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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 56

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR MAINTAINING AND OPERATING A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY CLERKS, CIRCUIT CLERKS, COUNTY TREASURERS, COUNTY COLLECTORS AND COUNTY CORONERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE -
CONTINUING EDUCATION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION - COUNTY CLERKS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the County and Circuit Clerks Continuing Education Fund, for the County Clerks' Continuing Education Board in carrying out the responsibilities for maintaining and operating a continuing education program and certification program for county clerks by the County Clerks' Continuing Education Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) EXPENSES FOR COUNTY CLERKS CONTINUING EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	<u>\$75,000</u>



SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION - CIRCUIT CLERKS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the County and Circuit Clerks Continuing Education Fund, for the Circuit Clerks' Continuing Education Board in carrying out the responsibilities for maintaining and operating a continuing education program and certification program for circuit clerks by the Circuit Clerks' Continuing Education Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) EXPENSES FOR CIRCUIT CLERKS CONTINUING EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	<u>75,000</u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION - COUNTY TREASURERS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the County Treasurer's Continuing Education Fund, for the County Treasurer's Continuing Education Board in carrying out the responsibilities for maintaining and operating a continuing education program for county treasurers by the County Treasurer's Continuing Education Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM	<u>\$75,000</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION - COUNTY COLLECTORS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the County Collector's Continuing Education Trust Fund, for the County Collector's Continuing Education Board in carrying out the responsibilities for maintaining and operating a continuing education program and certification program for county collectors by the County Collector's Continuing Education Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINTENANCE & OPERATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	<u>\$75,000</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION - COUNTY CORONERS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the County Coroners Continuing Education Fund, for carrying out the responsibilities and maintaining and operating a continuing education program and certification program for county coroners by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) EXPENSES FOR COUNTY CORONERS CONTINUING EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	<u>\$125,000</u>

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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.