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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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February 28, 2024

Honorable Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Honorable Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Dismang and Representative Jean:

Upon Leadership's request, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has been asked to detail recommended appropriation to the AOC as part of the Protect Arkansas Act (see A.C.A. § 16-10-143) and special language regarding county juror reimbursements. Therefore, the AOC respectfully requests the following in its 2024-2025 appropriation bill:

1. A new section and fund center to be titled "Specialty Courts." Funding shall derive from the state central services fund with the following appropriation amounts in this section:

    - Professional Fees and Services – $2,800,000. This appropriation will be used to enter into professional service contracts with qualified attorneys to serve as specialty court members and to represent special court participants.

    - Grants/Aid – $1,700,000. This appropriation will be used for supportive and restorative services in specialty courts and as supplemental funding for the expansion or establishment of specialty court programs in circuit courts.

2. The following special language regarding county juror reimbursements authorized via Section 21 – County Juror Reimbursement:

    - SECTION SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENT. (i) After receiving prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee if meeting in a Legislative Session, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts may direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation to the County Juror Reimbursement appropriation and State Central Services funding in the same amount to the County Juror Reimbursement Fund from any State Central Services Fund appropriation authorized for the Administrative Office of the Courts.
      (ii) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and 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

Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts 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, if meeting in a Legislative Session, 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.

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

The AOC also respectfully requests the following changes to its fiscal year 2024-2025 appropriation bill:

1. Eliminate AOC CIP Data Analyst in Section 15. In Section 1, adjust the number of AOC Data Quality Manager employees to two.
2. The following adjustments of appropriation for commitment items in Section 16 – Federal Court Improvement Program to the following amounts. The AOC is also asking for "court technology grants" to be retitled "dependency neglect grants." **This is a reduction in total appropriation amount**:
    - Salary – $64,600
    - Matching – $21,534
    - Operating Expenses – $350,000
    - Conference and Travel – $150,000
    - Professional Fees and Services – $30,000
    - Dependency Neglect Grants – $140,000
3. A change in appropriation from $544,627 to $619,627 in operating expenses in Section 3 – Appropriation – Operations. Rising costs associated with inflation combined with additional responsibilities delegated to the agency in recent years necessitate a change in operating expenses appropriation.
4. Removal of Section 23 (fund center 99X/Stop Domestic Violence). This federally funded grant has expired.
5. A change in appropriation from $250,000 to $500,000 in security grants in Section 20 – Appropriation – Court Security Grants. The appropriation amount has not changed in the 15 years since its inception, and this change is necessary to ensure the security of courthouses. The entirety of this appropriation goes directly to counties across the state. Funding is from the state central services fund.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Marty Sullivan
cc: Bureau of Legislative Research

ARKANSAS SENATE

94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024

Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 28

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 28

Amend Senate Bill No. 28 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 34, delete "1" and substitute with "2"

AND

Page 2, line 22, delete "46" and substitute with "47"

AND

Page 3, line 9, delete "544,627" and substitute with "619,627"

AND

Page 3, line 16, delete "$6,136,877" and substitute with "$6,211,877"

AND

Page 9, delete line 17 in its entirety

AND

Page 9, line 18, delete "(2)" and substitute with "(1)"

AND

Page 9, line 19, delete "2" and substitute with "1"

AND

Page 9, line 30, delete "$154,127" and substitute with "$64,600"

AND

Page 9, line 31, delete "50,598" and substitute with "21,534"

AND

Page 9, line 34, delete "50,000" and substitute with "150,000"

AND

Page 9, line 35, delete "230,000" and substitute with "30,000"

AND

Page 10, line 2, delete "COURT TECHNOLOGY GRANTS" and substitute with "DEPENDENCY NEGLECT GRANTS"

AND

Page 10, line 2, delete "___200,000" and substitute with "___140,000"

AND

Page 10, line 3, delete "___$1,034,725" and substitute with "___$756,134"

AND

Page 11, line 28, delete "___250,000" and substitute with "___500,000"

AND

Page 11, line 29, delete "___$389,908" and substitute with "___$639,908"

AND

Page 12, delete SECTION 23 in its entirety

AND

Page 16, immediately following SECTION 32, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - SPECIALTY COURTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses and grants for specialty courts of the Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$0

	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	2,800,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02)	GRANTS/AID	1,700,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$4,500,000"

AND

Page 19, immediately following SECTION 36, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENT. (i) After receiving prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee if meeting in a Legislative Session, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts may direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation to the County Juror Reimbursement appropriation and State Central Services funding in the same amount to the County Juror Reimbursement Fund from any State Central Services Fund appropriation authorized for the Administrative Office of the Courts.

(ii) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and 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 Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts 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, if meeting in a Legislative Session, 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.

(iii) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025."

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

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Secretary

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

SENATE BILL 28

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	Q004N	AOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE04
(2)	Q260C	AOC COURT APPLICATIONS BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE IT12
(3)	D143C	AOC JUDICIAL CHIEF IT SECURITY ARCHITECT	1	GRADE IT11
(4)	Q088C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(5)	Q219C	AOC DATA QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(6)	Q114C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST II	2	GRADE IT08
(7)	Q048C	AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	2	GRADE IT08

(E)	DATA PROC.	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$1,000,000

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - ACCOUNTABILITY COURT FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Accountability Court Fund, for operating expenses and grants and aid of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Accountability Court Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	ACCOUNTABILITY COURT EXPENSES	$400,000

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - ADULT DRUG COURT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, 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 and grants and aid of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Adult Drug Court Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	ADULT DRUG COURT EXPENSES	$1,000,000

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
FUND TRANSFER. Federal funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the United States Department of Transportation from safety incentive funds received under 23 USC Section 402 for the "State and Community Highway Safety Program" may be granted to the Administrative Office of the Courts and deposited into the State Central Services Fund to reimburse expenditures by the Administrative Office of the Courts for operating expenses of the Continuing Education Program for District Judges as appropriated in the District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation herein. The appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts provided in the District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation may be expended

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 37. 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 38. 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 39. 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, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024.

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LARRY W. WALTHER
TREASURER OF STATE
STATE OF ARKANSAS

April 10, 2024

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

Dear Senator Dismang and Representative Jean:

Re: **Revised** FY2025 *Appropriations of the Office of the Treasurer*

I respectfully request the following changes to the FY2025 Office of the Treasurer appropriation. The Arkansas State Treasury has undergone many changes in the past year.

Section (01) Regular Salaries- Operations

The following changes are requested to allow for the retention and recruitment of staff whose positions in the office require a high level of experience and education. We are doing this by increasing line item maximums.

Position Request Justification Our office is requesting the growth pool position acquired by the Treasury in August 2023 (Executive Assistant to the Treasurer), become permanent.

Justification for Regular Salary Appropriation Request We have completed a comparison of state agencies and Constitutional office salaries to ensure our line item maximums are within range for like positions. Following our review, we have determined that a request to increase the line item maximums for Treasury positions is necessary. Treasury operations require specialized knowledge in every division, such as investment management, Treasury cash management, governmental accounting, and information technology. Although it is essential to increase the line item maximum for all Treasury professionals by 10%, it is not our intention to increase all current salaries to the line item maximums at this time. Increases will be based on performance, labor market rates, employee retention, and other discretionary adjustments.

Turnover in the Treasury resulting in the loss of institutional knowledge and experience could quickly create severe circumstances. By making the referenced changes in this request, I feel confident that we will have taken the next step to modernize our workload and compensation for these positions. This will be an area where we will continue to make improvements over time so that we can remain a competitive employer, allowing us to retain and reward our employees for their performance.

In total, the changes above will require an increase to Section 3 Appropriations- Operations Item No. (01) Regular salaries from $2,616,528 to $2,775,610, an increase of $159,082. The total increase

includes 3% ($78,496) to regular salaries and 3.08% ($80,586) for the growth pool position which was unfunded in FY24.

Also, because of the increased position and line item maximum increases, this will require a change in (03) Personal Service Matching from $915,785 to $971,463, an increase of $55,678.

Section (02) Appropriations- Operations – Extra Help
We are requesting an increase in Extra Help appropriation from $35,000 to $50,000. This is an increase of $15,000.

Section (03) Appropriations- Operations – Data Processing Systems/Services

We are requesting an additional $543,285 to the (05) Data Processing Systems/Services expense line item: ~~$1,096,715~~ $1,700,000

This appropriation change is required to fund the yearly rise in expenses for maintaining key software solutions, including Clearwater Analytics and Bloomberg LLC, among others. Additionally, there is a critical project aimed at modernizing and upgrading the office's accounting system.

The Treasury uses Clearwater Analytics as its investment accounting software provider. The cost of using Clearwater Analytics depends on the size of our portfolio, and since the State's portfolio has grown by almost 60% since July 2020, the costs for this reporting tool have also increased accordingly. Our Investments Team utilizes many strategies to manage the State's investment portfolio. To assist the traders in securing investments that are both safe and liquid, there is a need for advanced analytical tools. Our team has sought the procurement of Tradeweb software dedicated to the valuation of mortgage-backed securities, which form the fundamental basis of the portfolio. Additional new software aimed at conducting increased ratings research and monitoring is requested.

Updating the Treasury's general ledger software is critical due to the Department of Finance and Administration's planned AASIS SAP upgrade. The substantial, one-time investment required for the modernization of the management software is expected to furnish the Treasury with innovative tools that are at the forefront of transforming governmental technology.

Section (03) Appropriations- Operations – Preparedness, Security & Safety

We are requesting a new line item in our Operations appropriation, titled "Preparedness, Security & Safety" and fund it for $275,000.

$275,000

The Office of the Treasurer of State believes it is critical to establish a culture of preparedness for natural and manmade disasters or emergencies. For example, the March 2023 Little Rock tornado made our staff aware how quickly Treasury operations could be impacted in the event of a disaster. Our operations in Little Rock were impacted when our off-site back-up in West Little Rock was heavily damaged. As a result, our back-up systems are now cloud-based and are more reliable.

This office continues to make cybersecurity and business continuity upgrades each day, but I would like to emphasize the importance of preparedness, safety, and security measures by restructuring those expenses into one new line in our operations appropriation. Some of our primary areas of focus are a cloud-based disaster recovery system, internal and external cybersecurity monitoring, employee cybersecurity training, and other Treasury security and prevention measures.

We are requesting to add the following Special Language:

05) Special Language. Not to be incorporated into the Arkansas Code nor published separately as special, local, and temporary law. Salaries.

Employees of the Office of the Treasurer of State shall be eligible for cost-of-living increases on July 1, in an amount equal to that granted to all other state agency, board, commission, or institution of higher education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual salary rates for employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee retention, or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the Treasurer. In addition, the Treasurer may implement a merit program to reward employees for exceptional service. In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and retained, the Office of the Treasurer of State may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-fourth (1/4) of the positions authorized in the appropriation act after receiving approval from the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Salary payments in accordance with this section shall not be restricted to maximum amounts authorized by law.

These requests will help ensure the effective and smooth operation of the duties of the Treasurer's Office for all Arkansans. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Larry W Walther

Larry W. Walther

Hall of the House of Representatives

94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024

Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1033

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1033

Amend House Bill No. 1033 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 31 through 36, and substitute with the following:

" (1)	Q243U	TREAS SENIOR INVESTMENT MANAGER	2	$157,126
(2)	Q244U	TREAS CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER	1	$140,448
(3)	Q348U	TREAS CHIEF OF STAFF	1	$140,448
(4)	Q098U	TREAS CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER	1	$126,500
(5)	Q352U	TREAS CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER	1	$126,500
(6)	Q154U	TREAS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	$121,275"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 17, and substitute with the following:

" (7)	Q366U	TREAS DIRECTOR OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNTING	1	$110,352
(8)	Q236U	TREAS DIVISION DIRECTOR	3	$106,480
(9)	Q349U	TREAS DIR OF 529 & FINANCIAL EDUCATION	1	$101,640
(10)	Q350U	TREAS INVESTMENT MANAGER I	1	$100,122
(11)	Q361U	TREAS CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER	1	$93,638
(12)	Q425U	TREAS DIR OF GOV AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS	1	$93,638
(13)	Q360U	TREAS INVESTMENT MANAGER II	1	$91,575
(14)	Q351U	TREAS MANAGER V	2	$91,575
(15)	Q245U	TREAS MANAGER IV	1	$85,470
(16)	Q237U	TREAS MANAGER III	1	$80,586
(17)	Q445U	TREAS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE TREASURER	1	$80,586
(18)	Q367U	TREAS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	$67,100
(19)	Q362U	TREAS ASSIST FOR 529 & FINANCIAL ED	1	$65,690
(20)	Q238U	TREAS MANAGER II	2	$62,637
(21)	Q170U	TREAS ASSISTANT IV	1	$58,364
(22)	Q094U	TREAS ASSISTANT III	3	$51,282
(23)	Q085U	TREAS ASSISTANT II	4	$44,718
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	33"	

AND

Page 3, line 1, delete "$2,621,528" and substitute with "$2,775,610"

AND

Page 3, line 2, delete "35,000" and substitute with "50,000"

AND

Page 3, line 3, delete "940,057" and substitute with "971,463"

AND

Page 3, line 10, delete "1,096,715" and substitute with "1,700,000"

AND

Page 3, line 11, delete "___ 75,000" and substitute with "75,000"

AND

Page 3, immediately following line 11, insert the following ITEM number:
"(07) PREPAREDNESS, SECURITY & SAFETY ___ 275,000"

AND

Page 3, line 12, delete "___ $6,267,755" and substitute with "___ $7,346,528"

AND

Page 3, immediately following SECTION 4, insert the following new SECTION:
" SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES. Employees of the Office of the Treasurer of State shall be eligible for cost-of-living increases on July 1, in an amount equal to that granted to all

other state agency, board, commission, or institution of higher education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual salary rates for employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee retention, or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the Treasurer. In addition, the Treasurer may implement a merit program to reward employees for exceptional service. In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and retained, the Office of the Treasurer of State may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-fourth (1/4) of the positions authorized in the appropriation act after receiving approval from the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Salary payments in accordance with this section shall not be restricted to maximum amounts authorized by law."

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
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State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1033

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM/SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Office of the Treasurer of State for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	Q243U	TREAS SENIOR INVESTMENT MANAGER	2	$142,842
(2)	Q244U	TREAS CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER	1	$127,680
(3)	Q348U	TREAS CHIEF OF STAFF	1	$127,680
(4)	Q098U	TREAS CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER	1	$115,000
(5)	Q352U	TREAS CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER	1	$115,000
(6)	Q154U	TREAS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	$110,250

(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	$2,621,528
(02)	EXTRA HELP	35,000
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	940,057
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,404,455
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	35,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05)	DATA PROCESSING SYST/SERVICES	1,096,715
(06)	FINANCIAL/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	75,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$6,267,755

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Treasurer of State is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations Appropriation of the Treasurer's Office in this Act to any other line item authorized in Operations Appropriation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 5. 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 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2023

As Engrossed: H4/3/23

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1062

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM/SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Office of the Treasurer of State for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024	
(1)	*Q243U*	*TREAS SENIOR INVESTMENT MANAGER*	*2*	~~*$142,842*~~	$157,126
(2)	*Q244U*	*TREAS CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER*	*1*	~~*$127,680*~~	$140,448
(3)	*Q348U*	*TREAS CHIEF OF STAFF*	*1*	~~*$127,680*~~	$140,448
(4)	*Q098U*	*TREAS CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER*	*1*	~~*$115,000*~~	$126,500
(5)	*Q352U*	*TREAS CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER*	*1*	~~*$115,000*~~	$126,500
(6)	*Q154U*	*TREAS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER*	*1*	~~*$110,250*~~	$121,275

	Executive Assistant to the Treasurer			1		$80,586
(7)	Q366U	TREAS DIRECTOR OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNTING		1	~~$100,320~~	$110, 352
(8)	Q236U	TREAS DIVISION DIRECTOR		3	~~$96,800~~	$106, 480
(9)	Q349U	TREAS DIR OF 529 & FINANCIAL EDUCATION		1	~~$92,400~~	$101,640
(10)	Q350U	TREAS INVESTMENT MANAGER I		1	~~$91,020~~	$100,122
(11)	Q361U	TREAS CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER		1	~~$85,125~~	$93,638
(12)	Q425U	TREAS DIR OF GOV AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS		1	~~$85,125~~	$93,638
(13)	Q360U	TREAS INVESTMENT MANAGER II		1	~~$83,250~~	$91,575
(14)	Q351U	TREAS MANAGER V		2	~~$83,250~~	$91,575
(15)	Q245U	TREAS MANAGER IV		1	~~$77,700~~	$85,470
(16)	Q237U	TREAS MANAGER III		1	~~$73,260~~	$80,586
(17)	Q367U	TREAS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT		1	~~$61,000~~	$67,100
(18)	Q362U	TREAS ASSIST FOR 529 & FINANCIAL ED		1	~~$59,718~~	$65,690
(19)	Q238U	TREAS MANAGER II		2	~~$56,943~~	$62,637
(20)	Q170U	TREAS ASSISTANT IV		1	~~$53,058~~	$58,364
(21)	Q094U	TREAS ASSISTANT III		3	~~$46,620~~	$51,282
(22)	Q085U	TREAS ASSISTANT II		4	~~$40,653~~	$44,718
		MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES		~~32~~ 33		

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Office of the Treasurer of State for the 2023-2024 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: five (5) 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Treasurer of State, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, data processing system/services, debt collection and Financial/Educational Programs including the Arkansas 529 College Savings Program, Arkansas ABLE Program and financial education of the Office of the Treasurer of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	~~$2,616,528~~	$2,775,610
(02)	EXTRA HELP	~~35,000~~	$50,000
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	~~915,785~~	$971,463
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,404,455	
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000	
	(C) PROF. FEES	35,000	
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000	
	(E) DATA PROC.	0	
(05)	DATA PROCESSING SYST/SERVICES	~~1,096,715~~	$1,700,000
(06)	FINANCIAL/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	75,000	
Prepardness		275,000	
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	~~$6,238~~,	7,346,528
			New Total

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Treasurer of State is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations Appropriation of the Treasurer's Office in this Act to any other line item authorized in Operations Appropriation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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, 2023 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, 2023 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, 2023.

/s/Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 4/10/23

GL #10
HB1045

STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

April 3, 2024

Senator Jonathan Dismang, 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 amendment to the 2024-2025 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Labor and Licensing- Boards and Commissions.

Please insert SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT as follows and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1271(d)(2), concerning the obligation of the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission to fund at the end of each fiscal year the amount necessary to increase the Automotive Technologist Education Grant Fund balance to two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000), is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(2)(B) of this section, shall at the end of each fiscal year in addition to its contribution under subsection (b) of this section fund the amount necessary to increase the Automotive Technologist Education Grant Fund balance to two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000).

(B) Funding provided by the commission under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section shall not exceed the amount necessary for the commission to retain three years of its running average operating expenses.

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Current language requires the commission to retain three years of its running average fund balance. This language should, instead, require the commission to retain three years of its running average operating expenses. This will allow the Motor Vehicle Commission to provide additional educational funding for needed automotive technicians.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Sarah Huckabee Sanders

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94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024

Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1045

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND LICENSING - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1045

Amend House Bill No. 1045 as originally introduced:

Page 25, immediately following SECTION 53, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 54. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1271(d)(2), concerning the obligation of the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission to fund at the end of each fiscal year the amount necessary to increase the Automotive Technologist Education Grant Fund balance to two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000), is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(2)(B) of this section, shall at the end of each fiscal year in addition to its contribution under subsection (b) of this section fund the amount necessary to increase the Automotive Technologist Education Grant Fund balance to two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000).

(B) Funding provided by the commission under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section shall not exceed the amount necessary for the commission to retain three years of its running average ~~fund balance~~ operating expenses."

AND

And appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

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Chief Clerk

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

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HOUSE BILL 1045

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 LABOR AND LICENSING - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND LICENSING - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY. There is hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	N117N	DLL BD OF ACCT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
(2)	X021C	DLL BD OF ACCT INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS10
(3)	A086C	BD OF ACCT FISCAL OFFICER/CPE COORD	1	GRADE GS06
(4)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
(5)	X176C	DLL BD-ACCT ADMIN ASST/LIC SPEC	1	GRADE GS03

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED $325,052

SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY - PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation from Operating Expenses to Promotional Items in the appropriation authorized by the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy - Operations Appropriation in this Act in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500) each fiscal year to meet the Board's educational needs.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDS COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD - FUND TRANSFER. The Professional Bail Bonds Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board shall deposit as special revenues sufficient fees and penalties directly into the Bail Bondsman Board fund to provide for personal services and operating expenses for the board. At the end of each fiscal year, the Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board shall be allowed to retain a fund balance sufficient to cover the personal services and operating expenses of the board for the following fiscal year. Seventy-five percent (75%) of any funds remaining in excess of this balance shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund Account in the State Treasury.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 54. 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

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GL #23

HB1077

STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

April 3, 2024

Senator Jonathan Dismang, 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 the 2024-2025 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – OPERATIONS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees		Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(16)	G099C	DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	~~3~~	4	GRADE GS09
(33)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	~~6~~	14	GRADE GS06
(34)	R027C	BUDGET SPECIALIST	~~2~~	3	GRADE GS06
(40)	X136C	QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	~~29~~	28	GRADE GS06
(41)	E046C	TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	~~14~~	19	GRADE GS06
(44)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	~~11~~	15	GRADE GS04
(47)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	~~9~~	11	GRADE GS03
(X)	G286C	DMS DEPUTY DIRECTOR		1	GRADE GS15
(X)	G017N	ACOM DWS ASST DIR – TANF		1	GRADE GS13

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(X)	G020C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
(X)	G288C	ACOM DWS DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
(X)	G110C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
(X)	G081C	ACOM DWS DIVISION CHIEF	1	GRADE GS08
(X)	G128C	ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER II	3	GRADE GS08
(X)	G127C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	5	GRADE GS08
(X)	G149C	ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I	5	GRADE GS07
(X)	G181C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	8	GRADE GS07
(X)	G209C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	19	GRADE GS07
(X)	G196C	ACOM DWS SATELLITE OFFICE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
(X)	A085C	ACOM DWS SR FIELD TAX REPRESENTATIVE	1	GRADE GS07
(X)	A092C	ACOM DWS FIELD TAX REP	1	GRADE GS06
(X)	G217C	ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	107	GRADE GS06
(X)	G214C	GRANTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(X)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
(X)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS05
(X)	C087C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	5	GRADE GS02
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	~~1,834~~	2,022

This request will transfer one position out and one position in between the Division of County Operations and the Secretary's Office as needed by the agency. Additionally, two positions will be included that are funded by a SNAP Federal Grant that is expected to continue. This request also transfers 186 positions to the Division as part of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.

Please amend SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP OPERATIONS as follows:

Page 3, line 15, delete "thirty-seven (37)" and substitute "forty-three (43)".

This request will transfer six extra help positions from the TANF Program into the Division.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	~~$77,887,262~~	$86,603,039
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	~~32,312,220~~	35,861,275
(04)	OVERTIME	~~125,000~~	130,000
(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	~~25,778,976~~	27,469,893
	(B) PROF. FEES	~~12,079,291~~	19,037,338
(06)	DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	~~18,728,948~~	20,356,228
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	~~$167,539,634~~	$190,085,710

This request, primarily related to TANF, takes into account position changes and reflects appropriation accordingly. Additional federal appropriation is also included to allow the Division to implement spending on a federal grant as soon as the notice of award is received.

Please amend SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – GRANTS – FEDERAL as follows:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(01)	HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANT	~~$6,588,566~~	$7,297,012
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	~~$6,861,412~~	$7,569,858

This request will include additional federal appropriation that will allow the Division to implement spending on a federal grant as soon as the notice of award is received.

Please amend SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION – GRANTS as follows:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(01)	TANF BLOCK GRANT	~~$6,893,484~~	$57,200,764
(02)	COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT	~~10,567,165~~	13,943,475
(03)	SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)	~~1,975,185~~	5,378,754
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	~~$19,435,834~~	$76,522,993

This request will include additional federal appropriation that will allow the

Division to implement spending on a federal grant as soon as the notice of award is received. Also included in the request is appropriation transferred from the Secretary's Office to support the TANF Program.

SECTION X. APPROPRIATION – EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the federal funds as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(01)	EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE	$2,131,685

This request will include additional federal appropriation that will allow the Division to return Emergency Rental Assistance funding to the Federal Government.

Please insert a new section and renumber accordingly:

SECTION X. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF TANF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. Each fiscal year, the Department of Human Services shall transfer the sum of seven million five hundred thousand dollars ($7,500,000) from the state's federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to the Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account to be used solely for the Arkansas Better Chance Program.

If the state match for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant or the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant is reduced, the amount to be transferred may be adjusted in proportion to the percentage change in the state match or the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant. The amount to be transferred may also be reduced proportionately if new cost requirements are imposed upon the state as a result of new or revised Temporary Assistance for Needy Families regulations at the federal level.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

This request transfers a Special Language section from the Department of Human

Services – Secretary's Office and is associated with TANF.

Please insert a new section and renumber accordingly:

SECTION X. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RESTRICTIONS ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM.

(a)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.

(2) The purposes of subsection (a) of this section are typically accomplished by:

(A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;

(B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for a state agency; and

(C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the revenue stabilization law.

(3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.

(b)(1) Upon the request of the Governor or the General Assembly, the Department of Human Services shall request a waiver from the federal government to:

(A) Restrict the financial assistance granted to a recipient of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program to purchase goods and services that are considered essential and necessary for the welfare of the family, including without limitation:

(i) Food;

(ii) Clothing;

(iii) Housing;

(iv) Utilities;

(v) Child care; and

(vi) Incidentals, including without limitation transportation and medicine or medical supplies or equipment not covered by either the Arkansas Medicaid Program or the health benefit plan of the individual; and

(B) Restrict the cash withdrawal from an electronic benefit transfer card account that receives financial assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program by electronic benefit transfer

system.

(2) If the federal government denies the waiver application, this section shall not be implemented.

(3) If the division does not request a wavier under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the department shall not allocate, budget, expend, or utilize appropriations under this act for the participation of persons in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

This request transfers a Special Language section from the Department of Human Services - Secretary's Office and is associated with TANF.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders

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94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024

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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1077

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1077

Amend House Bill No. 1077 as originally introduced:

On page 2, immediately following line 1, insert the following line:

"(6.1) G286C DMS DEPUTY DIRECTOR 1 GRADE GS15"

AND

On page 2, immediately following line 4, insert the following line:

"(9.1) G017N ACOM DWS ASST DIR - TANF 1 GRADE GS13"

AND

On page 2, immediately following line 7, insert the following line:

"(12.1) G020C ACOM DWS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR 1 GRADE GS12"

AND

On page 2, line 11, delete "3" and substitute "4"

AND

On page 2, immediately following line 12, insert the following:

"(17.1) G288C ACOM DWS DIVISION MANAGER 2 GRADE GS09
(17.2) G110C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER 2 GRADE GS09"

AND

On page 2, immediately following line 18, insert the following:

On page 4, line 17, delete "$6,861,412" and substitute "$7,569,858"

AND

On page 5, line 1, delete "$6,893,484" and substitute "$57,200,764"

AND

On page 5, line 2, delete "10,567,165" and substitute "13,943,475"

AND

On page 5, line 4, delete "1,975,185" and substitute "5,378,754"

AND

On page 5, line 5, delete "$19,435,834" and substitute "$76,522,993"

AND

On page 5, immediately following line 36, insert the following:

" SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE	$2,131,685

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF TANF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. Each fiscal year, the Department of Human Services shall transfer the sum of seven million five hundred thousand dollars ($7,500,000) from the state's federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to the Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account to be used solely for the Arkansas Better Chance Program.

If the state match for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant

or the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant is reduced, the amount to be transferred may be adjusted in proportion to the percentage change in the state match or the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant. The amount to be transferred may also be reduced proportionately if new cost requirements are imposed upon the state as a result of new or revised Temporary Assistance for Needy Families regulations at the federal level.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RESTRICTIONS ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM.

(a)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.

(2) The purposes of subsection (a) of this section are typically accomplished by:

(A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;

(B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for a state agency; and

(C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the revenue stabilization law.

(3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.

(b)(1) Upon the request of the Governor or the General Assembly, the Department of Human Services shall request a waiver from the federal government to:

(A) Restrict the financial assistance granted to a recipient of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program to purchase goods and services that are considered essential and necessary for the welfare of the family, including without limitation:

(i) Food;

(ii) Clothing;

(iii) Housing;

(iv) Utilities;

(v) Child care; and

(vi) Incidentals, including without limitation transportation and medicine or medical supplies or equipment not covered by either the Arkansas Medicaid Program or the health benefit plan of the individual; and

(B) Restrict the cash withdrawal from an electronic benefit transfer card account that receives financial assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program by electronic benefit transfer system.

(2) If the federal government denies the waiver application, this section shall not be implemented.

(3) If the division does not request a wavier under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the department shall not allocate, budget, expend, or utilize appropriations under this act for the participation of persons in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025."

AND

Appropriately renumber the SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
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Chief Clerk

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

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HOUSE BILL 1077

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 HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	L013N	GENERAL PHYSICIAN	1	GRADE MP06
(3)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	2	GRADE MP01
(4)	D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT05
(5)	D071C	COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT03

(01)	TANF BLOCK GRANT	$6,893,484
(02)	COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT	10,567,165
(03)	SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)	1,975,185
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$19,435,834

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - HUNGER COALITION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the County Operations Fund Account, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Hunger Coalition for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	HUNGER COALITION GRANTS AND AID	$995,113

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY OPERATIONS - MEDICAID TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Medicaid Expansion Program Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Medicaid Tobacco Settlement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	$1,677,881
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	704,614
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	197,197
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04)	DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	50,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$2,629,692

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SECTION 9. 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 10. 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 11. 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, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024.

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

April 3, 2024

Senator Jonathan Dismang, 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 the 2024-2025 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Human Services – Secretary's Office.

Please delete SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES – PLACEMENT AND RESIDENTIAL LICENSING UNIT and SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – PLACEMENT AND RESIDENTIAL LICENSING UNIT in its entirety and renumber accordingly.

The above request is necessary to transfer the Placement and Residential Licensing Unit to the Division of Children and Family Services.

Please delete the following sections, entirely, and renumber accordingly:
SECTION 5. REGULAR SALARIES – TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP – TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION – TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT PAYING

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The above request is necessary to transfer the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program to various divisions within the Department of Human Services to meet operational needs.

Please delete SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION – INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PROGRAM in its entirety and renumber accordingly.

This request is necessary due to funds being expensed in Fiscal Year 2024.

Please amend SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES – OPERATIONS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees		Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
~~(3)~~	~~N220N~~	~~DHS CHIEF ATTORNEY~~	~~1~~		~~GRADE SE02~~
(13)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	~~8~~	9	GRADE IT08
(18)	D061C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	~~8~~	7	GRADE IT05
(20)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	~~6~~	7	GRADE IT05
(27)	D079C	COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	~~11~~	10	GRADE IT02
~~(33)~~	~~G286C~~	~~DMS DEPUTY DIRECTOR~~	~~1~~		~~GRADE GS15~~
~~(43)~~	~~N111N~~	~~DHS ASST DEP DIR FOR MGR ACCOUNTING~~	~~1~~		~~GRADE GS13~~
(52)	A021C	AGENCY CONTROLLER I	~~1~~	2	GRADE GS12
(60)	A014C	FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	~~4~~	5	GRADE GS12
~~(67)~~	~~G008C~~	~~RISK MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR~~	~~1~~		~~GRADE GS11~~
(91)	A060C	SENIOR AUDITOR	~~20~~	22	GRADE GS08
(95)	A081C	AUDITOR	~~1~~	2	GRADE GS07
(125)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	~~12~~	13	GRADE GS06
(131)	X136C	QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	~~1~~	2	GRADE GS06
(137)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	~~17~~	18	GRADE GS05
(X)	N027N	DHS DEPUTY DIRECTOR ADULT SERVICES		1	GRADE SE01

(X)	L009N	DHS BEHAV HLTH GENERAL PHYSICIAN	1	GRADE MP06
(X)	D123C	DB ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT08
(X)	N080N	DHS/DMS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - FISCAL	1	GRADE GS14
(X)	G181C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	2	GRADE GS07
(X)	G138C	AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OFFICER	2	GRADE GS07
(X)	A084C	PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
(X)	V014C	BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
(X)	V015C	PURCHASING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	~~652~~ 669	

This request will incorporate position transfers that were approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council in the first, second, and third Reallocation of Resource Requests of Fiscal Year 2024. The request also transfers positions related to TANF to better serve the administrative functions of the program. Lastly, the request is inclusive of one pool position approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council in March 2024.

Please amend SECTION 10. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS as follows:

Page 10, line 19, delete "twenty-seven (27)" and substitute "twenty-eight (28)".

This request provides for an additional Extra Help position.

Please amend SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	~~$36,537,461~~	$37,494,684
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	~~13,693,910~~	14,067,346
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	~~$67,848,126~~	$69,178,785

This request takes into account position changes and reflects appropriation accordingly.

✳ Please delete SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED

INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF TANF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS in its entirety and renumber accordingly.

The above request is necessary to transfer special language associated with the TANF Program to the Division of County Operations.

* Please delete SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RESTRICTIONS ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM in its entirety and renumber accordingly.

The above request is necessary to transfer special language associated with the TANF Program to the Division of County Operations.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1074

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - SECRETARY'S OFFICE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1074

Amend House Bill No. 1074 as originally introduced:

On pages 2 through 5, delete SECTIONS 3 through 8 in their entirety

AND

On page 5, delete line 35 in its entirety and substitute the following line:

"~~(3) N220N DHS CHIEF ATTORNEY 1 GRADE SE02~~"

AND

On page 6, immediately following line 4, insert the following:

"(8.1) N027N DHS DEPUTY DIRECTOR ADULT SERVICES 1 GRADE SE01
(8.2) L009N DHS BEHAV HLTH GENERAL PHYSICIAN 1 GRADE MP06"

AND

ON page 6, line 9, delete "8" and substitute "9"

AND

On page 6, immediately following line 9, insert the following line:

"(13.1) D123C DB ADMINISTRATOR 1 GRADE IT08"

AND

On page 6, line 14, delete "8" and substitute "7"

AND

On page 6, line 16, delete "6" and substitute "7"

AND

On page 6, line 23, delete "11" and substitute "10"

AND

On page 6, delete line 29 in its entirety and substitute the following line:

"~~(33) G286C DMS DEPUTY DIRECTOR 1 GRADE GS15~~"

AND

On page 6, immediately following line 36, insert the following line:

"(40.1) N080N DHS/DMS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - FISCAL 1 GRADE GS14"

AND

On page 7, delete line 3 in its entirety and substitute the following line:

"~~(43) N111N DHS ASST DEP DIR FOR MCR ACCOUNTING 1 GRADE GS13~~"

AND

On page 7, line 12, delete "1" and substitute "2"

AND

On page 7, line 20, delete "4" and substitute "5"

AND

On page 7, delete line 27 in its entirety and substitute the following line:

"~~(67) G008C RISK MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR 1 GRADE GS11~~"

AND

On page 8, line 15, delete "20" and substitute "22"

AND

On page 8, line 19, delete "1" and substitute "2"

AND

On page 8, immediately following line 35, insert the following:

"(111.1) G181C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR 2 GRADE GS07

(111.2) G138C AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OFFICER 2 GRADE GS07"

AND

On page 9, line 13, delete "12" and substitute "13"

AND

On page 9, line 19, delete "1" and substitute "2"

AND

On page 9, immediately following line 21, insert the following line:

"(133.1) A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST 3 GRADE GS06"

AND

On page 9, line 25, delete "17" and substitute "18"

AND

On page 9, immediately following line 32, insert the following:

"(144.1) V014C BUYER 1 GRADE GS05
(144.2) V015C PURCHASING SPECIALIST 1 GRADE GS05"

AND

On page 10, line 13, delete "652" and substitute "669"

AND

On page 10, line 19, delete "twenty-seven (27)" and substitute "twenty-eight (28)"

AND

On page 10, line 32, delete "$36,537,461" and substitute "$37,494,684"

AND

On page 10, line 34, delete "13,693,910" and substitute "14,067,346"

AND

On page 11, line 7, delete "$67,848,126" and substitute "$69,178,785"

AND

On pages 18 through 20, delete SECTIONS 19 and 20 in their entirety

AND

Appropriately renumber the SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
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94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

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HOUSE BILL 1074

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 HUMAN SERVICES - SECRETARY'S OFFICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - SECRETARY'S OFFICE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Human Services - Secretary's Office for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	SC008	SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES	1	GRADE SE05
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from

problematic areas; and

(5) Assessing management and leadership.

(b) The Department will develop the plan under this section with the intent of modeling and implementing employee engagement efforts in other divisions of the department.

(c) The Department may contract with an outside entity to aid in plan development, implement the plan, or assist with implementation of the plan under this section.

(d) The Department will adopt internal employment policies as necessary to implement the plan under this section.

(e) The Department will submit a written report of the plan under this section and ongoing implementation efforts to Legislative Council no later than December 1, 2022. The report will identify without limitation the data received, the issues identified, and the lessons learned to date.

DELETE THIS SECTION

SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF TANF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. Each fiscal year, the Department of Human Services shall transfer the sum of seven million five hundred thousand dollars ($7,500,000) from the state's federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to the Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account to be used solely for the Arkansas Better Chance Program.

If the state match for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant or the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant is reduced, the amount to be transferred may be adjusted in proportion to the percentage change in the state match or the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant. The amount to be transferred may also be reduced proportionately if new cost requirements are imposed upon the state as a result of new or revised Temporary Assistance for Needy Families regulations at the federal level.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

DELETE THIS SECTION

SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

RESTRICTIONS ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM.

(a)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.

(2) The purposes of subsection (a) of this section are typically accomplished by:

(A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;

(B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for a state agency; and

(C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the revenue stabilization law.

(3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.

(b)(1) Upon the request of the Governor or the General Assembly, the Department of Human Services shall request a waiver from the federal government to:

(A) Restrict the financial assistance granted to a recipient of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program to purchase goods and services that are considered essential and necessary for the welfare of the family, including without limitation:

(i) Food;

(ii) Clothing;

(iii) Housing;

(iv) Utilities;

(v) Child care; and

(vi) Incidentals, including without limitation transportation and medicine or medical supplies or equipment not covered by either the Arkansas Medicaid Program or the health benefit plan of the individual; and

(B) Restrict the cash withdrawal from an electronic benefit transfer card account that receives financial assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program by electronic benefit transfer system.

(2) If the federal government denies the waiver application, this

section shall not be implemented.

(3) If the division does not request a wavier under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the department shall not allocate, budget, expend, or utilize appropriations under this act for the participation of persons in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 21. 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 22. 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 23. 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, 2024 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, 2024 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

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1012

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1012

Amend House Bill No. 1012 as originally introduced:

Page 27, immediately following SECTION 53, insert a new section that reads as follows:

"SECTION 54. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 12-8-213, concerning equipment and uniforms for the Division of Arkansas State Police, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d) The division may pay a uniform allowance as follows:

(1) Up to one thousand eight hundred dollars ($1,800) per year to each officer or patrol personnel of the division; and

(2) For each officer assigned to the Executive Protective Detail for services provided to the Governor under § 12-8-108:

(A) Up to an additional one thousand two hundred dollars ($1,200) per year; and

(B) Upon initial assignment to the Executive Protective Detail, up to one thousand dollars ($1,000) in addition to the allowances under subdivisions (d)(1) and (d)(2)(A) of this section."

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent section numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative M. Berry

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State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1012

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 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Public Safety for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	SC013	SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	D145C	DPS CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE02
(3)	D103C	DPS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT11
(4)	D003C	STATE SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR LEAD	1	GRADE IT09
(5)	D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
(6)	D123C	DB ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT08
(7)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
(8)	D035C	COMPUTER SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT07

date of passage through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SALARY GRID.

(a) In the event additional General Revenue funds become available to the Department of Public Safety, as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the division shall implement a salary administration grid effective July 1, 2022, after review by Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee.

(b) All employees in the certified law enforcement officer classifications, including recruits, at the Department of Public Safety are eligible for the increase provided in the salary administration grid established in section (a); the grid increase shall be in addition to any cost-of-living adjustment or performance-based increase provided during the 2023 Fiscal Year. Notwithstanding other provisions of law, salaries established by this section may exceed the maximum pay level for the grade assigned to the classification by no more than twenty percent (20%) for any effected employee.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 54. 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 55. 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

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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 19

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 19

Amend Senate Bill No. 19 as originally introduced:

On page 10, immediately following SECTION 12, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-153. Redetermination and transition of coverage for postpartum mothers.

(a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall redetermine eligibility for postpartum mothers receiving coverage under a Medicaid eligibility category within eight (8) weeks of giving birth and ensure the enrollment and transition of the postpartum mother into any available Medicaid eligibility category before the end of coverage under the existing Medicaid eligibility category.

(b) The program shall ensure that the postpartum mother maintains coverage in her existing Medicaid eligibility category only until the transition of coverage is completed and verified by the Department of Human Services.

(c) The department shall:

(1) Apply for any federal waiver, Medicaid state plan amendment, or other authorization necessary to implement this section; and

(2) Develop and implement any procedure, rule, or policy necessary to implement this section.

(d) The department shall report quarterly to the Legislative Council on the number of transitions implemented under this section and any other data or statistics related to the implementation of this section."

AND

Appropriately renumber the SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative Pilkington
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Secretary

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 19

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 HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	N027N	DHS DEPUTY DIRECTOR ADULT SERVICES	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	L016N	REGISTERED PHARMACIST	4	GRADE MP05
(4)	L009C	NURSE MANAGER	1	GRADE MP03
(5)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE MP02

action to submit a waiver application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to increase reimbursement rates for assisted living facilities under the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver.

(2) The department shall study and explore methods to increase the reimbursement rates for assisted living facilities under the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver, including without limitation setting the reimbursement rate for assisted living facilities under the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver as a percentage of the reimbursement rate for nursing home facilities.

(b) The department shall provide an accounting of funds allocated to qualifying entities under home and community-based services to the Legislative Council.

(c)(1) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall provide, in person, a monthly update to the Legislative Council on the status of the actions listed in subsections (a) and (b) of this section until the conclusion or resolution of these actions.

(2) If the General Assembly is in session, the secretary shall provide the updates described in subdivision (c)(1) of this section to the Joint Budget Committee.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SEVERABILITY. If any provisions of this act or the application of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 14. 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

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ARKANSAS SENATE

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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 19

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 19

Amend Senate Bill No. 19 as originally introduced:

On page 10, immediately following SECTION 12, insert the following:

" SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-18-703, concerning school-based health clinics, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(f) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall not require a referral from a primary care provider of a student in order for the student to receive services from a school-based health clinic."

AND

Appropriately renumber the SECTIONS of the bill.

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By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative Pilkington
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Secretary

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

SENATE BILL 19

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 HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	N027N	DHS DEPUTY DIRECTOR ADULT SERVICES	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	L016N	REGISTERED PHARMACIST	4	GRADE MP05
(4)	L009C	NURSE MANAGER	1	GRADE MP03
(5)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE MP02

action to submit a waiver application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to increase reimbursement rates for assisted living facilities under the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver.

(2) The department shall study and explore methods to increase the reimbursement rates for assisted living facilities under the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver, including without limitation setting the reimbursement rate for assisted living facilities under the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver as a percentage of the reimbursement rate for nursing home facilities.

(b) The department shall provide an accounting of funds allocated to qualifying entities under home and community-based services to the Legislative Council.

(c)(1) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall provide, in person, a monthly update to the Legislative Council on the status of the actions listed in subsections (a) and (b) of this section until the conclusion or resolution of these actions.

(2) If the General Assembly is in session, the secretary shall provide the updates described in subdivision (c)(1) of this section to the Joint Budget Committee.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SEVERABILITY. If any provisions of this act or the application of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 14. 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

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 47

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 47

Amend Senate Bill No. 47 as originally introduced:

On page 10, immediately following SECTION 19, insert the following:

" SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 26-18-1117(b)(1), concerning judicial relief from decisions of the Tax Appeals Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) ~~The~~ Except as provided in subdivision (b)(4) of this section, the Department of Finance and Administration may seek judicial relief from a decision of the commission by filing suit against the taxpayer in Pulaski County Circuit Court or in the circuit court of the county in which the taxpayer resides or has its principal place of business in the state.

SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 26-18-1117(b), concerning judicial relief from decisions of the Tax Appeals Commission, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(4)(A) The department may seek judicial relief from a decision of the commission regarding a proposed assessment or claim for refund only if the net amount of the tax deficiencies and claimed refunds in controversy exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000), exclusive of interest and penalties.

(B) Subdivision (b)(4)(A) of this section applies to actions commenced under § 26-18-1113 on or after the effective date of this act."

AND

Appropriately renumber the SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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By: Senator J. Payton
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Secretary

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

SENATE BILL 47

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 INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	SC009	SECRETARY OF INSPECTOR GENERAL	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	U125U	INSPECTOR GENERAL CHIEF COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	D056C	SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
(4)	N199N	DIG DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS14
(5)	A115C	DIG CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS12
(6)	G249C	DIG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS12
(7)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10

of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation from Operating Expenses to Promotional Items in the Education Trust Appropriation provided by this Act in an amount not to exceed eight thousand dollars ($8,000) each fiscal year to meet the Commission's educational needs.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTIONS HERE →

SECTION 20. 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 21. 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

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1064

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1064

Amend House Bill No. 1064 as originally introduced:

Page 22, insert a new section immediately following SECTION 39 to read as follows:

" SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 52, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26-52-457. Microgrids.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible microgrid costs" means expenditures for the development, acquisition, construction, expansion, renovation, refurbishment, and operation of a qualified microgrid, including without limitation costs of land, buildings, site improvements, substations, lease payments, site characterization and assessment, engineering, and design used directly and exclusively in a qualified microgrid;

(2) "Micogrid equipment" means equipment or software purchased or leased for the generation and delivery of power to a co-located energy purchaser or a municipal utility purchaser, including without limitation:

(A) Natural gas or hydrogen turbine generator and internal combustion engines, wind turbines, solar panels, solar racking and tracking systems, battery storage systems, energy management systems, transformers, switchgear, wiring, and other enabling machinery, equipment, software, and hardware, regardless of whether the property is affixed to or incorporated into real property;

(B) Equipment used in the operation of a microgrid or energy management software or for the benefit of a qualified microgrid, including without limitation a component part, installation, refreshment, replacement, and upgrade, regardless of whether the property is affixed to or incorporated into real property, and including cogeneration and combined cycle generation;

(C) Equipment necessary for the transformation, generation, distribution, or management of electricity that is required to

deliver base load power to a co-located or municipal utility purchaser, including without limitation a substation, solar and wind equipment, turbine, generator, uninterruptible energy equipment, supply, conduit, fuel piping, battery storage, cabling, switch, switchboard, testing equipment, and backup generator;

(D) Conduit, ducting, fiber optic and copper cabling, Wi-Fi, fourth-generation mobile network (4G), fifth-generation mobile network (5G), LoRaWAN, and broadband telecommunication equipment that may be located on the parcel that is directly related to connecting distributed energy systems to:

(i) Energy monitoring and management systems;

(ii) Security systems; or

(iii) Software;

(E) Other tangible personal property and intangible personal property that is essential to the operation of a qualified microgrid; or

(F) Labor services to install, apply, repair, service, alter, or maintain items described in subdivisions (a)(2)(A)-(E) of this section;

(3) "Qualified firm" means a for-profit business establishment that is:

(A) Subject to state income, sales, or property taxes;

(B) The owner or operator of a qualified microgrid; and

(C) Engaged in the generation and delivery of power to a co-located purchaser of energy or a municipal utility purchaser;

(4) "Qualified investment" means, with respect to a qualified microgrid, the aggregate nonduplicative eligible microgrid costs expended by an entity with an interest in a qualified microgrid in the state; and

(5) "Qualified microgrid" means a facility that is:

(A) Developed, acquired, constructed, expanded, rehabilitated, renovated, repaired, or operated using at least two (2) energy generation sources and one (1) energy storage system to deliver power to a co-located energy user or a municipal utility purchaser; and

(B) Owned or operated by a qualified firm that:

(i)(a) Creates a qualified investment of at least ten million dollars ($10,000,000) within two (2) years of the issuance of a building permit or an interconnection agreement, whichever comes last.

(b) If an interconnection agreement is not required, then the qualified investment required under subdivision (a)(5)(B)(i)(a) of this section is required within two (2) years of the issuance of a building permit; and

(ii) Pays prevailing wages for construction and trade workers.

(b) The gross receipts or gross proceeds from the sale of the following are exempt from the gross receipts tax levied by this chapter and the compensating use tax levied by the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, § 26-53-101 et seq.:

(1) Microgrid equipment;

(2) Eligible microgrid costs;

(3) Services purchased for the purpose of and in conjunction with developing, acquiring, constructing, expanding, renovating, refurbishing, and operating a qualified microgrid; and

(4) Electricity sold by a qualified microgrid.

(c)(1) A qualified firm shall submit an application for the exemption provided under this section for a qualified microgrid to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

(2) Eligibility for the exemption under this section is dependent on the minimum qualified investment and wages stated in subdivision (a)(5)(B) of this section being met within two (2) years from the last to be issued of a building permit or an interconnection agreement in those cases where an interconnection agreement is required.

(3)(A) Within thirty (30) days after receipt of a completed application under this section, the commission shall grant or deny the application in whole or in part.

(B) If an application submitted under this section is denied as incomplete and the qualified firm provides the additional information or documentation required by the commission or otherwise completes its application within thirty (30) days of the notice of denial, the application shall be considered completed as of the original date of submission.

(C) If a qualified firm fails to provide the information or complete its application within the thirty-day cure period provided in subdivision (c)(3)(B) of this section, the application shall remain denied and may be resubmitted in full with a new submission date if the qualified firm wants to proceed with the application.

(D) If an application is complete and meets the requirements of this section, the commission shall certify the qualified microgrid that is eligible for the exemption provided in this section.

(d) Once an application under subsection (c) of this section is approved, the commission shall transmit an approved financial incentive certificate to the qualified firm.

(e)(1) After receiving an approved financial incentive certificate from the commission, a qualified firm shall certify annually to the commission the qualified microgrid's minimum qualified investment and wages paid to construction and trade workers building the qualified microgrid during the preceding calendar year for the term of the financial incentive certificate.

(2) All data reported to the commission under this subsection shall be used only to determine eligibility."

AND

Page 23, insert a new section immediately following SECTION 41 to read as follows::

" SECTION 42. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 40 of this Act is effective on the first day of the calendar quarter following the effective date of this Act."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Pilkington
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Chief Clerk

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1064

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 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Shared Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	SC006	SECRETARY OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	U002U	DFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE04
(3)	N033N	DFA ADMINISTRATIVE SVCS ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SE02
(4)	G001C	DFA ASSISTANT ADMIN SVCS ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS15
(5)	P006N	DFA DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	GRADE GS15
(6)	A003C	DFA REVENUE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS14

and specialized police personnel employed under this section shall be responsible for maintaining order and providing for the security, protection, and safety of the Department of Finance and Administration buildings, grounds, property, employees and customers. The certified law enforcement officer shall have the powers, duties, privileges, and immunities of a certified law enforcement officer.

The following two classifications shall be used by the agency for security, protection, and safety personnel:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025
(1)	T106C	DFA REVENUE SECURITY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
(2)	T032C	DFA REVENUE SECURITY COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS07
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5	

Department of Finance and Administration Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Division will manage training and certification of the certified law enforcement officers and specialized police personnel and maintain all required documentation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 40. 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 41. 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 42. 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, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024.

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 53

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 53

Amend Senate Bill No. 53 as originally introduced:

Page 10, immediately following SECTION 17 insert new Sections to read as follows:

" SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-11-203, concerning the definitions used under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(37)(A) "Construction services" means services procured by a public school district or open-enrollment public charter school under a contract with a corresponding cooperative purchasing verification letter providing for the making of repairs, alterations, erection, or other permanent improvements to a public building, property, or structure that do not exceed a total aggregate amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000) for a public procurement unit in a fiscal year.

(B)(i) Annually on July 1, at the direction of the Office of State Procurement and with the approval of the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, the amount stated in subdivision (37)(A) of this section shall be adjusted by the percentage, if any, by which the Consumer Price Index for the current calendar year exceeds the Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year, not to exceed three percent (3%).

(ii) The Consumer Price Index for a calendar year is the average of the Consumer Price Index as of the close of the twelve-month period ending on August 31 of that calendar year; and

(38) "Consumer Price Index" means the most recent Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the United States Department of Labor, or its successor.

SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-11-249(a)(1), concerning cooperative purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) A public procurement unit may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of construction services, commodities, or other services in accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants.

SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-11-249(a)(2)(A), concerning cooperative purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) A cooperative purchasing agreement is limited to construction services, commodities, and other services for which the public procurement unit may realize savings or material economic value, or both.

SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-11-249(b)(2), concerning the annual report of all purchases made under cooperative purchasing agreements under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The reports required under this subsection shall be submitted by July 1 in the format required by the Legislative Council and shall include the following:

(A) The name of the contractor;

(B) The name of the procuring agency;

(C) The contact information for the contractor and procuring agency;

(D) The total cost of the contract, including all available extensions;

(E) A description of the construction services, goods, or other services procured; and

(F) Any other information requested by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-11-249, concerning cooperative purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d) If a public procurement unit needs to procure construction services in excess of the amount provided in § 19-11-203(37), the public procurement unit may submit a request for a waiver to the Executive Subcommittee of the Legislative Council."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative Wardlaw
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Secretary

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

SENATE BILL 53

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 TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SECRETARY'S OFFICE. There is hereby established for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	SC014	SEC OF TRANSFORMATION & SHARED SERVICES	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	U061U	TSS CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE03
(3)	G307C	TSS LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15
(4)	R051C	TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS13
(5)	R028C	TSS STATEWIDE PAYROLL SYS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS08
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5	

	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05)	REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	717,700
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$3,452,998

SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the Department of Transformation and Shared Services.

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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SECTION 18. 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 19. 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

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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1041

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1041

Amend House Bill No. 1041 as originally introduced:

Page 16, immediately following SECTION 24, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-10-106(a)(1)(A), concerning the first day of the school year for public schools, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) Each school year, the first day of the school year for student attendance in public elementary and secondary schools shall be~~:~~

~~(i) On or after the Monday of the week in which August 19 falls;~~

~~(ii) Not earlier than August 14; and~~

~~(iii) Not~~ not later than August 26."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Representative Andrews

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Chief Clerk

State of Arkansas
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HOUSE BILL 1041

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account, for grants and aid to local school districts and special programs of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	98% URT ACTUAL COLLECTION ADJUSTMENT	$34,500,000
(02)	ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVE	1,275,000

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. R.I.S.E. ARKANSAS. The appropriation for the R.I.S.E. Arkansas line item in the Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs section of this Act shall be used for the coordination of a statewide reading campaign with community partners, parents, and teachers to establish the importance of reading in homes, schools, and communities.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ENHANCED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING NAME CHANGE. Any appropriation titled "ENHANCED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING" or abbreviated as "ESA" as named by SB605 of 2019 may also be known as "NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH" funding or abbreviated as "NSL" and shall be used for the same purposes as set out in law.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL CURRICULUM. Prior to the beginning of the Arkansas Governor's School Program each year, the Arkansas Department of Education shall review and approve the proposed curriculum for the program year and shall maintain oversight of its implementation for consistency and accuracy.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30,~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 25. 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

Hall of the House of Representatives

94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024

Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1041

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1041

Amend House Bill No. 1041 as originally introduced:

Page 16, immediately following SECTION 24, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-17-429(j)(2), concerning the employment of literacy coaches and establishment of a literacy tutoring grant program, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(E)(i) Annually by July 1, the division shall provide a report to the Legislative Council on:

(a) The implementation of the literacy tutoring grant program under this subdivision (j)(2);

(b) The test results, including without limitation results on any literacy or reading assessments approved by the division, of each eligible student participating in the literacy tutoring grant program after the receipt of tutoring services; and

(c) Any additional information requested by the Legislative Council.

(ii) The report required under subdivision (j)(2)(E)(i) of this section shall not include individual student information if the information is reported in a manner that would identify a particular student except as permitted under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, as in effect on January 1, 2024."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative Brooks
KMW/WKM - 04-04-2024 15:19:06
KMW070

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Chief Clerk

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1041

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account, for grants and aid to local school districts and special programs of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	98% URT ACTUAL COLLECTION ADJUSTMENT	$34,500,000
(02)	ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVE	1,275,000

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. R.I.S.E. ARKANSAS. The appropriation for the R.I.S.E. Arkansas line item in the Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs section of this Act shall be used for the coordination of a statewide reading campaign with community partners, parents, and teachers to establish the importance of reading in homes, schools, and communities.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ENHANCED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING NAME CHANGE. Any appropriation titled "ENHANCED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING" or abbreviated as "ESA" as named by SB605 of 2019 may also be known as "NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH" funding or abbreviated as "NSL" and shall be used for the same purposes as set out in law.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL CURRICULUM. Prior to the beginning of the Arkansas Governor's School Program each year, the Arkansas Department of Education shall review and approve the proposed curriculum for the program year and shall maintain oversight of its implementation for consistency and accuracy.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30,~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 25. 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

ARKANSAS SENATE

94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024

Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 63

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 63

Amend Senate Bill No. 63 as originally introduced:

Page 25, immediately following SECTION 44, insert a new section to read as follows:

" SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. Certified Law Enforcement Officer Salary Administration Grid.

The Department of Agriculture shall implement a salary administration grid for all certified law enforcement officers within the Department and its divisions. All employees who are, or may become certified law enforcement officers shall be paid a minimum salary of $53,000.

Notwithstanding any other salary increases or market adjustments that may be provided; and in addition to the minimum salary of $53,000 having been established, each incumbent employed on July 1, 2024 shall also receive a one-time salary increase of 0.80% for each year of employment with the state as a certified law enforcement officer not to exceed an additional $5,000 or the maximum of the pay grade.

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

and

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative Richmond
KCS/SK - 04-05-2024 13:19:50
KCS041

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Secretary

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

SENATE BILL 63

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 AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Agriculture for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	SC001	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	U072U	DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE02
(3)	U057U	AGRI LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	L104C	AGRI LABORATORY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP04
(5)	D022N	IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(6)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
(7)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish upon request for the Arkansas Agriculture Department a special Promotional Items appropriation to be used in the acquisition of promotional items. When the Arkansas Agriculture Department wishes to transfer from its operating expenses to the promotional items line, the request shall be forwarded by the Arkansas Agriculture Department to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing and for prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. 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 Arkansas Agriculture Department may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department 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, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 45. 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 46. 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 47. 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, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024.

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1079

By: Representatives Unger, Lundstrum
By: Senator C. Penzo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GROUNDWATER SAMPLING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 570 OF 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GROUNDWATER SAMPLING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Trust Fund, for contractual services with the University of Arkansas Department of Geosciences to sample groundwater in Tontitown, Arkansas and the surrounding Boone Formation, conduct research, and publish findings, in order to gauge the impact of the Eco-Vista Landfill, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01)	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	$1,046,553

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

GROUNDWATER SAMPLING. The Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality shall budget, allocate, and expend one million forty six thousand five hundred fifty three dollars ($1,046,553), from the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Trust Fund, to contract with the University of Arkansas Department of Geosciences to sample groundwater in Tontitown, Arkansas and the surrounding Boone Formation, conduct research, and publish findings, in order to gauge the impact of the Eco-Vista landfill. The department shall enter into the contract by September 1, 2024. The contract shall require a report on research conducted and findings from said research, to be completed by October 1, 2026. The report shall be submitted to Legislative Council by October 31, 2026.

The provisions of this section shall be in affect only from July 1, 2023 through September 1, 2024.

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.

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.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of

the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality are, due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality to continue to provide essential governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide the necessary monies for the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality to continue such services; and that a delay in the effective date of this Act 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 the date of its passage and approval.

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

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1064

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1064

Amend House Bill No. 1064 as originally introduced:

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Page 22, insert a new section immediately following SECTION 39 to read as follows:

" SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 26-52-401, concerning sales tax exemptions for certain products and services, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(45)(A) Gross receipts or gross proceeds derived from the sale of diapers.

(B) As used in this subdivision (45), "diaper" means an absorbent garment worn by humans who are incapable of, or having difficulty, controlling their bladder or bowel movements; and

(46)(A) Gross receipts or gross proceeds derived from the sale of feminine hygiene products.

(B) As used in this subdivision (46):

(i) "Feminine hygiene products" means tampons, panty liners, menstrual cups, sanitary napkins, and other similar tangible personal property designed for feminine hygiene in connection with the human menstrual cycle, but does not include grooming and hygiene products;

(ii) "Grooming and hygiene products" means soaps and cleaning solutions, shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash, antiperspirants, and sun tan lotions and screens, regardless of whether the items meet the definition of "over-the-counter-drugs"; and

(iii) "Over-the-counter-drugs" means drugs that contain a label that identifies the product as a drug as required by 21 C.F.R. § 201.66, as it existed on January 1, 2024."

AND

Page 23, insert a new section immediately following SECTION 41 to read as follows:

" SECTION 42. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 40 of this Act is effective on the first day of the calendar quarter following the effective date of this Act."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Pilkington
JAP/PJ - 04-11-2024 10:57:10
JAP056

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Chief Clerk

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1064

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 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Shared Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	SC006	SECRETARY OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	U002U	DFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE04
(3)	N033N	DFA ADMINISTRATIVE SVCS ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SE02
(4)	G001C	DFA ASSISTANT ADMIN SVCS ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS15
(5)	P006N	DFA DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	GRADE GS15
(6)	A003C	DFA REVENUE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS14

and specialized police personnel employed under this section shall be responsible for maintaining order and providing for the security, protection, and safety of the Department of Finance and Administration buildings, grounds, property, employees and customers. The certified law enforcement officer shall have the powers, duties, privileges, and immunities of a certified law enforcement officer.

The following two classifications shall be used by the agency for security, protection, and safety personnel:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025
(1)	T106C	DFA REVENUE SECURITY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
(2)	T032C	DFA REVENUE SECURITY COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS07
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5	

Department of Finance and Administration Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Division will manage training and certification of the certified law enforcement officers and specialized police personnel and maintain all required documentation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 40. 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 41. 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.

INSERT EFFECTIVE DATE HERE →

SECTION 42. 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, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024.

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1023

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES BY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1023

Amend House Bill No. 1023 as originally introduced:

Page 6, immediately following SECTION 11, insert the following new SECTIONS:

" SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. Uncodified Acts 1999, No. 1044, § 9, is repealed.

~~RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING. Beginning on January 1, 2000, each county of the State shall be responsible for a portion of the cost of regular salaries and personal services matching for deputy prosecuting attorneys who are to become state employees as of January 1, 2000. During the monthly distribution of general revenues to the counties, the Treasurer of State shall retain from each county, one-twelfth (1/12th) of 80% of the amount appropriated by each of the counties for salaries and associated fringe benefit costs as of January 1, 1999. The amount retained by the Treasurer of State shall be credited to the State Central Services Fund for the partial support of the regular salaries and personal services matching costs for deputy prosecuting attorneys. The amount which each county appropriated for salaries and associated fringe benefit costs as of January 1, 1999, shall be determined by the Division of Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and shall be certified to the Treasurer of State on or before December 1, 1999.~~

SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY

LAW. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING. Beginning on January 1, 2000, each county of the State shall be responsible for a portion of the cost of regular salaries and personal services matching for deputy prosecuting attorneys who are to become state employees as of January 1, 2000. During the monthly distribution of general revenues to the counties, the Treasurer of State shall retain from each county, one-twelfth (1/12th) of 80% of the amount appropriated by each of the counties for salaries and associated fringe benefit costs as of January 1, 1999. The amount retained by the Treasurer of State shall be credited to the State Central Services Fund for the partial support of the regular salaries and personal services matching costs for deputy prosecuting attorneys. The amount which each county appropriated for salaries and associated fringe benefit costs as of January 1, 1999, shall be determined by the Division of Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and shall be certified to the Treasurer of State on or before December 1, 1999. Effective July 1, 2024, each county shall be responsible for paying twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount certified to the Treasurer of State for that county under this section.

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

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Cavenaugh
JAR/RJA - 04-17-2024 10:33:27 _____
JAR105 Chief Clerk

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1023

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES BY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES BY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL REVENUE TO CITIES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Treasurer of State, to be payable from the Municipal Aid Fund, for the purpose of distributing General Revenue accruing therein for the benefit of municipalities as provided by law, by the Office of Treasurer of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	GENERAL REVENUES - CITIES	$29,372,099

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SPECIAL REVENUES TO CITIES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Treasurer of State, to be payable from the

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, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 12. 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 13. 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 14. 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

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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 53

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 53

Amend Senate Bill No. 53 as originally introduced:

Page 10, immediately following SECTION 17, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-11-231 is amended to read as follows:

19-11-231. Small procurements.

(a) Any procurement not exceeding the amount under § 19-11-204(13), which refers to small procurements, may be made in accordance with this section and the small procurement procedures promulgated by the State Procurement Director.

(b)(1) However, procurement requirements shall not be artificially divided so as to constitute a small procurement under this section.

(2) The prohibition stated in subdivision (b)(1) of this section includes without limitation purchasing commodities or services, or both, from more than one (1) vendor owned by the same person or entity if the aggregate amount of the purchases from the vendors owned by the same person or entity exceeds the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) A state agency shall not provide information to a vendor regarding the amount the state agency is willing to pay for commodities or services, or both, before receiving a quote from the vendor for the amount the vendor would charge for the commodities or services, or both."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator D. Sullivan
By: Representative Cavenaugh
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Secretary

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

SENATE BILL 53

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 TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SECRETARY'S OFFICE. There is hereby established for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	SC014	SEC OF TRANSFORMATION & SHARED SERVICES	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	U061U	TSS CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE03
(3)	G307C	TSS LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15
(4)	R051C	TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS13
(5)	R028C	TSS STATEWIDE PAYROLL SYS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS08
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5	

	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05)	REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	717,700
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$3,452,998

SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the Department of Transformation and Shared Services.

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 18. 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 19. 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

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 60

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 60

Amend Senate Bill No. 60 as originally introduced:

Page 20, immediately following SECTION 30, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 12-13-120, concerning the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) The Arkansas Fire Prevention Code shall not require an educational facility, also known as a Group E occupancy, to have a storm shelter if the educational facility, also known as a Group E occupancy:

(1) Is a former Business Group B occupancy; and

(2) Was utilized as an educational occupancy, including without limitation an educational occupancy for higher education purposes."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Senator Hester

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Secretary

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

As Engrossed: S4/15/24

A Bill

SENATE BILL 60

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 EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Education for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	SC004	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	E080C	ADE CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE04
(3)	U089U	DHE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(4)	G331C	ADE CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE01
(5)	D011N	ADE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS	1	GRADE SE01
(6)	N009N	ASST COMMISSIONER FISCAL & ADMIN SVCS	1	GRADE SE01
(7)	D006N	STATE SYSTEMS ARCHITECT	1	GRADE IT10

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, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the Department of Education.

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 31. 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 32. 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

Hall of the House of Representatives

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1041

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1041

Amend House Bill No. 1041 as originally introduced:

Page 3, immediately following line 12, insert a new line to read as follows:

" (48.1) SCHOOL ISSUED DEVICE TECHNOLOGY MONITORING PROGRAM AID 1,500,000"

AND

Page 3, line 31, delete "$3,434,241,080" and substitute "$3,435,741,080"

AND

Page 16, immediately following SECTION 24, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SCHOOL ISSUED DEVICE TECHNOLOGY MONITORING PROGRAM. (a) The Department of Education shall budget, allocate, and expend up to one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1,500,000) from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund, for the purpose of providing funding for the School Issued Device Technology Monitoring Program as appropriated in this Act to help local public school districts purchase technology solutions that enable parents to supervise their students' digital activity on school-issued electronic devices.

(b)The Department of Education shall promulgate rules and procedures for the disbursement of funds to local public school districts for the School

Issued Device Technology Monitoring Program.

(c) The Department shall maintain a list of no more than three (3) technology providers from which schools may purchase technology solutions using monies disbursed for the School Issued Device Technology Monitoring Program. Eligible technology solutions shall allow parents and guardians of students and school districts to do all the following:

(1) Supervise and manage internet access for students through the use of parental controls;

(2) Prohibit a student's access to foreign owned social media and video sharing sites, including, but not limited to TikTok and ByteDance Ltd.;

(3) Receive notification if a student attempts to access internet content that promotes self-harm or violence;

(4) Receive notification of cyberbullying, as defined in Arkansas Code § 6-18-514(b)(3); and

(5) Receive notification if a student downloads inappropriate material, including but not limited to child pornography or explicit sexual material.

(d) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator Hester
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Chief Clerk

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1041

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account, for grants and aid to local school districts and special programs of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	98% URT ACTUAL COLLECTION ADJUSTMENT	$34,500,000
(02)	ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVE	1,275,000

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. R.I.S.E. ARKANSAS. The appropriation for the R.I.S.E. Arkansas line item in the Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs section of this Act shall be used for the coordination of a statewide reading campaign with community partners, parents, and teachers to establish the importance of reading in homes, schools, and communities.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ENHANCED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING NAME CHANGE. Any appropriation titled "ENHANCED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING" or abbreviated as "ESA" as named by SB605 of 2019 may also be known as "NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH" funding or abbreviated as "NSL" and shall be used for the same purposes as set out in law.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL CURRICULUM. Prior to the beginning of the Arkansas Governor's School Program each year, the Arkansas Department of Education shall review and approve the proposed curriculum for the program year and shall maintain oversight of its implementation for consistency and accuracy.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30,~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 25. 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

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1086

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 CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 890 OF 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the County Jail Reimbursement Fund, for reimbursement to counties housing state inmates of the Department of Corrections - County Jail Reimbursement which shall be supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in Section 3 of Act 890 of 2023, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01)	REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENT	$4,200,000

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - INMATE CARE & CUSTODY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account, for personal

services of the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction which shall be supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in Section 10 of Act 890 of 2023, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01)	OVERTIME	$3,000,000

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. 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 four million two hundred thousand dollars ($4,200,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the County Jail Reimbursement Fund to provide funds for reimbursement to counties housing state inmates of the Department of Corrections.

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 funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of the Department of Corrections are, due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the Department of Corrections to continue to provide essential governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide the necessary monies for the Department of Corrections to continue such services; and that a delay in the effective date of this Act 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 the date of its passage and approval.

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

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 63

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 63

Amend Senate Bill No. 63 as engrossed S4/15/24 (version: 4/15/2024 2:26:59 PM):

Page 25, immediately following Section 44 insert new SECTIONS to read as follows:

" SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 2-40-206 is repealed.

~~2-40-206. Funding of bovine disease program.~~

~~(a)(1)(A) In order to fund or partially fund the bovine disease control and eradication program, there is levied a fee of one dollar ($1.00) per head on all cattle sold in this state to be used for the bovine disease control and eradication program.~~

~~(B)(i) However, if the Director of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission determines there is an emergency, the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission may promulgate a rule to temporarily raise the fee set in subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section after receiving approval of the rule from the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee.~~

~~(ii) A rule adopted to raise the fee under this subdivision (a)(1)(B) shall be effective only during the period of time the emergency persists or for one (1) year, whichever is shorter.~~

~~(iii) If an emergency persists after one (1) year, the commission may promulgate a rule to extend the increased fee for additional one-year periods by following the procedures stated in subdivision~~

~~(a)(1)(B)(i) of this section each year the rule increasing the fee is to be effective.~~

~~(iv) The commission shall not adopt an emergency rule to raise the fee under this subdivision (a)(1)(B).~~

~~(2) The fee shall not be assessed on the resale of any cattle within ten (10) calendar days after the prior sale if the fee was paid on the prior sale.~~

~~(b)(1) The fee shall be collected by the purchaser and remitted monthly to the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, except that if the sale occurs through a livestock auction market or any other agent of the seller, the livestock auction market or other agent shall collect and remit the fee. The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration may promulgate such rules as he or she deems necessary to implement the collection of the fee.~~

~~(2)(A) After deducting three percent (3%) for credit to the Constitutional Officers Fund and the State Central Services Fund, the remainder of funds so remitted to the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration shall be deposited into the State Treasury as special revenues and credited to the Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund.~~

~~(B) Before the close of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall determine the amount of funds which will remain at the end of the fiscal year in the Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund from fees collected under the provisions of this section. He or she shall allow such funds to be carried forward and made available for the same purposes in the next succeeding fiscal year.~~

~~(C) The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration shall release all information related to the fee levied per head on all cattle sold in the state to be used for the bovine disease control and eradication fund when requested by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.~~

SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-6-301(126), concerning special revenues, is repealed.

~~(126) Those portions of vaccination fees imposed at livestock markets, as enacted by Acts 1985, No. 150, and Acts 1985, No. 151, § 2-40-~~

~~206, and that portion of all fines and penalties resulting from arrests made or citations issued by Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission enforcement officers, § 2-33-113(b) [repealed];~~

SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-6-448 is amended to read as follows:

19-6-448. Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund.

The Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund shall consist of any funds authorized by law ~~and those special revenues as specified in § 19-6-301(126), there to be used in order to fund or partially fund the bovine disease control and eradication program as provided in § 2-40-206~~ and shall be used by the Department of Agriculture for expenses associated with livestock and poultry disease and pest control."

and

Appropriately renumber the SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Dees
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Secretary

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

As Engrossed: S4/15/24

A Bill

SENATE BILL 63

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 AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Agriculture for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	SC001	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	U072U	DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE02
(3)	U057U	AGRI LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	L104C	AGRI LABORATORY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP04
(5)	D022N	IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(6)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
(7)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05

REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is authorized to charge fees to federal agencies and other states to reimburse the Commission for expenditures made on behalf of these governmental units. These fees shall be deposited into the State Forestry Fund in the State Treasury as a refund to expenditure.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish upon request for the Arkansas Agriculture Department a special Promotional Items appropriation to be used in the acquisition of promotional items. When the Arkansas Agriculture Department wishes to transfer from its operating expenses to the promotional items line, the request shall be forwarded by the Arkansas Agriculture Department to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing and for prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. 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 Arkansas Agriculture Department may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department 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, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

INSERT NEW SECTION HERE →

SECTION 45. 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 46. 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 47. 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, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024.

/s/Joint Budget Committee

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

SENATE BILL 54

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 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DIVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DIVISION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Assessment Coordination Division for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	U085U	ACD DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	D068C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
(3)	G047C	ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
(4)	G061C	ACD DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS10

(5)	X046C	ACD DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	4	GRADE GS08
(6)	E031C	EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(7)	X049C	PROPERTY ASSESSMENT COORD MANAGER	5	GRADE GS07
(8)	A063C	RESEARCH & STATISTICS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
(9)	X079C	PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	11	GRADE GS06
(10)	X117C	PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AUDITOR	7	GRADE GS05
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	33	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Finance and Administration - Assessment Coordination Division for the 2024-2025 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: three (3) 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 Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration - Assessment Coordination Division - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	$1,687,840
(02)	EXTRA HELP	2,500
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	644,444
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	872,240
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	49,869
	(C) PROF. FEES	10,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05)	ASSESSOR'S SCHOOL	325,000

(06)	ASSESSMENT EDUC INCENTIVE	150,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$3,741,893

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, 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 Finance and Administration - Assessment Coordination Division - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$33,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	17,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$55,000

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY ASSESSORS' CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the County Assessors' Continuing Education Trust Fund, for maintaining and operating a continuing education program for County Assessors by the Department of Finance and Administration - Assessment Coordination Division - County Assessors' Continuing Education Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$51,600
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	8,400
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED $60,000

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - REAL PROPERTY REAPPRAISAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Arkansas Real Property Reappraisal Fund, for paying counties and professional reappraisal companies for the cost of reappraisal of real property by the Department of Finance and Administration - Assessment Coordination Division - Real Property Reappraisal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	REAL PROPERTY REAPPRAISAL	$15,750,000

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER. To provide funding for the appropriations authorized herein, the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration - Assessment Coordination Division of the State of Arkansas shall certify monthly to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount of funding needed each month to pay counties and professional reappraisal companies for the reappraisal of real property as required by law. Upon receipt of such certification the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer 76% of the amounts certified from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, 16% of the amount certified from the County Aid Fund, and 8% of the amount certified from the Municipal Aid Fund to the Arkansas Real Property Reappraisal Fund. In no event shall the total amount of funds transferred as authorized herein exceed fourteen million two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($14,250,000) in a single fiscal year.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration -

Assessment Coordination Division is authorized to transfer funds during the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account designated for support of the Department of Finance and Administration - Assessment Coordination Division to the Real Property Reappraisal Fund. The total of all transfers shall not exceed $1,500,000.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration - Assessment Coordination Division is authorized to transfer appropriation from the Operating Expenses line item in the State Operations Program to the Assessor's School special line item to assure sufficient resources are available to provide required training for assessment personnel.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ASSESSMENT OF VEHICLES. (a) For purposes of assessing the value of a used vehicle:

(1) If a used vehicle was assessed in calendar year 2020 and is assessed in calendar year 2022, the value of the used vehicle as assessed in calendar year 2022 shall not be higher than its published assessed value in calendar year 2020; and

(2) If under subdivision (a)(1), a used vehicle's 2022 assessed value is decreased, then a county assessor is not required to notify the taxpayer of the decrease in the assessed value.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall be in effect only from the effective date of this section through December 31, 2023.

SECTION 11. 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 12. 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 13. 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, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024.

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State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2024

A Bill

SENATE BILL 64

By: Senator J. Payton

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO REDUCE MATERNAL AND INFANT MORTALITY BY MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants for the Pregnancy Help Organizations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01)	PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS	$2,000,000

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING

TRANSFER. (i) Immediately upon the effective date of this Section, 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 two million dollars ($2,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the Pregnancy Help Organization Grant Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to provide funding exclusively for the Pregnancy Help Organization Grants Appropriation in Section 1 in this Act to be distributed as set out in Pregnancy Help Organization Grants Special Language Section of this Act.
(ii) Any funds not expended in the Pregnancy Help Organization Grant Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account as established in subsection (i) herein after June 30, 2025 shall be transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS.
(a)(1) As used in this section, "pregnancy help organization" means a nonprofit corporation or an organization exempt from federal income tax, existing as of January 1, 2024, that:
(A) Seeks to provide a range of services to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy with the intention of encouraging pregnant women to give birth to their unborn children;
(B) Promotes infant and maternal wellness and/or reduces infant and maternal mortality, by:
i)Providing nutritional information and/or nutritional counseling;
ii)Providing prenatal vitamins;
iii)Providing a list of prenatal medical care options;
iv)Providing social, emotional, and/or material support; or
v)Providing referrals for WIC and community-based nutritional services, including but not limited to food banks, food pantries, and food distribution centers; and
(C) Does not perform, prescribe, provide referrals for, or encourage abortion or affiliate with any organization that performs, rescribes, provides referrals for, or encourages abortion.
(2) As used in this section, a "pregnancy help organization" includes without limitation:

(A) Organizations traditionally known as "crisis pregnancy organizations";

(B) Maternity homes;

(C) Adoption agencies; and

(D) Social services agencies that provide material support and other assistance to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy to help those individuals give birth to their unborn children.

(b)(1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall create a grant program to provide funding to pregnancy help organizations.

(2) Grant funds shall be disbursed directly to the pregnancy help organizations from the Department of Finance and Administration.

(c)(1) The department shall promulgate rules to implement the disbursement of the grant moneys from the Pregnancy Help Organization Grant Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.

(2) The rules shall include:

(A) A requirement that the entity requesting the grant monies submit a plan describing how the entity will spend the grant moneys; and

(B) A statement that the funds shall not be disbursed all at once, but in increments in accordance with the plan described in subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section.

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

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, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024.