



STATE OF ARKANSAS
ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

April 8, 2020

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to HB1082, the 2020-2021 Operations Appropriation for the DFA – Disbursing Officer:

Please add the following sections, renumber and amend to the emergency clause accordingly:

SECTION (X.) APPROPRIATION – PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Finance and Administration, for unemployment benefit payments and expenses associated with the Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Program, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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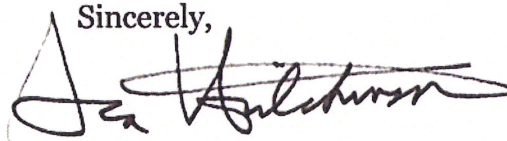
SECTION (X.) SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER -Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Program. Should it be determined by the Governor that this program should be administered by a department other than the Department of Finance and Administration, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer any remaining Appropriation and fund balances to that Department.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, 2021.

This request is necessary to ensure that the state has sufficient appropriation to support unemployment benefit payments to self-employed Arkansas citizens who have been impacted by the 2020 Public Health Emergency.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Asa Hutchinson

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