH01P PHYSICIST | 2 | GRADE SPC01 |
| (2) | PHS08P HEALTH PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 2 | GRADE SGS08 |
| (3) | PHS05P HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (4) | CTR02P TRAINER | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (5) | TAT03I ENGINEERING SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE SGS05 |
| (6) | PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR | 2 | GRADE SGS04 |
| (7) | TST07P TRADES SPECIALIST | <u>1</u> | GRADE SGS04 |
| | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 10 | |

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - NUCLEAR PLANNING AND RESPONSE. There is

hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Arkansas Nuclear Planning and Response Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Nuclear Planning and Response for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$462,519 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 178,677 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 750,724 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 5,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 225,000 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (04) GRANTS/AIDS | <u>375,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$1,996,920</u></u> |

SECTION 23. 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 24. 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 25. 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.

APPROVED: 5/1/26