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HOUSE BILL 1174

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 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 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 Corrections for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	SC003	SECRETARY OF CORRECTIONS	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	N256N	DOC CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE02
(3)	U083U	DOC CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	D140C	DOC CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT11
(5)	D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
(6)	D094C	DCC PROJ & ENTERPRISE PROGRAM MGMT ADMIN	1	GRADE IT08



(7)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
(8)	D030C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE IT07
(9)	D017C INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT07
(10)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	5	GRADE IT06
(11)	D061C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE IT05
(12)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	12	GRADE IT05
(13)	D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	5	GRADE IT03
(14)	D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	17	GRADE IT02
(15)	N039N ADC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
(16)	N048N ADC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
(17)	N261N DOC MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS14
(18)	N130N DOC SHARED SERVICES CHIEF	2	GRADE GS14
(19)	A108C ADC ASST CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
(20)	G024N ADC GENERAL COUNSEL	2	GRADE GS13
(21)	N258N DOC APPLIED RESEARCHER	1	GRADE GS13
(22)	V043C DOC CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
(23)	G347C DOC CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT ADMIN	1	GRADE GS13
(24)	G019C GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS13
(25)	P003N ADC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS12
(26)	A021C AGENCY CONTROLLER I	1	GRADE GS12
(27)	G025C ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS12
(28)	G348C DOC CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS	1	GRADE GS12
(29)	T129C DOC CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER	1	GRADE GS12
(30)	G346C DOC POLICY ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
(31)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
(32)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS11
(33)	R013C AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	2	GRADE GS11
(34)	C112C ADC POLICY & RESEARCH COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
(35)	T015C DOC DEPUTY WARDEN	1	GRADE GS10
(36)	A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(37)	G222C DOC INTERNAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS09
(38)	T027C DOC TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS09
(39)	G342C DOC VICTIM/WITNESS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
(40)	E022C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(41)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(42)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09

(43)	R021C BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE GS08
(44)	T065C DOC CORRECTIONAL SERGEANT	2	GRADE GS08
(45)	T104C DOC TRAINING ACADEMY SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS08
(46)	A066C INTERNAL AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS08
(47)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	3	GRADE GS08
(48)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(49)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(50)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	2	GRADE GS07
(51)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
(52)	A081C AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS07
(53)	T075C DOC CORPORAL	1	GRADE GS07
(54)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
(55)	X053C INTERNAL AFFAIRS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
(56)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(57)	A063C RESEARCH & STATISTICS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
(58)	S011C ADC COMMODITY & FOOD SVC ADMR	1	GRADE GS06
(59)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	4	GRADE GS06
(60)	X133C DOC INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATOR	6	GRADE GS06
(61)	R030C EEO/GRIEVANCE OFFICER	1	GRADE GS06
(62)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS06
(63)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(64)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	3	GRADE GS06
(65)	T103C LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	11	GRADE GS06
(66)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(67)	M048C SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM LEADER	1	GRADE GS06
(68)	R033C BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
(69)	C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
(70)	V014C BUYER	5	GRADE GS05
(71)	V013C CENTRAL WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS MGR	1	GRADE GS05
(72)	M058C DOC PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
(73)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	9	GRADE GS05
(74)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE	5	GRADE GS05
(75)	R031C INSTITUTION HUMAN RESOURCES COORD	2	GRADE GS05
(76)	V015C PURCHASING SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS05
(77)	E051C STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS05
(78)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	9	GRADE GS04

(79)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	22	GRADE GS04
(80)	R038C HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS04
(81)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
(82)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS04
(83)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
(84)	V022C PURCHASING TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
(85)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE GS03
(86)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS02
(87)	V030C SHIPPING & RECEIVING CLERK	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS02
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	214	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Corrections - Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,662,894
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,404,211
(03) OVERTIME	100,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,858,565
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	210,408
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	250,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) MEDICAL CONTRACTS	<u>141,429,822</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$173,915,900</u>

SECTION 3. 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 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$34,800,000</u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	U035U	ADC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE04
(2)	U062U	ADC CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(3)	L001C	PSYCHOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE MP04
(4)	L097C	ADC PSYCHOLOGIST	11	GRADE MP03
(5)	L003C	PSYCHOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP03
(6)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE MP01
(7)	N039N	ADC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS15
(8)	N048N	ADC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
(9)	G014N	ADC COMPLIANCE ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
(10)	T001N	ADC SUPERINTENDENT	7	GRADE GS13
(11)	N120N	ADC FARM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
(12)	N136N	ADC HEALTH SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
(13)	N119N	ADC INDUSTRY ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
(14)	T005C	DOC CORRECTIONAL WARDEN	10	GRADE GS12
(15)	T109C	SEX OFFENDER COMM NOTIFCTN ASMNT ADMIN	1	GRADE GS12
(16)	G047C	ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS11
(17)	S108C	DOC CONSTRUCTION DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
(18)	T033C	DOC MAJOR	25	GRADE GS11
(19)	T048C	DOC CAPTAIN	55	GRADE GS10
(20)	T015C	DOC DEPUTY WARDEN	25	GRADE GS10
(21)	T006C	ADC HEAD FARM MANAGER II	3	GRADE GS09
(22)	T054C	DOC LIEUTENANT	159	GRADE GS09
(23)	E022C	EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09

(24)	B042C ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS09
(25)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(26)	M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	25	GRADE GS09
(27)	L033C PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	4	GRADE GS09
(28)	L041C ADC ASST MEDICAL PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(29)	S094C ADC CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE COORD	4	GRADE GS08
(30)	T021C ADC HEAD FARM MANAGER I	3	GRADE GS08
(31)	S010C ADC INDUSTRY PROGRAM MANAGER	7	GRADE GS08
(32)	M031C ADMINISTRATOR OF CHAPLAINCY SVCS	1	GRADE GS08
(33)	T065C DOC CORRECTIONAL SERGEANT	885	GRADE GS08
(34)	A066C INTERNAL AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS08
(35)	M088C LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER	7	GRADE GS08
(36)	M020C LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR	66	GRADE GS08
(37)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08
(38)	G121C REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	9	GRADE GS08
(39)	A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS08
(40)	G142C ADC CLASSIFICATION ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(41)	S096C ADC CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SUPERVISOR	15	GRADE GS07
(42)	G159C DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(43)	S019C DIRECTOR MAINTENANCE	10	GRADE GS07
(44)	T075C DOC CORPORAL	2,316	GRADE GS07
(45)	T059C DOC FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	20	GRADE GS07
(46)	G322C DOC INMATE GRIEVANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
(47)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
(48)	M026C LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE GS07
(49)	L052C REHAB FACILITY SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS07
(50)	M049C SENIOR CHAPLAIN	7	GRADE GS07
(51)	E041C SENIOR LIBRARIAN	1	GRADE GS07
(52)	M023C SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM COORD	4	GRADE GS07
(53)	B040C ADC AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
(54)	T040C ADC ASSISTANT HEAD FARM MANAGER	4	GRADE GS06
(55)	S095C ADC CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SPECIALIST	9	GRADE GS06
(56)	S027C ADC INDUSTRIAL SUPERVISOR II	19	GRADE GS06
(57)	S105C ADC INDUSTRY PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(58)	T039C ADC INMATE TRANSPORTATION COORD	1	GRADE GS06
(59)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	13	GRADE GS06

(60)	T053C AGRICULTURE UNIT SUPERVISOR II	31	GRADE GS06
(61)	M044C ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR	14	GRADE GS06
(62)	M057C CHAPLAIN	18	GRADE GS06
(63)	L058C DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
(64)	X133C DOC INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS06
(65)	G340C DOC ASST INMATE GRIEVANCE COORDINATOR	6	GRADE GS06
(66)	T070C DOC FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	86	GRADE GS06
(67)	C026C RECORDS/INTAKE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS06
(68)	T061C SENIOR IA	1	GRADE GS06
(69)	S016C SKILLED TRADES FOREMAN	1	GRADE GS06
(70)	S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
(71)	M048C SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM LEADER	45	GRADE GS06
(72)	T041C WORK RELEASE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS06
(73)	G216C ADC INMATE GRIEVANCE COORDINATOR	19	GRADE GS05
(74)	P044C ADC SALES REPRESENTATIVE	4	GRADE GS05
(75)	T071C ADC UNIT TRAINING SUPERVISOR	17	GRADE GS05
(76)	T058C AGRICULTURE UNIT SUPERVISOR I	3	GRADE GS05
(77)	C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	17	GRADE GS05
(78)	G215C CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS05
(79)	G200C CLASSIFICATION & ASSIGNMENT OFFICER	20	GRADE GS05
(80)	X128C CORRECTIONAL UNIT ACCREDITATION SPEC	12	GRADE GS05
(81)	X127C DISCIPLINARY HEARING OFFICER	5	GRADE GS05
(82)	T076C DOC ADMIN REVIEW OFFICER	6	GRADE GS05
(83)	M059C DOC ADVISOR	14	GRADE GS05
(84)	S026C DOC ASST MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	13	GRADE GS05
(85)	M058C DOC PROGRAM SPECIALIST	14	GRADE GS05
(86)	C024C DOC RECORDS SUPERVISOR	23	GRADE GS05
(87)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS05
(88)	R031C INSTITUTION HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR	15	GRADE GS05
(89)	V015C PURCHASING SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS05
(90)	M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	20	GRADE GS05
(91)	S043C ADC INDUSTRIAL SUPERVISOR I	7	GRADE GS04
(92)	T077C ADC MAILROOM SERVICES COORDINATOR	15	GRADE GS04
(93)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	35	GRADE GS04
(94)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	13	GRADE GS04
(95)	R038C HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT	22	GRADE GS04

(96)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
(97)	S051C INSTRUMENTATION TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
(98)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS04
(99)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
(100)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	24	GRADE GS04
(101)	V024C ADC PROPERTY OFFICER	2	GRADE GS03
(102)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	65	GRADE GS03
(103)	T081C COMMISSARY MANAGER	29	GRADE GS03
(104)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>102</u>	GRADE GS02
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	4,509	

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction for the 2025-2026 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: one hundred seventy (170) 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 6. 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 and operating expenses of the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction - Inmate Care & Custody for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$192,640,115
(02) EXTRA HELP	100,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	82,977,040
(04) OVERTIME	15,050,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	69,737,850
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	155,398

(C) PROF. FEES	655,724
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	749,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) JAIL CONTRACTS	1,533,000
(07) ENERGY SAVINGS & EFFICIENCIES	<u>1,431,465</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$365,029,592</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - INMATE WELFARE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction - Inmate Welfare Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$985,130
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	465,289
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	17,028,560
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	4,250,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$22,728,979</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - WORK RELEASE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, 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 debt service of the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction - Work Release Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$5,394,120
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	104,150
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,427,590
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) DEBT SERVICE	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,025,860</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - PRISON INDUSTRY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the Division of Correction Prison Industry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction - Prison Industry Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,351,787
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,091,660
(04) OVERTIME	8,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,905,213
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	41,280
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	850,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$12,357,940</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - FARM OPERATIONS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the Division of Correction Farm Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction - Farm Operations Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,871,466
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,307,018
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	12,900,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	53,010
(C) PROF. FEES	138,354
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) PURCHASE CATTLE/MEAT	<u>650,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$19,929,848</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - NON-TAX REVENUE RECEIPTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, 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 Corrections - Division of Correction - Non-Tax Revenue Receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,841,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	30,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) CONSTRUCTION	<u>1,870,200</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,741,200</u></u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - ADC SEX OFFENDER ASSESSMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the Sex and Child Offenders Registration Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction - ADC Sex Offender Assessment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$50,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	120,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$170,000</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - FIRE STATION - PROTECTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, 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 Corrections - Division of Correction - Fire Station - Protection for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PAWS IN PRISON. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, 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 Corrections - Division of Correction - Paws In Prison for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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NO.	2025-2026
(01) PAWS IN PRISON	<u>\$150,000</u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAL MONETARY SANCTIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for comprehensive inmate/offender health services of the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction - Medical Monetary Sanctions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) MEDICAL MONETARY SANCTIONS	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION WITHIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. The Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation between and/or among the various capital improvements/construction projects authorized by the General Assembly. Such transfers may be made only after approval by the Governor and after prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Such authorization shall in no way mean that the total amount of funds or appropriations for capital improvement/construction projects be greater than that provided by the General Assembly for the Department of Corrections.

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 Department of Corrections - Division of Correction may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections 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, ~~2024-2025~~ through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. Upon determination by the Board of Corrections, at the request of the Secretary of Corrections, that a reallocation of resources within the Division of Community Correction and Division of Correction is necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the ~~divisions~~ department, the Board, with approval of the Governor and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall have the authority to instruct the ~~division directors~~ Department Secretary, to request from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer of positions, programs, funds, appropriations, and line-item appropriations within or between existing and newly created divisions, offices, sections, or units of the ~~divisions~~ department. If it is determined that the requested transfer should be made, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall then initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect the transfers upon the fiscal records of the State Treasurer, the State Auditor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the Department of Corrections Divisions of Correction and Community Correction. Provided, however, that the ~~Board~~ Department Secretary shall be limited to submitting no more than two requests, encompassing a single purpose listed in this section, during any fiscal year per division. Transfer authority shall further be limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the total General Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding, and positions specific to each ~~agency~~ division, office, section, or unit from which funds are transferred. However, there shall be no fund transfers to or from the County Jail Reimbursement Fund. A Reallocation of Resources Transfer shall be limited to the following specific purposes:

- a) Costs to open and operate temporary beds;
- b) Payment of Debt Service;

- c) Payment of Overtime Expenses;
- d) Unanticipated increases for medical or private prison contracts;
- e) Construction/renovation/equipping of new beds;
- f) Deficits in Farm or Industry Program;
- g) Losses not covered by insurance proceeds;
- h) Costs of personnel for critical services necessary to carry out the mission of the agency.

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 Department of Corrections Divisions of Correction and ~~the Division of~~ Community Correction may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Board of Corrections authorizing broad powers under the Reallocation of Resources provisions herein. 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 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024-2025~~ through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HOLIDAY COMPENSATION. The Department of Corrections is authorized to pay employees for hours of unused holidays in the employee's holiday account. Payments of unused Holiday hours must be processed on or before June 1st in each fiscal year. Employees terminating employment from the Department of Corrections will be eligible for all holiday pay accrued. This request is contingent on approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State after the Secretary of the Department of Corrections has verified that sufficient revenues are available

to make such payments to employees who have served in the following classifications, with the exception that those employees wishing to accrue banked hours be allowed the option to bank unused holiday hours in the employee's holiday account, not to exceed one-hundred fifty (150) hours:

Class

<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>
T033C	ADC/DCC MAJOR	GRADE GS09
T048C	ADC/DCC CAPTAIN	GRADE GS08
T054C	ADC/DCC LIEUTENANT	GRADE GS07
T059C	ADC/DCC FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	GRADE GS07
T065C	ADC/DCC CORRECTIONAL SERGEANT	GRADE GS06
T070C	ADC/DCC FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	GRADE GS06
T075C	ADC/DCC CORPORAL	GRADE GS05
T083C	ADC/DCC CORRECTIONAL OFFICER I	GRADE GS04

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION REPORT. The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall prepare and submit to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee a report reflecting the amount of appropriation and funding necessary for the Department of Corrections to sufficiently budget for the expenditure of payments to employees for all Holiday Liability, GAP Time Liability, Overtime, and Hazardous Duty Compensation incurred, including the current balances of said liabilities. This report shall be included in the summary budget information manual submitted during the biennial budget process.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT FUND YEAR-END FUND BALANCE CARRY FORWARD. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to the transfer of year-end fund balances or any law to

the contrary, any funds which remain in the County Jail Reimbursement Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the County Jail Reimbursement Fund and made available to fund appropriations authorized by law payable from the County Jail Reimbursement Fund for the following fiscal year.

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

- (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;
- (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;
- (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a 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, ~~2024-2025~~ through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the sale of feeder cattle by the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction shall be deposited into the State Treasury as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation

available to the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction for the "Purchase Cattle/Meat" line item.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. USE OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION APPROPRIATION AND SALVAGED MATERIALS CONSTRUCTION. The Department of Corrections - Division of Correction is hereby authorized to utilize Maintenance and General Operation Appropriation in conjunction with surplus and/or salvageable materials for the purpose of implementing construction projects to benefit the Department and its various programs. Before such projects may be undertaken, a Method of Finance must be submitted for prior review and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, and review and approval by the Department of Finance and Administration and the Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

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 Department of Corrections - Division of Correction may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL REVENUE/CASH FUNDS TRANSFER. The Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer funds from various Special Revenue and Cash Funds into the Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account in order to adjust to the budget needs upon prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee and approval of the Board of Corrections and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

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 Department of Corrections may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. NEW FACILITIES. If it is found that contracting for the operation of new facilities is economically beneficial to the State of Arkansas, the Department of Corrections may, after receiving approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer, and seeking prior review and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, transfer from any line item appropriation contained in the Inmate Care & Custody appropriation of this Act into the Professional Fees and Services line item contained in the Inmate Care &

Custody appropriation of this Act to operate new facilities.

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 Department of Corrections may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING. The Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between any line items authorized herein but only for the purpose of financing construction or equipment for a facility of the department. Any transfers authorized by this section shall require the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State after prior review and approval by the 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 Department of Corrections may operate more

efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION AND FUNDS TO THE COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT FUND. If any savings of general revenue appropriation and funds accrue during the ~~2024-~~ ~~2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year in the operations of the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction & Community Correction, the Secretary of the Department of Corrections may request a transfer of appropriation and funds from any line item appropriation to the County Jail Reimbursement Fund in order to meet obligations to counties for housing state inmates. Such transfer request shall be made upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior review and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF FUNDS. The Arkansas Department of Corrections shall provide funding each year in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney who will be assigned to handle the prosecution of offenses occurring at the Arkansas Department of Corrections. Upon request by the Auditor of the State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from an account designated by the Secretary of the Department of Corrections to the State Central Services Fund as a direct revenue to fund a

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney who will be assigned to handle the prosecution of offenses occurring at the Arkansas Department of Corrections.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 28. 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 account 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 Corrections.

(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, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD - GENERAL REVENUE YEAR END FUND BALANCE. (a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the Division of Correction Fund Account on June 30, 2026 into a sub-fund created within the Division of Correction Fund Account to be used for County Jail Reimbursement or maintenance needs within the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction. The balance of General Revenue in the sub-fund of the Division of Correction Fund Account at the beginning of any fiscal year shall not exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000). For this reason, any general revenue which would cause the balance of sub-fund of the Division of Correction Fund Account to exceed five

million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be reclaimed by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to the same procedures as other general revenue recapture.

(b) Any carry forward of the unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency, board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward, the program name or line item and the funding source; and

(2) The Department of Corrections - Division of Correction shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both; and

(3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the budget manuals.

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

SECTION 30. 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 31. 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 32. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of 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, 2025 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, 2025.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee