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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 8

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5 By: Senator J. Payton
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR USED TIRE
10 RECYCLING AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM EXPENSES FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF
12 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND
13 IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 149 OF
14 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND
18 ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
19 QUALITY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - USED TIRE RECYCLING AND ACCOUNTABILITY
26 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and
27 Environment, to be payable from the Used Tire Recycling Fund, for expenses of
28 the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality
29 - Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Program for the fiscal year ending
30 June 30, 2025, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2024-2025</u> |
| (01) USED TIRE RECYCLING AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM EXPENSES | <u>\$5,000,000</u> |



1 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
3 TRANSFER - USED TIRE RECYCLING AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM. Immediately upon
4 the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
5 transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor
6 of the State the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the General
7 Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the Used Tire Recycling Fund to provide
8 funds for the appropriation provided herein.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
10 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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12 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
13 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
14 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
15 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
16 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
17 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
18 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
19 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
20 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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22 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
23 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
24 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
25 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
26 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
27 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
28 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
29 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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31 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
32 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
33 the Department of Energy And Environment - Division of Environmental Quality
34 are, due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the Department of
35 Energy And Environment - Division of Environmental Quality to continue to
36 provide essential governmental services; that the provisions of this act will

1 provide the necessary monies for the Department of Energy And Environment -
2 Division of Environmental Quality to continue such services; and that a delay
3 in the effective date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper
4 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,
5 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
6 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
7 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

8 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
9 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
10 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
11 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
12 overrides the veto.

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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 201

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5 By: Senator J. Payton
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS FOR
10 CONGREGATE AND HOME-DELIVERED MEALS FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING,
12 ADULT, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL
13 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16
17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
18 SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND
19 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - GRANTS FOR
20 CONGREGATE AND HOME-DELIVERED MEALS
21 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL
22 YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS FOR CONGREGATE AND HOME-DELIVERED
27 MEALS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to
28 be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer
29 of the State, for grants to Arkansas Area Agencies on Aging for congregate
30 and home-delivered meals by the Department of Human Services - Division of
31 Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June
32 30, 2025, the following:
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| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| NO. | 2024-2025 |
| (01) CONGREGATE/HOME-DELIVERED MEALS | <u>\$5,000,000</u> |



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2 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
4 TRANSFER - CONGREGATE AND HOME-DELIVERED MEALS. Immediately upon the
5 effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
6 transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor
7 of the State the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the General
8 Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the paying account as determined by the
9 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for congregate and home-delivered meals.

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11 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
12 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
13 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
14 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
15 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
16 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
17 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
18 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
19 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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21 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
23 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
24 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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30 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
31 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
32 the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
33 Health Services are, due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the
34 Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
35 Health Services to continue to provide essential governmental services; that
36 the provisions of this act will provide the necessary monies for the

1 Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
 2 Health Services to continue such services; and that a delay in the effective
 3 date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration
 4 and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is
 5 hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate
 6 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force
 7 and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

8 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
 9 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
 10 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
 11 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
 12 overrides the veto.

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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1389

5 By: Representative Ladyman
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR JONESBORO HUMAN
10 DEVELOPMENT CENTER - PHASE 2 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL
12 DISABILITIES SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
13 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15
16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
17 SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL
18 DISABILITIES SERVICES - JONESBORO HUMAN
19 DEVELOPMENT CENTER APPROPRIATION FOR THE
20 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - JONESBORO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER - PHASE
27 2. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be
28 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
29 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for continued implementation of the
30 master plan at the Jonesboro Human Development Center including costs
31 associated with planning, demolition, construction, replacement, renovation,
32 upgrade, and addition of facilities by the Department of Human Services -
33 Division of Developmental Disabilities Services for the fiscal year ending
34 June 30, 2026, the following:
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36 ITEM FISCAL YEAR



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| 1 | <u>NO.</u> | 2025-2026 |
| 2 | (01) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - JONESBORO HDC | <u>\$20,000,000</u> |

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SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER - JONESBORO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER - PHASE 2. 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 twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to a cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for continued implementation of the master plan at the Jonesboro Human Development Center.

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SECTION 3. 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.

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SECTION 4. 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.

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SECTION 5. 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

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1577

5 By: Representative Crawford
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS FOR
9 PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 COMMERCE - STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL
11 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
16 STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT - GRANTS FOR
17 PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERIES APPROPRIATION
18 FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERIES - GRANTS. There
24 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - State Insurance
25 Department, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury
26 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the following:

27 (A) for grants for structural maintenance, roads, drainage, fencing,
28 irrigation, unpaid maintenance expense and other repairs for perpetual care
29 cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed\$10,000,000.
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31 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND



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1 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal
 2 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
 3 State Treasurer and the Auditor of State the sum of ten million dollars
 4 (\$10,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to a cash fund
 5 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 6 the State for grants for structural maintenance, roads, drainage, fencing and
 7 other repairs for perpetual care cemeteries.

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 9 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 10 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 11 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 12 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 13 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 14 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 15 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 16 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 17 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 19 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 20 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 21 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 22 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 23 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 24 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 25 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 26 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 28 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 29 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 30 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 31 effectiveness of this Act on the date of its passage and approval is
 32 essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this
 33 Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular
 34 Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond the date of its
 35 passage and approval could work irreparable harm upon the proper
 36 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,

1 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
2 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
3 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval. If
4 the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
5 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
6 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
7 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last chamber overrides
8 the veto.

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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 359

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5 By: Senator J. Petty
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE
10 OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
12 EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
18 DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
19 EDUCATION OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM
20 GRANTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026
21 FISCAL YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS. There is
26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
27 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
28 Officer of the State, for a grant program for comprehensive out-of-school
29 time programs for school aged children which shall provide evidence-based
30 academic enhancement programs and activities that align with and support
31 state curriculum standards by the Department of Education - Division of
32 Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,
33 the following:
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| NO. | 2025-2026 |
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1 (01) OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS \$1,700,000

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3 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. OUT-OF-
5 SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS REQUIREMENTS. (a)Of the amount appropriated to
6 the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
7 for Out-Of-School Time Program Grants in this act, funding shall only be made
8 available to eligible entities for comprehensive out-of-school time programs
9 for school aged children.

10 (b) Eligible programs shall be limited to applicants meeting the following
11 criteria:

12 (1) Provide out-of-school time programs during the school year to school
13 aged children;

14 (2) Provide regular activities designed for evidence-based academic
15 enhancement that aligns and supports state curriculum standards and will
16 include a minimum of two of the following five activity areas:

17 (A)STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math);

18 (B)Academic support;

19 (C)Goal setting / leadership;

20 (D)Career exposure/Workforce Readiness; and

21 (E)Community service.

22 (3) Provide activities above as a part of a comprehensive out-of-school
23 program;

24 (4) Operate for a minimum of 12 hours weekly during the school year;
25 minimum of four days per week during the calendar school year; not including
26 school breaks such as holiday or seasonal;

27 (5) Collect data on participants' demographics, attendance and program
28 participation and compile statewide aggregated data;

29 (6) Implement rigorous safety standards including employee background
30 checks, compliance with mandated reporting laws; and

31 (7) Must be a qualified 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organization that has been
32 in operation for more than 5 years and has a record of fiscal accountability.
33 Organizations must also provide a sustainability model with a minimum of 50%
34 of funding derived from non-state resources.

35 (c)The Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary
36 Education shall promulgate rules for the determination of eligibility and

1 administration of the Out-Of-School Time Program Grants.

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

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5 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
6 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
7 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
8 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
9 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
10 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
11 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
12 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
13 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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15 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
16 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
17 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
18 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
19 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
20 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
21 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
22 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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24 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
26 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
29 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
30 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
31 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
32 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
33 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
34 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 360

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5 By: Senator J. Petty
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE
10 OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
12 EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
18 DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
19 EDUCATION OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM
20 GRANTS APPROPRIATION APPROPRIATION FOR
21 THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS. There is
26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
27 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account,
28 for a grant program for comprehensive out-of-school time programs for school
29 aged children which shall provide evidence-based academic enhancement
30 programs and activities that align with and support state curriculum
31 standards by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and
32 Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:
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| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| NO. | 2025-2026 |
| (01) OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS | <u>\$1,700,000</u> |



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2 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. OUT-OF-
4 SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS REQUIREMENTS. (a)Of the amount appropriated to
5 the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
6 for Out-Of-School Time Program Grants in this act, funding shall only be made
7 available to eligible entities for comprehensive out-of-school time programs
8 for school aged children.

9 (b) Eligible programs shall be limited to applicants meeting the following
10 criteria:

11 (1) Provide out-of-school time programs during the school year to school
12 aged children;

13 (2) Provide regular activities designed for evidence-based academic
14 enhancement that aligns and supports state curriculum standards and will
15 include a minimum of two of the following five activity areas:

16 (A)STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math);

17 (B)Academic support;

18 (C)Goal setting / leadership;

19 (D)Career exposure/Workforce Readiness; and

20 (E)Community service.

21 (3) Provide activities above as a part of a comprehensive out-of-school
22 program;

23 (4) Operate for a minimum of 12 hours weekly during the school year;
24 minimum of four days per week during the calendar school year; not including
25 school breaks such as holiday or seasonal;

26 (5) Collect data on participants' demographics, attendance and program
27 participation and compile statewide aggregated data;

28 (6) Implement rigorous safety standards including employee background
29 checks, compliance with mandated reporting laws; and

30 (7) Must be a qualified 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organization that has been
31 in operation for more than 5 years and has a record of fiscal accountability.
32 Organizations must also provide a sustainability model with a minimum of 50%
33 of funding derived from non-state resources.

34 (c)The Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary
35 Education shall promulgate rules for the determination of eligibility and
36 administration of the Out-Of-School Time Program Grants.

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

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4 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
5 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
6 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
7 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
8 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
9 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
10 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
11 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
12 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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14 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 362

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5 By: Senator K. Hammer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS TO YOUTH
10 ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
11 DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR
12 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
18 DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
19 EDUCATION YOUTH ORGANIZATION GRANTS
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
21 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - YOUTH ORGANIZATION GRANTS. There is hereby
26 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
27 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants to youth organizations by the
28 Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for
29 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:
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| 31 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 32 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2025-2026</u> |
| 33 (01) YOUTH ORGANIZATION GRANTS | <u>\$2,000,000</u> |

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3 local or national organizations that promote, require to be affiliated, or
4 have the presence of DEI requirements, identification by pronouns, or
5 presence of woke ideologies.

6 (b) Grants authorized in this act shall be provided to youth organizations
7 that align with the educational goals of the Governor and General Assembly.

8 (c) Eligible youth organizations shall promote the fundamental values of a
9 healthy home environment and engage youth to become role models in their
10 homes, hometowns, schools, state, nation and the world.

11 (d) The Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary
12 Education shall promulgate rules for the determination of eligible entities,
13 the disbursement of funds, and the ongoing administration of this program in
14 accordance with the requirements of this section.

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

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18 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
19 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
21 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
24 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
25 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
26 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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28 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
29 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
30 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
31 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
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