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A Bill

SENATE BILL 36

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
17 YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
24 established for the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2026-
25 2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
31	(1)	ESE01A SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE EXE04
32	(2)	EEX09A CHIEF OF STAFF I	1	GRADE EXE01
33	(3)	LAT08C CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
34	(4)	FAC08C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09
35	(5)	SLA01C LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC09
36	(6)	CPR01C CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS I	1	GRADE SPC06



1	(7)	FAC10C CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC06
2	(8)	HDH02C HR ADMINISTRATOR I	1	GRADE SPC05
3	(9)	SLA02C LABORATORY MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC05
4	(10)	CMA02C MARKETING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC05
5	(11)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	3	GRADE SPC05
6	(12)	FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II	3	GRADE SPC02
7	(13)	FFS01C FISCAL SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SGS10
8	(14)	FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	2	GRADE SGS09
9	(15)	PAG05P AGRICULTURE PROGRAM SUPV/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
10	(16)	PAG08P FARM SCHOOL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
11	(17)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
12	(18)	CME03P GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE SGS07
13	(19)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
14	(20)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
15	(21)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
16	(22)	PAG04P AGRICULTURE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS06
17	(23)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS06
18	(24)	CPR07P PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
19	(25)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
20	(26)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS05
21	(27)	PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
22	(28)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	6	GRADE SGS04
23	(29)	CMA03P MARKETING SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
24	(30)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
25	(31)	MVE03P VETERINARY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE MED09
26	(32)	SAL03C AGRICULTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEF	1	GRADE LES08
27	(33)	SAL02P AGRICULTURE ENFORCEMENT AGENT II	2	GRADE LES04
28	(34)	SAL01P AGRICULTURE ENFORCEMENT AGENT I	3	GRADE LES03
29	(35)	IIA01C CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER I	1	GRADE IST10
30	(36)	IDM01P DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IST09
31	(37)	IAS05P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER II	1	GRADE IST08
32	(38)	IAS01P APPLICATIONS ANALYST I	1	GRADE IST07
33	(39)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	4	GRADE IST06
34	(40)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IST04
35	(41)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
36	(42)	FGM04P GRANTS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06

1	(43) EEX02A AGRICULTURE DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE01
2	(44) IDN01P DATA ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST07
3	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	67	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: three (3) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. 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 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,316,379
(02) EXTRA HELP	21,900
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,483,662
(04) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	140,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,162,067
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,500
(C) PROF. FEES	704,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,122,008</u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Agriculture for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the

1 following maximum number of regular employees.

			Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of	Salary Rate
	Item Class		Employees	Fiscal Year
	No. Code Title			2026-2027
7	(1) EEX02A AGRICULTURE DIVISION DIRECTOR		4	GRADE EXE01
8	(2) PAV02P PILOT		2	GRADE SPC08
9	(3) PAG01C AGRICULTURE DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR		2	GRADE SPC07
10	(4) PAV01P AVIATION MANAGER		1	GRADE SPC07
11	(5) PAG02C AGRICULTURE DIVISION MANAGER		12	GRADE SPC06
12	(6) SEN02P ENGINEER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT		3	GRADE SPC06
13	(7) PAG10C FORESTER MANAGER		2	GRADE SPC05
14	(8) SLA02C LABORATORY MANAGER		2	GRADE SPC05
15	(9) SGE02P GEOLOGIST SUPERVISOR/EXPERT		1	GRADE SPC04
16	(10) PAG03C AGRICULTURE DIV SUPV/EXPERT		2	GRADE SPC03
17	(11) PAG07C DISTRICT FORESTER		7	GRADE SPC03
18	(12) SEN01P ENGINEER		5	GRADE SPC03
19	(13) SLA03P LABORATORY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT		9	GRADE SPC03
20	(14) SGE05P PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST		1	GRADE SPC03
21	(15) FAU04P AUDITOR II		1	GRADE SPC02
22	(16) SBI02P BIOLOGIST II		18	GRADE SPC02
23	(17) SCH02P CHEMIST II		11	GRADE SPC02
24	(18) SCN01I ARCHAEOLOGIST		8	GRADE SPC01
25	(19) SCN02P ECOLOGIST		1	GRADE SPC01
26	(20) PAG09P FORESTER		44	GRADE SPC01
27	(21) SGE01P GEOLOGIST		1	GRADE SPC01
28	(22) SLA06P LABORATORY TECHNICIAN III		2	GRADE SGS08
29	(23) PAG05P AGRICULTURE PROGRAM SUPV/EXPERT		24	GRADE SGS07
30	(24) FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT		2	GRADE SGS07
31	(25) SAL06P FOREST RANGER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT		59	GRADE SGS07
32	(26) IIN05P INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT		5	GRADE SGS07
33	(27) SLA05P LABORATORY TECHNICIAN II		6	GRADE SGS07
34	(28) CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR		1	GRADE SGS07
35	(29) CTR02P TRAINER		3	GRADE SGS07
36	(30) PAS04C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR		1	GRADE SGS06

1	(31)	TAT11I TRUCK DRIVER	2	GRADE SGS06
2	(32)	PAG04P AGRICULTURE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	33	GRADE SGS06
3	(33)	SIA13P DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06
4	(34)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	5	GRADE SGS06
5	(35)	SAL05P FOREST RANGER II	64	GRADE SGS06
6	(36)	IIN03P INSPECTOR III	31	GRADE SGS06
7	(37)	SLA04P LABORATORY TECHNICIAN I	1	GRADE SGS06
8	(38)	TAT06P MECHANIC	4	GRADE SGS06
9	(39)	CPR07P PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
10	(40)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	32	GRADE SGS05
11	(41)	SIA12P DISPATCHER	9	GRADE SGS05
12	(42)	SAL04P FOREST RANGER I	44	GRADE SGS05
13	(43)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	11	GRADE SGS05
14	(44)	IIN02P INSPECTOR II	54	GRADE SGS05
15	(45)	CME04P MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
16	(46)	TAT02I CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE SGS04
17	(47)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	10	GRADE SGS04
18	(48)	PEP01P CONSERVATION SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
19	(49)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	2	GRADE SGS04
20	(50)	IIN01P INSPECTOR I	47	GRADE SGS04
21	(51)	TST07P TRADES SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
22	(52)	TIW03P INVENTORY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS03
23	(53)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	12	GRADE SGS02
24	(54)	PAG11P FORESTRY TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE SGS02
25	(55)	MVE01C STATE VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE MED10
26	(56)	MVE03P VETERINARY SPECIALIST	5	GRADE MED09
27	(57)	IGI01P GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IST05
28	(58)	SBI03P BIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC04
29	(59)	<i>EEP02C EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR</i>	1	<i>GRADE SPC07</i>
30	(60)	<i>FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I</i>	1	<i>GRADE SPC01</i>
31	(61)	<i>EEP06P EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR EXPERT</i>	3	<i>GRADE SGS10</i>
32	(62)	<i>PQA02C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER</i>	3	<i>GRADE SGS09</i>
33	(63)	<i>PQA04P QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR EXPERT</i>	2	<i>GRADE SGS08</i>
34	(64)	<i>EEP03P EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR</i>	1	<i>GRADE SGS07</i>
35	(65)	<i>FGM03C GRANTS MANAGER</i>	1	<i>GRADE SGS07</i>
36	(66)	<i>PQA01P QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR</i>	14	<i>GRADE SGS07</i>

1	(67) EEPO5P EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
2	(68) IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	5	GRADE SGS06
3	(69) IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II	7	GRADE SGS05
4	(70) PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	2	GRADE SGS05
5	(71) TIW01P INVENTORY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
6	(72) EECO4P EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS04
7	(73) IUSO4P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST02
8	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	673	

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10 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for

11 the Department of Agriculture - Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the

12 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as

13 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one

14 hundred eighty-two (182) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at

15 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and

16 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate

17 classification.

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19 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,

20 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Department of

21 Agriculture Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the

22 Department of Agriculture - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,

23 2027, the following:

25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,204,491
28	(02) EXTRA HELP	74,131
29	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,062,221
30	(04) OVERTIME	21,571
31	(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	3,200
32	(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,716,272
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,613
35	(C) PROF. FEES	33,500
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(07) PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	6,148
3	(08) BOLL WEEVIL PROGRAM	<u>5,000</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,160,147</u>

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 6 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL HEALTH - DISEASE CONTROL AND
 7 ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 8 Agriculture, to be payable from the Animal Health Disease and Pest Control
 9 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 10 Agriculture - Animal Health - Animal Disease Control and Eradication Program
 11 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$543,206
16	(02) EXTRA HELP	55,000
17	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	245,853
18	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	213,846
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
21	(C) PROF. FEES	0
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,000
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,177,905</u>

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 26 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL HEALTH - EGG GRADING PROGRAM. There
 27 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from
 28 the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund, for personal services and operating
 29 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Animal Health for the fiscal year
 30 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,550,361
35	(02) EXTRA HELP	67,500
36	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	745,484

1	(04) OVERTIME	300,000
2	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	252,971
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,350
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	1,594,968
9	(07) EGG PROMOTION EXPENSE	<u>64,500</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,694,134</u></u>

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12 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - AGRI LABORATORY TESTING. There is hereby
 13 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Animal
 14 Health Special Revenue Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 15 the Department of Agriculture - Agri Laboratory Testing for the fiscal year
 16 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$265,600
21	(02) EXTRA HELP	34,500
22	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	115,019
23	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,696,745
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
26	(C) PROF. FEES	0
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	310,000
28	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,446,864</u></u>

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31 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL HEALTH - EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA.
 32 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 33 from the Animal Health Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, for personal
 34 services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Animal
 35 Health - Equine Infectious Anemia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
 36 the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$76,551
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,560
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	233,046
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$439,157</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL HEALTH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Animal Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$389,331
(02) EXTRA HELP	8,311
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	167,396
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,111
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,350
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$688,499</u></u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - ADMINISTRATION/PEST CONTROL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Administration/Pest

1 Control for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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3	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
5	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,379,338
6	(02) EXTRA HELP	800,000
7	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,871,563
8	(04) OVERTIME	250,000
9	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,158,314
11	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	103,613
12	(C) PROF. FEES	594,510
13	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,200,000
14	(E) DATA PROC.	0
15	(06) PROJECT PLANNING, EDUCATION, AND	
16	OUTREACH GRANTS AND AID	394,140
17	(07) PEST ERADICATION	<u>1,000,000</u>
18	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$11,751,478</u>

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20 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PUBLIC GRAIN WAREHOUSE

21 INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 22 Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services
 23 and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board -
 24 Public Grain Warehouse Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 25 2027, the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$202,230
30	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	79,407
31	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,614
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,613
34	(C) PROF. FEES	1,200
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$348,064

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3 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE SURVEILLANCE.

4 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 5 from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 6 the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Pesticide Surveillance
 7 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
11 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$179,529
12 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	73,932
13 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	40,783
15 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
16 (C) PROF. FEES	0
17 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$300,244</u>

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21 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - APIARY. There is hereby
 22 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant
 23 Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 24 Agriculture - State Plant Board - Apiary for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 25 2027, the following:

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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$112,555
30 (02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
31 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	43,391
32 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	42,170
34 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
35 (C) PROF. FEES	0
36 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$208,116</u></u>

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 4 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - AGRI PRODUCT MARKETING PROGRAM. There is
 5 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 6 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 7 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 8 Agri Product Marketing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 9 following:

10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,869,935
14	(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
15	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	666,688
16	(04) OVERTIME	13,000
17	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	461,112
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	538,083
20	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(06) PRODUCT MARKETING GRANTS & AID	854,899
24	(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>5,000</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,508,717</u></u>

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 27 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - REFUNDS/TRANSFERS. There is
 28 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 29 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses,
 30 refunds, and transfers to the State Treasury by the Department of Agriculture
 31 - State Plant Board - Refunds/Transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 32 2027, the following:

33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
36	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$500
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
3	(C) PROF. FEES	0
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>50,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$50,500</u></u>

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9 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE/PLANT REGULATORY
 10 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
 11 be payable from the Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide and Plant Regulator
 12 Disposal Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture
 13 - State Plant Board - Pesticide/Plant Regulatory Program for the fiscal year
 14 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
18	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,500,000
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
21	(C) PROF. FEES	0
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u>

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26 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby
 27 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri
 28 Scholarship Program Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships of the
 29 Department of Agriculture - Agri Scholarship Program for the fiscal year
 30 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34	(01) AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u><u>\$970,000</u></u>

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36 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State
 2 Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
 3 of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year
 4 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

5	6	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7	NO.		2026-2027
8	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,084,408
9	(02)	EXTRA HELP	255,855
10	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,989,693
11	(04)	OVERTIME	52,400
12	(05)	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	0
13	(06)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	2,710,744
15	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
16	(C)	PROF. FEES	280,000
17	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	1,663,000
18	(E)	DATA PROC.	0
19	(07)	FORESTRY GRANTS AND AID	269,981
20	(08)	DISTRICT OFFICE REPLACEMENT	400,000
21	(09)	FOREST ACTION PLAN	70,000
22	(10)	FEDERAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM	138,512
23	(11)	UNDERSERVED LANDOWNER OUTREACH	500,000
24	(12)	OUTREACH AND PLANTING AID	<u>225,000</u>
25		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,739,593</u>

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27 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION
 28 - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture,
 29 to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal
 30 Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and federal
 31 matching grants to purchase firefighting equipment of the Department of
 32 Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Community Fire Protection -
 33 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	NO.	2026-2027

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$108,363
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	41,414
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	399,816
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
6	(C) PROF. FEES	60,000
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	270,000
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(04) RURAL COMMUNITY MATCH GRANTS	<u>822,563</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,702,156</u></u>

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12 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - URBAN FORESTRY SERVICES -
 13 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
 14 be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services, operating
 15 expenses and urban forestry matching grants of the Department of Agriculture
 16 - State Forestry Commission - Urban Forestry Services - Federal for the
 17 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$67,500
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
24	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	0
27	(02) URBAN FORESTRY MATCHING GRANTS AND AID	82,000
28	(03) URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY	<u>1,875,000</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,074,500</u></u>

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31 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE
 32 LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be
 33 payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to
 34 communities for fire protection by the Department of Agriculture - State
 35 Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Service Loans for the fiscal year
 36 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION LOANS	<u>\$1,200,000</u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - STATE FORESTRY TRUST PROGRAM.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Forestry Trust Fund, for management and operating expenses, fire control, communications, contracting for assistance, and other services of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - State Forestry Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$200,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,250,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) FIRE CONTROL/COMMUNICATE	900,000
(03) MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,750,000</u>

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PREVENTION.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Southern Pine Beetle Prevention for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$230,000</u>

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - FOREST LEGACY. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 2 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 3 operating expenses, grants and aid by the Department of Agriculture - State
 4 Forestry Commission - Forest Legacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
 5 the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,599
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,800
12 (C) PROF. FEES	5,000
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (02) FOREST LEGACY ADMINISTRATION	157,000
16 (03) WHITE RIVER HEADWATERS PROJECT	1,455,000
17 (04) FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM	<u>6,000,000</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,625,399</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SILVICULTURAL NON-POINT PROGRAM.
 21 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 22 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 23 State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State
 24 Forestry Commission - Silvicultural Non-Point Program for the fiscal year
 25 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$36,000
31 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
32 (C) PROF. FEES	0
33 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
35 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$40,000</u></u>

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1 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE CASH OPERATING FUND. There is
 2 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 3 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 4 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture
 5 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

6	7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$40,000
11	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
12	(C) PROF. FEES	0
13	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14	(E) DATA PROC.	0
15	(02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	2,000
16	(03) BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED GRANTS &	
17	PROJECTS	<u>160,682</u>
18	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$402,682</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM. There is
 21 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 22 Arkansas Industrial Hemp Program Fund, for personal services and operating
 23 expenses to administer the Industrial Hemp Program of the Department of
 24 Agriculture - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 25 following:

26	27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29	(01) INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM	<u><u>\$99,500</u></u>

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 31 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - REGISTERED FORESTERS. There
 32 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from
 33 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 34 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
 35 the Department of Agriculture - Registered Foresters for the fiscal year
 36 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
4	(01) EXTRA HELP	\$37,000
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,064
6	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,329
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
9	(C) PROF. FEES	0
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$46,393</u></u>

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14 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - VETERINARY MEDICINE. There is
 15 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 16 Veterinary Examiners Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and
 17 scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Veterinary Medicine for the
 18 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$61,131
23	(02) EXTRA HELP	21,000
24	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	23,830
25	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,996
27	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	281
28	(C) PROF. FEES	16,000
29	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30	(E) DATA PROC.	0
31	(05) RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP	
32	PROGRAM	<u>30,000</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$168,238</u></u>

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35 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM.
 36 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

1 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the
2 Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection
3 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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5	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
7	(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM	<u>\$70,000</u>

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9 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby
10 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State
11 Meat Inspection Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
12 the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection Program for the fiscal
13 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17	(01) STATE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM	<u>\$606,083</u>

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19 SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM - GENERAL REVENUE.
20 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
21 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
22 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection
23 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$150,000
28	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	85,000
29	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,000
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
32	(C) PROF. FEES	0
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$250,000</u>

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1 SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - FERAL HOG ERADICATION. There is hereby
 2 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Feral
 3 Hog Eradication Fund, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to
 4 eliminate feral hogs by the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year
 5 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

6	7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9	(01) FERAL HOG ERADICATION	<u>\$200,000</u>

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11 SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - AGRI FAIR FUNDING PROGRAM. There is hereby
 12 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri
 13 Fair Fund, for personal services, fair funding and operating expenses of the
 14 Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 15 following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19	(01) ARKANSAS STATE FAIR	\$84,000
20	(02) ARKANSAS YOUTH EXPO	48,000
21	(03) ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA FAIR	54,000
22	(04) COUNTY FAIRS	1,095,272
23	(05) DISTRICT JR LIVESTOCK SHOWS	27,000
24	(06) NORTHEAST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
25	(07) NORTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
26	(08) SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
27	(09) SOUTHEAST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
28	(10) NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
29	(11) FOUR STATES FAIR	54,000
30	(12) PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES	<u>23,000</u>
31	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,655,272</u>

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33 SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE FUTURE
 34 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 35 Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Foresters for the Future
 36 Scholarship Fund, for scholarships of the Department of Agriculture -

1 Arkansas Foresters For The Future Scholarship Program for the fiscal year
2 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

3	4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
6	(01) SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>\$40,000</u>

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8 *SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - FOOD AND NUTRITION - CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM*
9 *- FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to*
10 *be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer*
11 *of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, aid and*
12 *reimbursement of the Department of Agriculture - Food and Nutrition Division*
13 *- Child Nutrition Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,*
14 *the following:*

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,470,239
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	963,383
20	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,172,100
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
23	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
25	(E) DATA PROC.	0
26	(04) SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE/NUTRITION ED	425,099,000
27	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	450,000
28	(06) FOOD AND NUTRITION FEDERAL EXPENSES	<u>78,087,515</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$508,402,237</u>

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31 *SECTION 39. APPROPRIATION - FOOD AND NUTRITION - CHILD NUTRITION*
32 *PROGRAM - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of*
33 *Agriculture, to be payable from the Department of Agriculture Fund Account,*
34 *for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture*
35 *- Food and Nutrition Division - Child Nutrition Program - State for the*
36 *fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:*

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<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2026-2027</i></u>
<i>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</i>	<i>\$833,116</i>
<i>(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	<i>331,339</i>
<i>(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>20,000</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>3,500</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$1,187,955</i></u></u>

SECTION 40. APPROPRIATION - FOOD AND NUTRITION - CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM - COMMODITY - DISTRIBUTION AND SALVAGE CONTAINER - CASH.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Food and Nutrition Division - Child Nutrition Program - Commodity Distribution and Salvage Container - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2026-2027</i></u>
<i>(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>\$130,186</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>9,490</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$139,676</i></u></u>

SECTION 41. APPROPRIATION - FOOD AND NUTRITION - GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Department of Agriculture Fund Account, for grants and aid to local school districts and

1 *special programs of the Department of Agriculture - Food and Nutrition*
 2 *Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; the following:*

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2026-2027</i></u>
<i>(01) FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM</i>	<i>\$14,700,000</i>
<i>(02) SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES</i>	<i>7,650,000</i>
<i>(03) SCHOOL FOOD LEGISLATIVE AUDIT</i>	<i>75,000</i>
<i>(04) SURPLUS COMMODITIES</i>	<u><i>1,125,065</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$23,550,065</i></u></u>

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 12 *SECTION 42. APPROPRIATION - FOOD AND NUTRITION - CHILD NUTRITION*
 13 *PROGRAM - CONFERENCES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of*
 14 *Agriculture, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury*
 15 *as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services*
 16 *and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Food and Nutrition*
 17 *Division - Child Nutrition Program - Conferences for the fiscal year ending*
 18 *June 30, 2027, the following:*

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2026-2027</i></u>
<i>(01) FOOD AND NUTRITION CONFERENCE AND EXPENSES</i>	<u><u><i>\$273,923</i></u></u>

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 24 *SECTION 43. APPROPRIATION - FOOD AND NUTRITION - HUNGER COALITION.*
 25 *There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable*
 26 *from the Department of Agriculture Fund Account, for grant payments of the*
 27 *Department of Agriculture - Food and Nutrition Division - Hunger Coalition*
 28 *for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:*

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2026-2027</i></u>
<i>(01) HUNGER COALITION GRANTS AND AID</i>	<u><u><i>\$995,113</i></u></u>

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 34 *SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION - NRC - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby*
 35 *appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the*
 36 *Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating*

1 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources
 2 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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4	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
6	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,237,928
7	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	448,479
8	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	193,182
10	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,165
11	(C) PROF. FEES	0
12	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13	(E) DATA PROC.	0
14	(04) SURVEYS & INVESTIGATIONS	3,900
15	(05) WATER PLANNING	<u>130,981</u>
16	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,024,635</u></u>

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18 SECTION 45. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CASH. There is hereby appropriated,
 19 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash fund deposited
 20 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
 21 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture
 22 - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 23 2027, the following:

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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,403,959
28	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,800
29	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	510,968
30	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	377,298
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,000
33	(C) PROF. FEES	910,002
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	225,000
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	(05) SOIL & WATER GRANTS & LOANS	<u>6,202,017</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$9,687,044

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3 SECTION 46. APPROPRIATION - NRC - DAM INVENTORY. There is hereby
4 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
5 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
6 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
7 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Dam Inventory for the fiscal year
8 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
12	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$90,158
13	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
14	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,394
15	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	49,216
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,000
18	(C) PROF. FEES	130,000
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,000
20	(E) DATA PROC.	0
21	(05) GRANTS & AID DAM - SAFETY PROJECTS	76,997
22	(06) HIGH HAZARD DAMS REHAB	<u>226,803</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$639,568</u>

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25 SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - NRC - FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is
26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
27 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
28 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
29 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Flood Insurance Program for the
30 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$160,867
35	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
36	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	65,508

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	268,504
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	32,571
4	(C) PROF. FEES	1,700,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(05) GRANTS & AID - FLOOD HAZARD	
8	MITIGATION GRANTS	<u>3,000,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$5,262,450</u>

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11 SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER QUALITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.

12 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 13 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
 14 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural
 15 Resources Commission - Water Quality Plan Implementation for the fiscal year
 16 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$317,076
21	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	104,333
22	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,089
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,000
25	(C) PROF. FEES	0
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
27	(E) DATA PROC.	0
28	(04) WATER QUALITY MATCH GRANTS	500,000
29	(05) WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN	<u>750,000</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,675,498</u>

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32 SECTION 49. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND POLLUTION

33 ABATEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 34 Agriculture, to be payable from the Water, Waste Disposal, Pollution
 35 Abatement, Administrative and Research Facilities Construction Fund, for
 36 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -

1 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution
2 Abatement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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4	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
6	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$137,764
7	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,731
8	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,400
10	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
11	(C) PROF. FEES	0
12	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13	(E) DATA PROC.	0
14	(04) PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS	<u>90,000,000</u>
15	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$90,187,895</u>

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17 SECTION 50. APPROPRIATION - NRC - NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL
18 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
19 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer
20 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
21 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Nonpoint Source
22 Pollution Control Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
23 following:

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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$294,446
28	(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
29	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	113,166
30	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	282,774
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
33	(C) PROF. FEES	706,630
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	(05) NON POINT SOURCE POLLUTION GRANTS	5,642,276

1	(06)	HYPOXIA NUTRIENT REDUCTION	200,000
2	(07)	SMALL/ DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES	637,000
3	(08)	SEWER OVERFLOW AND STORMWATER REUSE	<u>1,606,373</u>
4		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,607,665</u></u>

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 6 SECTION 51. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE REVOLVING
 7 LOAN FUND PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 8 Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief
 9 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
 10 the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission -
 11 Construction Assistance Revolving Loan Fund Program for the fiscal year
 12 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$631,141
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	233,934
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	111,841
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	12,219
21	(C) PROF. FEES	13,500
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,002,635</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 52. APPROPRIATION - NRC - BEAVER ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is
 27 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 28 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants to the conservation districts
 29 for beaver control programs within the districts of the Department of
 30 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Beaver Eradication
 31 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35	(01) GRANTS FOR BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAMS	<u>\$150,000</u>

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SECTION 53. APPROPRIATION - NRC - GRANTS & ATTORNEY SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Grants and Attorney Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) RIVER BASIN COMPACT	\$42,820
(02) LEGAL COUNSEL	5,871
(03) COMMITTEE/COMMISSION EXPENSES	10,000
(04) CONSERVATION PROJECTS	3,500
(05) ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT	17,800
(06) RED RIVER COMPACT	<u>11,720</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$91,711</u></u>

SECTION 54. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAM GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services matching and grants to conservation districts of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation District Program Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) GRANTS TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS	\$250,000
(02) CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANTS & ASSISTANCE	<u>1,522,672</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,772,672</u></u>

SECTION 55. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER RESEARCH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water Research for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
3	(01) WATER RESEARCH/CONTRACT	<u>\$42,800</u>

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5 SECTION 56. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE -
6 REVOLVING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture,
7 to be payable from the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund, for
8 water, sewer, and solid waste grants of the Department of Agriculture -
9 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste -
10 Revolving for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13	(01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS &	
14	AID	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

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17 SECTION 57. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE -
18 STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be
19 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for water, sewer, and
20 solid waste grants or loans that will be repaid to the water, sewer and solid
21 waste revolving appropriation of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas
22 Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste - State for the
23 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
26	(01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS	<u>\$84,296</u>

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29 SECTION 58. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER USE PROGRAM. There is hereby
30 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
31 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
32 reporting expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural
33 Resources Commission - Water Use Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
34 2027, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
2	(01) WATER USE DATA REPORTING	<u>\$125,000</u>

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4 SECTION 59. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

5 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 6 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 7 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 8 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation Technical
 9 Assistance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$164,013
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	61,434
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	120,246
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
18	(C) PROF. FEES	0
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000
20	(E) DATA PROC.	0
21	(04) RESOURCE GRANTS	<u>906,637</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,292,330</u>

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24 SECTION 60. APPROPRIATION - NRC - UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM. There is
 25 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 26 Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses of the
 27 Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Unpaved
 28 Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32	(01) UNPAVED ROADS GRANTS & AID OR	
33	OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$600,000</u>

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35 SECTION 61. APPROPRIATION - NRC - FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL -
 36 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to

1 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 2 of the State, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to
 3 eliminate feral swine by the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural
 4 Resources Commission - Feral Swine Eradication and Control - Federal for the
 5 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

6	7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9	(01) FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

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11 SECTION 62. APPROPRIATION - NRC - OPERATIONS - SOIL CLASSIFIERS. There
 12 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from
 13 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 14 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of
 15 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Soil Classifiers for
 16 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
20	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,296
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
23	(C) PROF. FEES	0
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,296</u>

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28 SECTION 63. APPROPRIATION - NRC - ALLIANCE LANDOWNER CONSERVATION
 29 PRACTICES - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 30 Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief
 31 Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses associated with Alliance Landowner
 32 Conservation Practices of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural
 33 Resources Commission - Alliance Landowner Conservation Practices - Federal
 34 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1 NO. 2026-2027

2 (01) ALLIANCE LANDOWNER CONSERVATION
3 PRACTICES \$2,445,538

5 SECTION 64. APPROPRIATION - WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES

6 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
7 be payable from the Water and Sewer Treatment Facilities Grant Program Fund,
8 for water and sewer treatment facilities grants of the Department of
9 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year
10 ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$50,000,000.

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

14 FAIR FUND TRANSFER. On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as is
15 practical, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer the amount
16 needed for distribution by the Department of Agriculture to fund fairs from
17 the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Agri Fair Fund.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
19 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

21 SECTION 66. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

23 SHARED SERVICES.

24 (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create paying accounts
25 on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of the State and
26 Auditor of State for the payment of all personal services and operating
27 expenses of the Department of Agriculture.

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

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

36 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date

1 of passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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3 SECTION 67. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
5 FUND TRANSFER. The Deputy Director of the Board of Animal Health, with prior
6 approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee,
7 the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and for the
8 reimbursing of documented expenditures designated by law to be made from the
9 transferred special revenue, may transfer funds among the Animal Health
10 Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, Animal Health Disease and Pest Control
11 Fund, Animal Health Special Revenue Fund, Animal Health Commission Swine
12 Testing Fund, and the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund or from these funds to the
13 Animal Health Fund Account. The purpose of these transfers shall only be for
14 accurate allocation of incurred costs between the funds. Requests for fund
15 transfer will at least include the total amount to be transferred, to and
16 from which funds, the nature, purpose, and time period of the expenditures
17 being reimbursed, and any other information requested by the Legislative
18 Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

19 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
20 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
21 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
22 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
23 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
24 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
25 has determined that the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Animal Health may
26 operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas
27 Agriculture Department - Animal Health authorizing broad powers under this
28 Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
29 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The
31 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
32 is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by
33 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional
34 by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
36 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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

4 TRANSFER PROVISION - PEST ERADICATION. If the State Plant Board determines
5 that the demands of pest eradication efforts require additional personnel
6 expenses, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and
7 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, appropriations
8 may be transferred from the Pest Eradication Program special line item to the
9 line items for Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Overtime, and Personal Services
10 Matching.

11 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
12 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
13 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
14 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
15 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
16 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
17 has determined that the State Plant Board may operate more efficiently if
18 some flexibility is provided to the State Plant Board authorizing broad
19 powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate
20 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of
21 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this
22 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
23 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement
24 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
25 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is
26 void.

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
28 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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30 SECTION 69. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
32 PROVISION. If the State Forestry Commission determines that temporary
33 firefighters, dispatchers, or pilots are required to meet the demands of a
34 wildfire season, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
35 appropriations may be transferred from either Extra Help or Professional Fees
36 and Services to the proper character code for the employment of such

1 personnel.

2 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the deployment of air
3 tankers for fighting wildfires requires additional Professional Fees and
4 Services, and upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
5 excess appropriation in Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching may be
6 transferred to Professional Fees and Services in the Operations and Forestry
7 - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

8 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the most effective way for
9 it to cooperate in the growing and distribution of forest planting stock is
10 by contracting work with private vendors and/or hiring temporary employees
11 for seasonal work, the Commission is hereby authorized, upon approval by the
12 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to transfer the necessary appropriation
13 authorized for Extra Help and Maintenance and General Operation in the
14 Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal
15 appropriation sections.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
17 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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19 SECTION 70. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
27 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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29 SECTION 71. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY

31 FORWARD. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to the transfer of year-end fund
32 balances or any law to the contrary, any funds up to \$500,000 which remain in
33 the Department of Agriculture Fund Account at the end of a fiscal year shall
34 remain in the Department of Agriculture Fund Account and be made available to
35 fund appropriation(s) authorized by law to be made for maintenance and
36 operating costs associated with wildfire suppression, as well as the purchase

1 of fire suppression equipment for the Forestry Division and made payable from
2 the Department of Agriculture Fund Account for the following fiscal year.

3 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding up to \$500,000 as
4 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

5 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, the Agency shall by written statement set
6 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
7 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

8 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
9 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee all
10 amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or
11 Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the
12 Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding
13 carried forward, from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the
14 program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a
15 copy of the written request set forth in (1) above:

16 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
17 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
18 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
19 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
20 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
21 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
22 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
23 Committee; and

24 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
25 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
26 statement of noncompliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.
27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026
28 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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30 SECTION 72. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
32 TRANSFER. (A)(1) If the Arkansas Department of Agriculture determines
33 additional funding is required to support the purchase of firefighting
34 equipment and forest fire suppression activities, to include the maintenance
35 and operations costs associated with fire suppression, the Department of
36 Agriculture with prior approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, may

1 transfer the sum of one million one hundred eighty thousand one hundred
2 dollars (\$1,180,100) of the amount authorized for transfer by Act 154 of
3 2012, to the State Forestry Fund.

4 (2) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (A)(1)
5 of this section may be used in furtherance of the State Forestry Trust
6 Program.

7 (3) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of
8 passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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10 SECTION 73. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

12 REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. The Department of Agriculture provides a wide
13 range of services to all Arkansans. The specific service needs, along with
14 staffing required to meet them, can vary significantly due to factors such as
15 natural disasters, changing federal mandates, and job market variations like
16 wildland firefighters, dispatchers, foresters, engineers, and
17 microbiologists' shortages. These factors make it challenging for the
18 Department to accurately predict the exact needs for positions across its
19 different appropriations throughout any fiscal year. To respond swiftly to
20 changing needs and to utilize resources effectively, the Department of
21 Agriculture is authorized to reallocate resources as necessary. Upon
22 determining that a reallocation is essential for the efficient and effective
23 operation of the department, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture,
24 with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Legislative
25 Council or the Joint Budget Committee, if meeting in Legislative Session, may
26 request to transfer positions between existing business areas of the
27 department. Transfer authority shall be limited to no more than 5% of the
28 total authorized department positions in any fiscal year.

29 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
30 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
31 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
32 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
33 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
34 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has
35 determined that the Department of Agriculture may operate more efficiently if
36 some flexibility is provided to the Department of Agriculture authorizing

1 broad powers under the Reallocation of Resources provisions herein.
2 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
3 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
4 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of
5 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
6 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
7 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
8 court jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
10 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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12 SECTION 74. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

14 TRANSFER PROVISION - NRC. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal
15 Officer of the State shall authorize the transfer of obligated water, sewer,
16 and solid waste funds, as provided in the appropriation act for the Natural
17 Resources Commission in the appropriation entitled "Water, Sewer and Solid
18 Waste - State", from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, to the Water,
19 Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
21 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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23 SECTION 75. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY

25 FORWARD - NRC. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of
26 the State shall authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of
27 obligated grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for
28 Matching Grants in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan
29 Implementation".

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

32 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set
33 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
34 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

35 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
36 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the

1 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
2 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
3 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward from the first
4 fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item, the
5 funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set
6 forth in (1) above;

7 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
8 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
9 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
10 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
11 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
12 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
13 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
14 Committee; and

15 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
16 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
17 statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
19 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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21 SECTION 76. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
23 FORWARD - NRC. At the end of the fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
24 State shall authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of
25 obligated grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for
26 Water Quality Technicians in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan
27 Implementation".

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

30 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set
31 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
32 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

33 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
34 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
35 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
36 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or

1 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward from the first
2 fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item, the
3 funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set
4 forth in (1) above;

5 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
6 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
7 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
8 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
9 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
10 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
11 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
12 Committee; and

13 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
14 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
15 statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
17 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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19 SECTION 77. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
20 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
21 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
22 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
25 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
26 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
27 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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29 SECTION 78. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
30 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
31 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
32 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
33 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
34 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
35 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
36 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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SECTION 79. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

/s/Joint Budget Committee