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A Bill

SENATE BILL 132

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION WHICH SHALL BE
SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO OTHER APPROPRIATIONS
MADE BY THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PAY
APPROVED CLAIMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF APPROVED CLAIMS.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
Department of Finance and Administration - Revenue Services Division, to be
payable from the Individual Income Tax Withholding Fund, for the purpose of
paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) G&C THARALDSON DYNASTY TRUST FBO BOBBI JO THARALDSON	<u>2024-2025</u> <u>\$19,204.34</u>

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
Department of Finance and Administration - Revenue Services Division, to be
payable from the Corporate Income Tax Withholding Fund, for the purpose of
paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:



ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) BIOMAT USA, INC	\$15,649.00
(02) SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY	6,024,594.00
(03) SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY	2,106,556.61
(04) BARCLAYS BANK PLS	447,267.00
(05) COX PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS, INC.	<u>19,917.00</u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u>\$8,613,983.61</u></u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Management Services Division, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE COMPANY	<u>\$71,947.47</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) ALYSSA KRISTINE BURNS	<u>\$20,030.05</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) CHRISTINE MCAULIFFE, AS SPECIAL	

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID
CAINS

\$400,000.00

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES	<u>\$115,639.89</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans Affairs, to be payable from the *cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State*, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) MARY ANN JONES, AS SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF OSCAR ODELL "BILL" JONES, DECEASED, AND ON BEHALF OF THE WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF OSCAR ODELL "BILL" JONES	<u>\$300,000.00</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Department of Transportation, to be payable from the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) KENENA PELFREY	\$343,000.00
(02) MILTON HOLLIMAN	53,035.08

(03) KATELYN SPICER	95,000.00
(04) STERLING DODSON	<u>900,000.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,391,035.08</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) VERIZON (CELLCO)	<u>2024-2025</u> <u>\$17,720.16</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Treasurer of State, to be payable from the Municipal Aid Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) CITY OF SHERIDAN	<u>2024-2025</u> <u>\$20,859.95</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	<u>2024-2025</u> <u>\$ 9,907.96</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2024-2025</i></u>
<i>(01) SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP</i>	<u><u><i>\$2,157.44</i></u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2024-2025</i></u>
<i>(01) SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP</i>	<u><u><i>\$6,607.16</i></u></u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Revenue Services Division, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2024-2025</i></u>
<i>(01) EXCEL FITNESS BEB IV</i>	<u><u><i>\$19,000.00</i></u></u>

SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REIMBURSEMENT AND REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. Funds allocated and expended by any Agency, Authority, Board, Commission, Council, Department, Division, Office, or Subdivision of any state agency for the payment of approved claims adjudicated through the State Claims Commission and approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee when the General Assembly is in session, shall be reimbursed from the funds from which the Agency, Authority, Board, Commission, Council, Department, Division, Office, or Subdivision draws its support.

The monies shall be deposited no later than June 30 of the following fiscal year from which the original payment of claim expense was incurred by the state agency, as a refund to expenditure, to the credit of the fund from

which the original expenditure was made.

SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRYOVER OF CLAIMS. Any state agency which is affected by the allowed claim(s) provided for in this Act, and whose fund for the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year are insufficient to allow for the payment of said claim(s) before June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, is hereby authorized, upon certification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to make payment of said claim(s) after July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, from funds appropriated for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year.

SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DISBURSING OFFICER. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission is hereby made the disbursing officer for the purpose of paying the claims appropriated by this Act. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission is hereby authorized to receive all warrants prepared under the provisions of this Act from the Auditor of State and to distribute same to the claimants.

SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CLAIMS. For any claims in this Act appropriated to the Department of Human Services, the Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall consult with the Department of Human Services and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to determine the division and funds to which liability should be assigned and from which the warrants shall be drawn. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall initiate the appropriate transfers as may be required and as approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CLAIMS. For any claims in this Act appropriated to the Department of Health, the Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall consult with the Department of Health and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to determine the division and funds to which liability should be assigned and from which the warrants shall be drawn. The Clerk of the State Claims

Commission shall initiate the appropriate transfers as may be required and as approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CLAIMS FROM CASH FUNDS. In the event that any claim authorized herein is determined to be a valid claim against the State and the claim is to be paid from funds not in the State Treasury, the Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall notify the agency against which the claim is to be charged of the amount of such claims. Upon receipt of such notification, the state agency shall forth-with deliver a check to the Clerk of the State Claims Commission who shall deposit the same as a nonrevenue receipt into the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund from which he shall disburse the amount of the claim to the claimant.

SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall not distribute any warrants prepared under the provisions of this Act for awards made by the Arkansas State Claims Commission for employment compensation claims. Upon the award by the State Claims Commission of an employment compensation claim, the Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall notify the affected state agency and the Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Personnel Management of such amounts that are due and payable. The affected state agency shall then process the award through the State Mechanized Payroll System.

SECTION 22. 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 23. 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 24. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that payees listed in this Act may be entitled to the sums appropriated and transferred to herein, and that they have been deprived of the use of these funds for a long period of time, and that further delay in paying these just debts of the state would do harm to the reputation of the State of Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

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

/s/ Joint Budget Committee