

State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 6

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 AERONAUTICS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -  
DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS 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 Aeronautics 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)	PPE15C	DIRECTOR OF AERONAUTICS	1	GRADE SPC08
(2)	SEN05P	PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER	1	GRADE SPC05
(3)	PCO04P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
(4)	PAS08I	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	2	GRADE SGS07
(5)	PCO01P	COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			6	



SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Aeronautics Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants to cities, and counties and other eligible applicants, by the Department of Commerce - Division of Aeronautics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$398,931
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	140,910
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	165,029
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
(C) PROF. FEES	763,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) AIRPORT GRANT FUNDING AND RELATED EXPENSES	<u>15,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,518,370</u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL GRANTS. 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 airport grant funding and related expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Aeronautics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) AIRPORT GRANT FUNDING AND RELATED EXPENSES	<u>\$12,000,000</u>

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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: 4/22/26**