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HOUSE BILL 1202

By: Joint Budget Committee

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS AND EXPENSES AND VARIOUS AGENCY TRANSFERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STATE'S CONTRIBUTIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for disbursements for Arkansas' contribution to various interstate organizations by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01)	ASSOCIATION OF RACING COMMISSIONERS	\$21,000
(02)	COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENT	183,000
(03)	DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY	235,000



(04)	FEDERATION OF TAX ADMINISTRATORS	23,500
(05)	INTERSTATE MINING COMPACT	18,890
(06)	LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMPACT	5,000
(07)	MULTI-STATE TAX COMMISSION	318,300
(08)	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL	90,000
(09)	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BUDGET OFFICERS	24,500
(10)	NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS	158,000
(11)	NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS	20,000
(12)	NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES	197,000
(13)	NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS	60,000
(14)	NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION	90,000
(15)	SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD	226,000
(16)	SOUTHERN STATES ENERGY BOARD	32,000
(17)	STATE AND LOCAL LEGAL CENTER	6,900
(18)	THE ENERGY COUNCIL	<u>38,400</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,747,490</u></u>

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - MISCELLANEOUS TRANSFERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous State Treasury Funds, for providing constitutional officers and various state agencies with supplemental appropriations by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR	
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	
(01)	REFUND TO EXPENDITURES	\$1,000,000
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES EXTRA HELP	3,500,000
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES OVERTIME	10,000,000
(04)	PERSONAL SERVICES STIPENDS	550,000
(05)	PERSONAL SERVICES-PAYPLAN ADJUSTMENT	<u>88,500,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$103,550,000</u></u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS AND EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for miscellaneous

grants and expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) AGA/VOCATIONAL PROGRAM CERTIFICATION EXPENSES	\$10,000
(02) BABY SHARON'S CHILDREN'S CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS GRANT PROGRAM	50,000
(03) INTERSTATE PLANNING GRANTS	90,000
(04) INTRASTATE METRO PLANNING GRANTS	90,000
(05) MID-AMERICA MUSEUM GRANT	25,000
(06) MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY GRANT	25,000
(07) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	360,000
(08) PUBLIC DEFENDER REIMBURSEMENT	34,372
(09) INNOVATION & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	229,034
(10) MORGAN NICK FOUNDATION	<u>400,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,313,406</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FIREMEN'S AND POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION AND RELIEF FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Firemen's and Police Officers' Pension and Relief Fund, for payment of Firemen's and Police Officers' Pension and Relief Fund taxes for municipal fire and police relief and pension funds by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS	<u><u>\$75,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from any unanticipated Miscellaneous Federal Program Funds received by the State of Arkansas or any of its agencies which are deposited into the State Treasury, for transfer to state

agencies as provided by law for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANTS	\$2,000,000,000
(02) MISCELLANEOUS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS	<u>100,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,100,000,000</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - DISASTER ASSISTANCE GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Disaster Assistance Fund, for provision of disaster grants as authorized by the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 and for complying with the Arkansas Emergency Services Act of 1973 (Arkansas Code 12-75-101 et seq.) by the Office of Emergency Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) DISASTER ASSISTANCE GRANTS	<u>\$16,250,000</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, for paying unemployment compensation claims in accordance with the Employment Security Amendments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - MARKETING AND REDISTRIBUTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Property Sales Holding Fund, for

state agencies, counties, municipalities or other local governmental units for expending or disbursing the net proceeds from property sold through the Marketing and Redistribution Division of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MARKETING AND REDISTRIBUTION PROGRAM	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CHILD ABUSE/ RAPE/ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

CONTRACT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services reimbursement and expenses of the Child Abuse/ Rape/ Domestic Violence Section of the University of Arkansas - Medical Sciences by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT AND EXPENSES	<u>\$363,767</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CHILD WELFARE RESTRUCTURING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for payment of contractual services by the Child Abuse/ Rape/ Domestic Violence Section of the University of Arkansas - Medical Sciences to assist multi-disciplinary task coordinators throughout the state to review and process child abuse complaints for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u>\$274,400</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - INFORMATION NETWORK OF ARKANSAS. There is

hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Information Network of Arkansas Fund, for operating expenses of the Information Network of Arkansas and other state government technology initiatives approved by the Information Network of Arkansas Board by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the State Administration of Justice Fund, for distribution to state programs and agencies and reimbursement/ refunds to state, cities and counties of court costs and filing fees remitted by the cities and counties by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) STATE AGENCIES DISTRIBUTION	\$20,000,030
(02) REFUNDS-STATE/COUNTY/CITY	<u>1,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$21,000,030</u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Arkansas Counties Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Crime Prevention Program Fund, for grants to the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association to be used for the establishment and operation of crime prevention and alcohol and drug abuse programs and for a grant to the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association to study ways to improve the administration of sheriffs' offices and developing and improving educational programs in Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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NO.	2025-2026
(01) ARKANSAS SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	<u>\$450,000</u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Special State Assets Forfeiture Fund, for the purpose as defined by Arkansas Code § 5-64-505 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) DRUG ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION, TREATMENT AND RELATED PURPOSES	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - BABY SHARON ACT GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Baby Sharon's Children's Catastrophic Illness Grant Program Trust Fund, for grants to the Baby Sharon's Children's Catastrophic Illness Grant Program Committee to assist with the medical expenses incurred by families of children with catastrophic illnesses or injuries by awarding grants to the families who are liable for the medical expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) "BABY SHARON ACT" GRANTS	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - ORGAN DONATION EDUCATION GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Organ Donation Trust Fund, for grant funds to the Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency, or its successor agency, to be used for educational or informational materials and other related costs to inform and educate the public about organ donations and organ donation awareness for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) ORGAN DONATION EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>\$25,000</u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - STATE EMPLOYEES BLANKET BOND PROGRAM.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of blanket surety bond premiums for 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) SURETY BOND PREMIUMS STATE EMPLOYEES	<u>\$250,000</u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BLANKET BOND PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the County Aid Fund, for payment of blanket surety bond premiums for those counties participating in the County Public Employees Blanket Bond Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) SURETY BOND PREMIUMS COUNTY EMPLOYEES	<u>\$500,000</u>

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - MUNICIPAL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BLANKET BOND PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Municipal Aid Fund, for payment of blanket surety bond premiums for those municipalities participating in the Municipal Public Employees Blanket Bond Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) SURETY BOND PREMIUMS MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES	<u>\$500,000</u>

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES BLANKET BOND PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account, for payment of blanket surety bond premiums for those school districts participating in the Public School Employees Blanket Bond Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) SURETY BOND PREMIUMS PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES	<u>\$250,000</u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES - ADDITIONAL FUNDING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Fire Protection Premium Tax Fund, for additional funding of Arkansas fire departments as provided in Arkansas Code beginning at 26-57-611 and including 26-57-614 and 14-284-101 et seq. by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) PAYMENTS TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS	<u>\$25,000,000</u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - WORK FORCE 2000. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund, for additional support for vocational technical education and institutions of higher education by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) TECHNICAL COLLEGES ACCREDITATION	\$30,000,000

(02) VO-TECH ACCREDITATION	<u>5,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$35,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Juvenile Detention Facilities Operating Fund, for grants for operating expenses of local juvenile detention facilities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES OPERATING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - PURCHASE OF VEHICLES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Motor Vehicle Acquisition Revolving Fund, for purchase of vehicles as provided by Arkansas Code 22-8-201 by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) PURCHASE OF VEHICLES	<u><u>\$15,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for miscellaneous grants to Children's Hospital by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BURN CENTER	\$1,000,000
(02) CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL INTENSIVE CARE	1,233,600
(03) CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PAYMENTS	700,000

(04) CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL REPRODUCTIVE	
HEALTH MONITORING	<u>600,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,533,600</u></u>

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - DFA - DISBURSING - MISCELLANEOUS - CASH - TRANSFERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for disbursement of cash funds collected on behalf of state agencies for transfer to those agencies as necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) VARIOUS EXPENSES	<u><u>\$2,500,000</u></u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from various state agency cash funds, for providing various state agencies with appropriations for cash funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CASH APPROPRIATION-VARIOUS AGENCIES	\$350,000,000
(02) PAYPLAN ADJUSTMENT-VARIOUS AGENCIES	<u>10,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$360,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC LEGAL AID. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Public Legal Aid Fund, for providing grants to Legal Aid of Arkansas and the Center for Arkansas Legal Services for providing financial support for public legal aid organizations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) GRANTS AND AID-LEGAL AID OF ARKANSAS AND THE CENTER FOR ARKANSAS LEGAL SERVICES	<u>\$641,574</u>

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - PROSTATE CANCER. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants to the Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation for cancer detection and research for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026</u>
(01) AR PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION GRANT-CANCER DETECTION AND RESEARCH	<u>\$197,750</u>

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL DRUG CRIME TASK FORCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Drug Crime Enforcement and Prosecution Grant Fund, for State Drug Crime Enforcement and Prosecution grant awards, operating and administrative expenses of the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Crime Task Force for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026</u>
(01) STATE DRUG CRIME ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION GRANT AWARDS	\$5,000,000
(02) OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	<u>500,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$5,500,000</u>

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES MEDICAL MARIJUANA IMPLEMENTATION AND REGULATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from various state and federal balances, for providing various state agencies with appropriations to cover anticipated and unanticipated expenses resulting

from the implementation and regulation of medical marijuana for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MEDICAL MARIJUANA IMPLEMENTATION AND REGULATION-VARIOUS AGENCIES	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - VARIOUS TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR STATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous State Treasury Funds, for providing various state agencies and institutions with additional appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - VARIOUS AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS	<u>\$350,000,000</u>

SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS AGRICULTURAL MARKETING GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Arkansas Agricultural Marketing Grants Fund, for grants to wineries as provided by Arkansas Code 3-5-901 et seq., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) ARKANSAS AGRICULTURAL MARKETING GRANTS	<u>\$600,000</u>

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - C.A.R.E.S. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from various funds, for providing various state agencies, constitutional offices, and institutions with additional appropriation for expenses associated with providing emergency assistance and health care response for those affected by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic, for the fiscal

year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) C.A.R.E.S. APPROPRIATION	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from various funds, for providing various state agencies, constitutional offices, and institutions with appropriation for any expenses associated with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) FEDERAL FUNDS AWARDED DIRECTLY TO AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, CITIES AND COUNTIES	\$2,000,000,000
(02) FEDERAL FUNDS AWARDED TO AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, CITIES, AND COUNTIES	<u>1,000,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,000,000,000</u>

SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from various funds, for providing various state agencies, constitutional offices, and institutions with appropriation for any expenses associated with the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) FEDERAL FUNDS AWARDED TO AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, CITIES AND COUNTIES	<u>\$3,500,000,000</u>

SECTION 37. 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, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

SECTION 38. 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, prescribes, 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) Each fiscal year the Department of Finance and Administration shall file with the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, a report summarizing the amount of all funding given to each Pregnancy Help Organization and the purpose of the funds awarded to each Pregnancy Help Organization.

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

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROCEDURES - APPROPRIATION - INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021.

(i) All appropriation and expenditures for funding received for the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 shall be expended using the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 appropriation sections as authorized in this Act.

(ii) Any state agency, constitutional office, or institution shall request a transfer of appropriation, as provided in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 appropriation sections of this Act, from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, stating clearly the amount requested, purpose and any

additional information requested by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(iii) After reviewing a request, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may deny, modify or approve the request based on the estimated amount of appropriation needed and currently available, purpose, estimated funding available and preferred spending priority. Upon approval or modification of a request by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after meeting the requirements of subsection (iv) herein, the Department of Finance and Administration shall establish the transfer of appropriation on the books of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor, in compliance with the applicable classifications of appropriations as enumerated in Arkansas Code 19-4-521 through 19-4-525.

(iv) Any request approved as authorized in subsection (iii) herein, including requests that establish a new commitment item or new appropriation shall require prior approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee during a regular session, fiscal session, or extraordinary session of the General Assembly.

~~(v) Any Oversight and/or Steering Committee charged with overseeing disbursement of funds and appropriation from funds received from the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 appropriation sections of this Act shall coordinate with the Department of Finance and Administration as needed to facilitate the approval requirements herein in a timely manner.~~

(vi) Any appropriation approved in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 by the General Assembly shall only be used for:

1) The purpose and amount of planned expenditures as submitted for approval to the General Assembly and,

2) In the event that expenditures or obligations do not fully expend approved appropriation authority as authorized in this section, the excess appropriation may not be utilized for any additional expenditures other than the amount and purpose as submitted to and approved by the General Assembly.

(vii) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall submit a monthly report to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee during a regular session, fiscal session, or extraordinary session of the General Assembly or to a designated subcommittee listing all Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 beginning balance of funds received, each appropriation approved as authorized in subsection (v) herein with the date the appropriation is established, state entity, purpose, amount, funding distributed, and

remaining balance.

(viii) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s). Further, the General Assembly has determined that a state agency, constitutional office, or institution may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the state agency, constitutional office, or institution 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 for approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROCEDURES - APPROPRIATION - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021. (i) All appropriation and expenditures for funding received for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall be expended using the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Appropriation Sections as authorized in this Act.

(ii) Any state agency, constitutional office, or institution shall request a transfer of appropriation, as provided in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Appropriation Sections of this Act, from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, stating clearly the amount requested, purpose and any additional information requested by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(iii) After reviewing a request, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may deny, modify or approve the request based on the estimated amount of appropriation needed and currently available, purpose, estimated funding available and preferred spending priority. Upon approval or modification of a request by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after meeting the requirements of subsection (iv) herein, the Department of Finance and Administration shall establish the transfer of appropriation on the books of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor, in compliance with the applicable classifications of appropriations as

enumerated in Arkansas Code 19-4-521 through 19-4-525.

(iv) Any request approved as authorized in subsection (iii) herein, including requests that establish a new commitment item or new appropriation shall require prior approval by the Legislative Council during the extended recess, beginning on May 1, 2021, of the 2021 Regular Session or during the interim, or the Joint Budget Committee during a regular session, fiscal session, or extraordinary session of the General Assembly.

~~(v) Any Oversight and/or Steering Committee charged with overseeing disbursement of funds and appropriation from funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Appropriation Sections of this Act shall coordinate with the Department of Finance and Administration as needed to facilitate the approval requirements herein in a timely manner.~~

(vi) Any appropriation approved in the American Rescue Plan of 2021 by the General Assembly shall only be used for:

(1) The purpose and amount of planned expenditures as submitted for approval to the General Assembly and,

(2) In the event that expenditures or obligations do not fully expend approved appropriation authority as authorized in this section, the excess appropriation may not be utilized for any additional expenditures other than the amount and purpose as submitted to and approved by the General Assembly.

(vii) It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds received from the American Rescue Plan of 2021 that are discretionary or are not required to be spent for a different general or specific purpose may be considered to be utilized to pay off existing debt service. The parameters for the selection of debt service payments may consider the highest interest rate owed and with priority given to the payment of Big River Steel General Obligations bonds and GARVEE Department of Transportation bonds.

*(viii) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall submit a ~~monthly~~ report biannually, July 15th and January 15th, to the Legislative Council ~~during the extended recess, beginning on May 1, 2021, of the 2021 Regular Session or during the interim~~, or the Joint Budget Committee during a regular session, fiscal session, or extraordinary session of the General Assembly or to a designated subcommittee listing all American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 beginning balance of funds received, each appropriation approved ~~as authorized in subsection (v)~~ herein with the date the appropriation is established, state entity, purpose, amount, funding distributed, and*

remaining balance. A final report shall be filed six months after the last expenditure and the report shall be sunset.

(ix) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s). Further, the General Assembly has determined that a state agency, constitutional office, or institution may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the state agency, constitutional office, or institution 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 or approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROCEDURES - APPROPRIATION - C.A.R.E.S. (i) In the event that sufficient appropriation is not provided by the General Assembly, any state agency, constitutional office, or institution may request a transfer of appropriation, as provided in the C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation Section of this Act, from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, stating clearly the amount requested, purpose and any additional information requested by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(ii) After reviewing a request, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may deny, modify or approve the request based on the estimated amount of appropriation needed and currently available, purpose, estimated funding available and preferred spending priority. Upon approval or modification of a request by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after meeting the requirements of subsection (iii) herein, the Department of Finance and Administration shall establish the transfer of appropriation on the books of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor, in compliance with the applicable classifications of appropriations as enumerated in Arkansas Code 19-

4-521 through 19-4-525.

(iii) Any request approved as authorized in subsection (ii) herein, including requests that establish a new commitment item or new appropriation shall require prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or if meeting in Regular or Fiscal Session the Joint Budget Committee.

(iv) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s). Further, the General Assembly has determined that a state agency, constitutional office, or institution may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the state agency, constitutional office, or institution 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 or 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 from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CLASSIFICATION AND USE OF APPROPRIATIONS. The appropriations authorized in the Marketing and Redistribution Section, hereof which are transferred to the various agencies, as authorized in the Transfer Provision - Marketing and Redistribution Section hereof, are to be used for the maintenance and general operation of the benefiting agency and shall only be expended under the provisions cited in Arkansas Code § 19-4-522, the same being the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law of Arkansas. Provided, however, no appropriation authorized herein shall be expended for Conference and Travel Expenses or Professional Fees and Services.

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

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION - MARKETING AND REDISTRIBUTION. The Department of Finance and Administration shall, upon transfer to the agencies or institutions fund or fund account of the proceeds derived from disposal of property by the Marketing and Redistribution division for the benefit of various agencies, transfer appropriation, as provided in the Marketing and Redistribution Section, hereof in such amount as funds are deposited into the Property Sales Holding Fund and transferred therefrom for the benefit of such agencies.

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

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RESTRICTIONS - MISCELLANEOUS TRANSFERS. Nothing in this Act is to be construed as an authority to transfer a like amount of current general revenues to fund appropriations provided for in the Miscellaneous Transfers Section of this Act.

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

SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RESTRICTIONS - TRANSFER PROVISIONS. The Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer appropriation as provided in the Refund to Expenditures line item of the Miscellaneous Transfers Section, hereof in such amounts as funds are deposited into the State Treasury or financial institutions for proceeds received from insurance policies for casualty losses, overpayment of obligations, overpayment of salaries, over-allocation of federal assistance, maturity or redemption of investments, and subrogation payments received for workers' compensation claims paid, for the benefit of various state agencies. Provided, however, that the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is hereby authorized to promulgate such rules, regulations, procedures, and guidelines as he or she may deem necessary and proper in order to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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

SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROCEDURES - PERSONAL SERVICES OVERTIME. In the event that there is not sufficient appropriation provided for by the General Assembly for overtime compensation pursuant to Arkansas Code § 19-4-1612 and related personal services matching for any state agency for the period ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, said agency shall request a transfer from appropriations provided for Overtime in the Miscellaneous Transfers Section, herein, from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, stating clearly the amount required. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and after seeking prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the State Auditor shall be notified as to the amount and the purposes for which said appropriation is to be made. The appropriation shall be established upon the books of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor. Provided, further, that if desired, said appropriation shall be supplemental to those regularly appropriated for such purposes by the General Assembly for that agency.

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

SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CLASSIFICATION AND USE OF APPROPRIATIONS - REFUND TO EXPENDITURES. The appropriations authorized for Refund to Expenditures in the Miscellaneous Transfers Section, hereof which are transferred to the various agencies as authorized by the RESTRICTIONS - MISCELLANEOUS TRANSFERS and the RESTRICTIONS - TRANSFER POSITIONS Sections hereof are to be used for the same purposes and shall be expended under the same provisions as cited in Arkansas Code §§ 19-4-501 through 19-4-527, the same being the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law of Arkansas, or its successor.

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

SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER

PROCEDURES - CASH FUNDS. In the event that the appropriation is not provided by the General Assembly for Cash Fund expenditures for any state agency, pursuant to Arkansas Code § 19-4-801 et seq., said agency shall request a transfer of appropriation from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, stating clearly the amount required. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and after seeking prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, said cash fund appropriations shall be established upon the books of the Department of Finance and Administration, provided further, that upon request of the state agency and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the requested appropriations may be established upon the books of the Department of Finance and Administration in compliance with the applicable classifications of appropriations as enumerated in Arkansas Code §§ 19-4-521 through 19-4-527.

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

SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS. The appropriations provided in the Various State Agencies - Cash Section herein shall not be used to establish spending authority for new or unanticipated Federal Funds or Programs as defined by the provisions of the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Programs Act, Arkansas Code § 19-7-501 et seq., and the provisions of the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Act, Arkansas Code § 19-4-101 et seq., or its successor. Funds subject to the above mentioned acts shall be deposited in the State Treasury.

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

SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES. No provisions as provided in the Various State Agencies - Cash Section herein shall be interpreted as the authority to create or establish new positions in addition to the positions established in the agency's Appropriation Act. In addition, salaries paid from appropriations transferred herein shall be subject to the provision of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions

Act.

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

SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ~~TRANSFER PROCEDURES - PERSONAL SERVICES AND REGULAR SALARIES~~. In the event that the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State determines that the General Assembly has not provided sufficient appropriation for the payment of Personal Services for any office of an elected Constitutional Officer, including the Bureau of Legislative Research, Division of Legislative Audit or the Judicial Department, any state agency, office, board, commission, institution or institution of higher education due to the enactment of this Act or any other Act approved by the General Assembly which raises the compensation level or required benefit matching costs of state employees, the agency, office, board, commission, institution of higher education or other institution may request a transfer from the appropriation provided herein from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Such request shall clearly state the amount required, the fund or fund account from which the employees are currently being paid, and such other information as may be required by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that he or she deems necessary to make a decision regarding the request. Upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon review by the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee or upon processing the request for elected Constitutional Officers and their employees by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the State Auditor shall be notified as to the amount and the purposes for which said appropriation is to be made. In the event that appropriation for the payment of Personal Services is not sufficient for the last payroll of the fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may approve any transfers on an emergency basis and provide a report to the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. The appropriation shall then be added to the proper account on the books of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor payable from the fund or fund account from which the employees of the state agency, office, board, commission, institution of higher education or other

institution are authorized to be paid by law.—~~Such appropriation transfers shall be limited to Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching or both.~~

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

SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING TRANSFER - PERFORMANCE FUND. Funding of compensation increases provided by the General Assembly in the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, and funding for the appropriation transfers authorized by the TRANSFER PROCEDURES - ~~PERSONAL SERVICES AND REGULAR SALARIES~~ Section of this Act for those state agencies, offices, boards, commissions, institutions and state institutions of higher education which are supported in whole or in part from general revenues shall, if required, be provided for by a transfer from the Performance Fund to the proper fund or fund account and in such amounts as may be determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and upon review by the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. The state agencies, offices, boards, commissions, institutions and state institutions of higher education shall, in addition to the funds provided in this section for Personal Services from the Performance Fund, make available any funding generated from its salary savings for such purposes as provided for herein, from the funds or fund accounts as prescribed by law.

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

SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PUBLIC DEFENDER. The appropriation provided in the Public Defender Reimbursement line item of the Miscellaneous Grants and Expenses Section herein shall be expended only for the purpose of reimbursing the Public Defender of Pulaski County to provide defense for the mentally ill.

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

SECTION 54. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION. A lump sum monthly installment of at least one-twelfth (1/12) of the annual allocation provided for in the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association Section of this Act, or so much thereof as may be made available, shall be provided to the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association to be used exclusively for the establishment and operation of crime prevention and alcohol and drug abuse programs and for a grant to the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association to study ways to improve the administration of sheriffs' offices and developing and improving education programs designed for sheriffs' offices in Arkansas.

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

SECTION 55. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

DISTRIBUTION OF ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE FUNDS. In the event that the fund balance in the Administration of Justice Fund is inadequate to fund the monthly allocation to State Agencies, the funds will be distributed as follows:

(a) The available revenue and remaining State Administration of Justice Fund balance shall be distributed first to fully fund the monthly allocations found in the ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS Section of this Act for:

(1) the Administrative Office of the Courts to fund the State Central Services Fund for Trial Court Administrators,  
(2) the District Judges Association for the District Court Coordinator,  
and

(3) Administrative Office of the Courts to fund State Central Services Fund for Court Reporters.

(b) The total funds remaining in the State Administration of Justice Fund after the monthly distribution is made under subdivision (a) of this section shall be distributed to the remaining state programs and state agencies listed in the ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS Section of this Act but not listed in subdivision (a) of this section shall be funded in the percentage of the total funds available in the Administration of Justice Fund; that is if less than 100% of the total monthly allocation is available for distribution, monthly allocations for the remaining agencies will be funded at an equal percentage consistent with the remaining available funds, provided that any

of the allocations listed in the ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS Section that have been fully pledged prior to January 1, 2001 to the repayment of a bond issue or bond issues shall not be reduced below the amount listed in the ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS Section of this Act. Any shortage from one month will be adjusted in future months' payments as funds become available.

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

SECTION 56. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS. There is hereby allocated to state programs and agencies, as set out herein, the following allocations of funds appropriated for State Agencies Distribution Item in the Administration of Justice Fund Section, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, there to be used as provided by law.

Item No.	Maximum Allocation Fiscal Years <del>2024-2025</del> <u>2025-2026</u>
(1) Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas for the purpose and as regulated by §§ 6-64-604 through 6-64-606	<del>\$2,687,619</del> <u>\$2,754,647</u>
(2) Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund for use in the Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program of the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention	342,000
(3) Highway Safety Special Fund for programs of the Arkansas Highway Safety Program within DHS	1,324,795
(4) Division of Arkansas State Police for the State Police Retirement Fund	1,499,256
(5) Division of Arkansas State Police Fund	400,000
(6) Crime Victims/Reparations Revolving Fund for the purpose and as regulated by Arkansas Code Annotated § 16-90-701 et seq.	2,089,723
(7) Prosecutor Coordinator's Office for deposit in the Law Enforcement and	

Prosecutor Drug Enforcement Training Fund	70,660
(8) Crime Information System Fund	98,064
(9) Justice Building Construction Fund	990,000
(10) District Court Judge and the District Court Clerk Education Fund	100,000
(11) Arkansas Judicial Retirement System Fund	902,797
(12) State Central Services Fund for the benefit of the Public Defender Commission	6,908,027
(13) State Central Services Fund for Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Reporters	6,075,374
(14) Justice Building Fund	83,528
(15) Arkansas Counties Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Crime Prevention Fund	50,000
(16) State Central Services Fund for Administrative Office of the Courts - Trial Court Administrators	8,312,527
(17) Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund for use in the Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment program of the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention	312,000
(18) State Central Services Fund for the Benefit of the Administrative Office of the Courts Div. of Dependency-Neglect Representation	4,284,838
(19) Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the benefit of the State Crime Laboratory	576,988
<del>(20) District Judges Association for the District Court Coordinator</del>	<del>67,028</del>
(21) Public Legal Aid Fund	855,432
(22) Administrative Office of the Courts - County Reimbursements for Jurors	850,000
(23) Administrative Office of the Courts - Drug Court Coordinator to reimburse the State Central Services Fund	66,320
(24) State Central Services Fund for Court	

Security by Administrative Office of the  
Courts

362,791

TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED

\$39,309,767

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

SECTION 57. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. YEARLY  
FUND TRANSFERS. On July 1, 2010 and each July 1, thereafter, if the fund  
balance of the Crime Victims Reparation Revolving Fund falls below one  
million dollars (\$1,000,000), the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may  
transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor  
of the State a sum not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or so much  
thereof as is available from fund balances that exceed seven million dollars  
(\$7,000,000) as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, from the  
State Administration of Justice Fund to the Crime Victims Reparations  
Revolving Fund to provide funds for personal services, operating expenses and  
claims for the Office of the Attorney General - Crime Victims Reparations  
Program.

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

SECTION 58. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. WORK  
FORCE 2000 DISTRIBUTION. After the amount to be made available to a  
technical college, technical institute or comprehensive lifelong learning  
center has been determined, as provided by law, the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
the State shall process the documents necessary so that the funds may be  
transferred from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund to the State Treasury  
fund or fund account from which the technical college, technical institute,  
or comprehensive lifelong learning center draws its general revenue support.  
The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall also cause an equal amount of the  
appropriation provided for Technical Colleges Accreditation and Vo-Tech  
Accreditation in the Work Force 2000 Section of this Act to be transferred to  
the institutions' appropriate line item appropriation or allocation, there to  
be supplemental and in addition to those appropriations or allocations

provided by the General Assembly for personal services and operating expenses of the institution from the State Treasury Fund or fund account.

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

SECTION 59. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES - ALLOCATION. There is hereby allocated to the local juvenile detention facilities, as set out herein, the following amounts as appropriated to the Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer for grants for operating expenses of local juvenile detention facilities for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026:

Item No.	Juvenile Detention Facility	Maximum Allocation	
		<del>2024-2025</del>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01)	Arkansas County Juvenile Detention Center		31,167
(02)	Benton County Juvenile Detention Center		22,082
(03)	Craighead County Juvenile Detention Center		31,167
(04)	Crittenden County Juvenile Detention Center		31,167
(05)	Faulkner County Juvenile Detention Center		20,783
(06)	Garland County Juvenile Detention Center		28,574
(07)	Independence County Juvenile Detention Center		31,167
(08)	Jefferson County Juvenile Detention Center		31,167
(09)	Miller County Juvenile Detention Center		31,167
(10)	Mississippi County Juvenile Detention Center		16,891
(11)	Pulaski County Juvenile Detention Center		31,167
(12)	Sebastian County Juvenile Detention Center		31,167
(13)	Washington County Juvenile Detention Center		31,167
(14)	Yell County Juvenile Detention Center		<u>31,167</u>
Total Amount Allocated			<u>\$ 400,000</u>

The amount of funds distributed to the local juvenile detention facilities shall be adjusted as necessary on a pro-rata basis depending upon the actual amount of funding provided for this purpose in each fiscal year. If during the fiscal year any of the Juvenile Detention Facilities ceases operations, the facilities' remaining funds will be distributed to the remaining Juvenile Detention Facilities in a proportional basis.

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

SECTION 60. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM - CA/R/DV - UAMS. The Department of Human Services may provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for each fiscal year for expansion of services by the Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Section of the University of Arkansas – Medical Sciences. The Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall certify the amount of available funds for this purpose for each year. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer the amount of certified funds available from an account designated by the Secretary of the Department of Human Services to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to expand services provided by the Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Section of the University of Arkansas – Medical Sciences.

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

SECTION 61. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STATE'S CONTRIBUTIONS. The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to transfer Appropriation and Funding between State's Contributions line items authorized in the State's Contributions Section. Any unexpended balances in funds provided for State's Contributions in this Act remaining June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, shall be carried forward during the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

SECTION 62. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROCEDURES - PERSONAL SERVICES STIPENDS. If there is not sufficient appropriation, from funds deposited in the State Treasury or Cash Accounts of an agency, for personal services, or personal services matching for any state agency for the period ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, for State agencies that

process payroll through the Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System for federal and state tax reporting as necessary to comply with the payment of stipends under United States Internal Revenue Code (IRC), 2001-Code-Vol, Sec 3401 and Treasury Regulations §31.3401(c)-1(a) and §1.1402(c)-2(b), and others which govern the reporting of income and payment of withholding and matching taxes for personal services, the agency shall request a transfer from appropriation provided for Personal Services and Personal Services Matching in the appropriation for Various State Agencies - U.S. IRC and Treasury Regulations herein, from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, stating clearly the amounts required for each item. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the State Auditor shall be notified as to the amount and the purposes for which the appropriation is to be made and such appropriation as needed shall be established upon the books of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor. Provided, however, that in the event the total amount of transfer requested in any fiscal year exceeds Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall seek prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee before the transfer shall be made.

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

SECTION 63. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. POSITION ESTABLISHMENT. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have the authority to establish such positions as necessary for State agencies to process payroll through the Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System for federal and state tax reporting purposes as necessary to comply with the United States Internal Revenue Code (IRC), 2001-Code-Vol, Sec 3401 and Treasury Regulations §31.3401(c)-1(a) and §1.1402(c)-2(b), and others which govern the reporting of income and payment of withholding and matching taxes for personal services. The positions established shall not be considered as part of the total number of authorized positions for an agency and shall only be considered as placeholders for payments to individuals who are board or commission members or elected officials of the State that do not otherwise receive salaries or wages as defined in Arkansas Code § 19-4-521 for their personal services. Further, none of the positions established under this

section shall imply eligibility for state retirement or state health insurance benefits. The establishment of such positions shall not exceed 250 positions in any fiscal year.

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

SECTION 64. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER AUTHORIZED - ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. The Arkansas Children's Hospital may request the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer funds made available for the following by this Act sums not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the Arkansas Children's Hospital Burn Center, \$700,000 for the Children's Hospital Payments, \$600,000 for the Reproductive Health Monitoring, and \$233,600 for the Intensive Care Nursery each fiscal year from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account. The transferred funds shall be used to match federal funds used for supplemental Medicaid payments to Arkansas Children's Hospital.

The Arkansas Children's Hospital may also request the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer the sum not to exceed \$1,000,000 each fiscal year from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account from funds made available by this Act for the Intensive Care Nursery to the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account. The transferred funds shall be used to match federal Medicaid funds for cost-based reimbursement for helicopter patient transport.

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

SECTION 65. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

INNOVATION AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND TRANSFERS. The Department of Transformation & Shared Services - Division of Information Systems is a cost recovery agency subject to the requirements of the United States Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Government (A-87) and Cost Principles for Developing Cost Allocation Plans and Indirect Cost Rates for Agreements with the Federal Government Implementation Guide for the Office of Management and Budget

Circular A-87 (ASMBC-10). To comply with these federal rules, it is necessary to establish an Innovation and Project Development appropriation and general revenue fund account within the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the Department of Transformation & Shared Services - Division of Information Systems. This fund shall be used for state enterprise innovation projects that would enhance the technology operations of the State that cannot be cost allocated to federal programs. The Department of Transformation & Shared Services - Division of Information Systems will maintain documentation for projects billed for these purposes. Fund transfers may be made from the General Revenue Fund Account, upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior review of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, to reimburse the Department of Transformation & Shared Services - Division of Information Systems for the amounts billed.

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

SECTION 66. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROCEDURES – PERSONAL SERVICES EXTRA HELP. In the event that there is not sufficient appropriation provided for by the General Assembly for payment of personal services related to Extra Help for any state agency for the period ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, said agency may request a transfer from appropriations provided for Personal Services Extra Help in the Miscellaneous Transfers Section herein, from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, stating clearly the amount required. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and after seeking prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the State Auditor shall be notified as to the amount and the purposes for which said appropriation is to be made. The appropriation shall then be established upon the books of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor. Provided further, that if desired, said appropriation shall be supplemental to those regularly appropriated for such purposes by the General Assembly for the agency.

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

SECTION 67. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

INTRASTATE METRO PLANNING GRANTS. As referenced in Section 9 of Act 637 of 1995, the authorized funding for Intrastate Metro Planning Grants that are evenly distributed among planning and development districts under the Miscellaneous Grants and Expenses Section of this Act shall include the West Central Arkansas Economic Development District.

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

SECTION 68. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND

USAGE AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Children's Hospital President and C.E.O. may request the Department of Human Services-Division of Medical Services to retain in the Department of Human Services Grant Fund account an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for funds made available by the act to be used to match federal funds used for supplemental Medicaid payments to Arkansas Children's Hospital.

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

SECTION 69. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROCEDURES - MEDICAL MARIJUANA IMPLEMENTATION AND REGULATION. In the event that sufficient appropriation is not provided by the General Assembly for expenditures resulting from the implementation and regulation of the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016 for any state agency, pursuant to Arkansas Code § 19-4-701 et seq., said agency shall request a transfer of appropriation from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, stating clearly the amount required. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State said appropriations shall be established upon the books of the Department of Finance and Administration in compliance with the applicable classifications of appropriations as enumerated in Arkansas Code §§ 19-4-521 through 19-4-527.

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

SECTION 70. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER AUTHORITY. From time to time, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer from his or her books and those of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State from the Medical Marijuana Implementation and Operations Fund to various state agencies' funds the amounts necessary to fund the expenses for the implementation, administration, and/or enforcement of the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016.

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

SECTION 71. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BLANKET BOND PROGRAM. The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to transfer Appropriation between the Blanket Surety Bond Program appropriations authorized for State Employees (Appropriation 2DM), County Employees (Appropriation 2DN), Municipal Employees (Appropriation 2DP) and Public School Employees (Appropriation 2DQ).

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

SECTION 72. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROCEDURES - VARIOUS TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR STATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS. (i) In the event that sufficient appropriation is not provided by the General Assembly for any state agency or institution, an agency or institution may request a transfer of appropriation, as provided in the Various Temporary Appropriation for State Agencies and Institutions Appropriation Section of this Act, from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, stating clearly the amount requested, purpose and any additional information requested by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. (ii) After reviewing a request the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may deny, modify or approve the agencies or institutions request based on the estimated amount of appropriation needed and currently available, purpose, estimated funding available and preferred spending priority. Upon approval

or modification of a request by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after meeting the requirements of subsection (iii) herein, the Department of Finance and Administration shall establish the transfer of appropriation on the books of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor, in compliance with the applicable classifications of appropriations as enumerated in Arkansas Code 19-4-521 through 19-4-525.

(iii) Any request approved as authorized in subsection (ii) herein, including requests that establish a new commitment item or new appropriation shall require prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or if meeting in Regular or Fiscal Session the Joint Budget Committee.

(iv) Any appropriation approved as authorized in this Section shall not be carried forward to the next fiscal year and shall be identified as a change level increase by the state agency or institution, if requested.

(v) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation for a state agency or institution 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 or institution. Further, the General Assembly has determined that a state agency or institution may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the state agency or institution 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 or 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 73. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-6-803(c), concerning the Public Legal Aid Fund, is amended to read as follows:*

*(c) The fund shall be used for providing financial support for public legal aid organizations and distributed ~~as follows:~~*

*~~(1) Forty five percent (45%) of the fund shall be paid to Legal Aid of Arkansas; and~~*

~~(2) Fifty five percent (55%) of the fund shall be paid to the Center for Arkansas Legal Services.~~

SECTION 74. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-5-1288. Drug Task Force Fund.

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous fund to be known as the "Drug Task Force Fund."

(b) The fund shall consist of:

(1) Moneys obtained from public or private grants or other sources that are designated to be credited to the fund; and

(2) Any other revenues authorized by law.

(c) The moneys in the fund shall be used to distribute funds to all drug task forces in the state that meet the eligibility criteria for a disbursement and shall be disbursed to eligible drug task forces in the state by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(d) To be eligible to receive a disbursement from the fund, a drug task force shall:

(1) Meet the standards of the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training;

(2) Provide an annual accounting of its seizures and arrests to the Department of Finance and Administration; and

(3) Meet any additional standards established by the department by rule under subsection (e) of this section.

(e) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section, including without limitation:

(1) Additional eligibility criteria, in consultation with the Office of Prosecutor Coordinator and Drug Task Force Board, for a drug task force to be eligible to receive a disbursement from the fund; and

(2) The process for a drug task force to submit eligibility documentation for a disbursement, including without limitation documentation illustrating eligibility under subsection (d) of this section.

SECTION 75. 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 76. 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 77. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 73 of this act is effective on and after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 78. 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, except for Section 73, 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, except for Section 73, 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, except for Section 73, 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