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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1176

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 - DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management 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)	U013U	ADEM DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	D043C	ADEM INFO TECHNOLOGY DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT08
(3)	D014C	STATE SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT08
(4)	D122C	IT PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT07



(5)	D016C SENIOR TECHNOLOGY ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(6)	D068C INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	2	GRADE IT04
(7)	D065C NETWORK SUPPORT ANALYST	4	GRADE IT04
(8)	D084C COMPUTER OPERATOR	1	GRADE IT02
(9)	G350C ADEM SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
(10)	G055C ADEM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS12
(11)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
(12)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
(13)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(14)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	3	GRADE GS09
(15)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(16)	G140C ADEM PROGRAM MANAGER	8	GRADE GS08
(17)	E026C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08
(18)	V002C FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
(19)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(20)	V004C PROCUREMENT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(21)	G157C ADEM AREA COORDINATOR	7	GRADE GS07
(22)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
(23)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
(24)	A075C FINANCIAL ANALYST I	1	GRADE GS07
(25)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	6	GRADE GS07
(26)	A063C RESEARCH & STATISTICS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
(27)	G175C ADEM PROGRAM COORDINATOR	8	GRADE GS06
(28)	C120C ADEM SR EMERGENCY MGMT DUTY OFFICER	8	GRADE GS06
(29)	R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(30)	G208C EMERGENCY PLANNER	5	GRADE GS06
(31)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	4	GRADE GS06
(32)	G214C GRANTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(33)	G204C PLANNING SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
(34)	T061C SENIOR IA	1	GRADE GS06
(35)	D074C TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
(36)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS06
(37)	C038C ADEM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DUTY OFFICER	1	GRADE GS05
(38)	S025C BUILDING AND GROUNDS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS05
(39)	V014C BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
(40)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	5	GRADE GS05

(41)	S034C INTERSTATE TRUCK DRIVER	3	GRADE GS05
(42)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	5	GRADE GS04
(43)	T079C FACILITY MANAGER II	1	GRADE GS04
(44)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
(45)	V021C SURPLUS PROPERTY AGENT	3	GRADE GS04
(46)	V019C SURPLUS PROPERTY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
(47)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	GRADE GS03
(48)	S050C MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	112	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management 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: twenty-eight (28) 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 Public Safety, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,773,772
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,103,636
(03) OVERTIME	10,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	490,306
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,377,714</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and First Responder and Homeland Security Grants and Aid of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$538,725
(02) EXTRA HELP	156,438
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	226,507
(04) OVERTIME	5,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,155,207
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) GRANTS / AID - FIRST RESPONDER & HOMELAND SECURITY	<u>10,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$12,281,877</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DISASTER RELIEF GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and Disaster Relief Grants and Aid of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Disaster Relief Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
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(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$536,763
(02)	EXTRA HELP	625,751
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	305,243
(04)	OVERTIME	175,000
(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	120,850
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	234,500
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06)	GRANTS/AID DISASTER RELIEF	<u>436,491,222</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$438,519,329</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Office of Hazardous Materials Emergency Management Revolving Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and Hazardous Materials Management Grants and Aid of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Hazardous Materials for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR	
NO.	2025-2026	
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$176,152
(02)	EXTRA HELP	32,176
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	79,014
(04)	OVERTIME	5,000
(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	280,438
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	82,792
	(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06)	GRANTS/AID - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT	<u>10,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$690,572</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - DISASTER RELIEF TRUST. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Arkansas Disaster Relief Program Trust Fund, for assistance to victims of state or federally declared disasters of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Disaster Relief Trust for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) GRANTS/AID - DISASTER RELIEF	<u>\$639,365</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, 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 Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Radiological Emergency Response Grants 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	\$20,500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	19,500
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$40,000</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, 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 Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Emergency Operations Center - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) EOC EXPENSES	<u>\$207,440</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Federal Surplus Property Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Federal Surplus Property Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$669,627
(02) EXTRA HELP	6,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	284,197
(04) OVERTIME	30,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,092,031
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
(C) PROF. FEES	15,263
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,112,118</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS 911 RURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, 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, operating expenses and Enhancement Grants and Aid of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
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(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$94,061
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	30,227
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	937,636
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) ENHANCEMENT GRANTS	<u>2,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,071,924</u></u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - IMMEDIATE DISASTER RESPONSE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management, to be payable from the Immediate Disaster Response Fund, for immediate expenses related to disaster response requests for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) IMMEDIATE DISASTER RESPONSE	<u><u>\$200,000</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS PUBLIC SAFETY TRUST. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management, to be payable from the Arkansas Public Safety Trust Fund, for disbursements related to costs that enhance, operate, and maintain 911 services in the State of Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REFUNDS/INVESTMENTS/TRANSFERS	<u><u>\$75,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS PUBLIC SAFETY TRUST FUND ADMINISTRATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for administrative

expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Arkansas Public Safety Trust Fund Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) ARKANSAS PUBLIC SAFETY TRUST FUND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	<u>\$168,000</u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Arkansas Wireless Information Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK EXPENSES	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Arkansas Wireless Information Network for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$477,441
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	167,973
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,801,925
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000

(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,452,339</u></u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - LEVEE MITIGATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses related to levee mitigation efforts throughout the State of Arkansas of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Levee Mitigation - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) LEVEE MITIGATION PROGRAM	<u><u>\$3,246</u></u>

SECTION 18. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Office of Fire Protection Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(1)	X224C STATE FIRE MARSHALL	1	GRADE GS12
(2)	B021C LICENSED ARCHITECT	1	GRADE GS09
(3)	X227C ADEM FIRE MARSHALL INSPECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
(4)	S024C CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE COORD	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5	

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Fire Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Office

of Fire Protection Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$261,744
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	131,295
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	29,423
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	150
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) FIRE SERVICES TRANSFER	<u>1,600,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,022,612</u></u>

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for miscellaneous grants and expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Fire Protection Services Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	<u><u>\$30,000</u></u>

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, 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.