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ARKANSAS SENATE

95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026

Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill 58

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 58

Amend Senate Bill 58 as originally introduced:

Page 19, immediately following SECTION 37, insert the following:

" SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-60-128. Funding for Middle East studies prohibited.

(a) A state-supported institution of higher education is prohibited from providing funds to a local, state, national, or international chapter of the Middle East Studies Association.

(b) This section applies only to funding approved on or after the effective date of this section."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator D. Sullivan

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Secretary

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 58

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX13A	COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION	1	GRADE EXE03
(2)	EEA03C	HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC09
(3)	FAC10C	CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC06

DHE - STATEWIDE PROMOTION. Of the general revenue that is received by and distributed from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer two hundred ninety-five thousand dollars ($295,000) to the Division of Higher Education Fund Account to be allocated, budgeted, committed and distributed to the Statewide Promotion line item in the General Operations section of this Act for the purpose of increasing public awareness of the programs and initiatives offered by the State through the Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education. The Department shall utilize a minimum of one hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars ($147,500) of the aforementioned total specifically for the promotion of the Arkansas Future Grant Program.

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

SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GOVERNOR'S HIGHER EDUCATION TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall provide for the administration of the "Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program" as appropriated in the Student Assistance Grants and Various Scholarships Appropriation section of this Act to assist students accepted into transitional programs for students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities at state institutions of higher education and shall promulgate rules for the implementation of the program and for the disbursement of scholarships to eligible students.

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

Insert New Section Here

SECTION 38. 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

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 41

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FAYETTEVILLE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 41

Amend Senate Bill 41 as originally introduced:

Page 18, immediately following SECTION 6, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS - PROHIBITED FUNDING.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville effectively ignores or skirts contemporary persecution of Christians and Jews by confining discussion of religious minorities to benign historical footnotes, while misreporting the region's religious dynamics through a selective emphasis on tolerance;

(2) Core and elective courses briefly note the existence of historical Christian and Jewish communities in pre-modern contexts but stop at positive examples of protections under Islamic rule, with no modules addressing the post-1948 Jewish exodus from Arab countries;

(3) Recent course catalogs list dozens of Arab- and Islamic-focused classes but contain zero (0) titles or descriptions that reference contemporary Jews, Christians, persecution, or religious minorities in any substantive way;

(4) Minorities appear only as historical footnotes meant to illustrate diversity or tolerance under Islam, while omitting root causes

such as apostasy laws and current data from the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom;

(5) King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies' events promote interfaith dialogue but consistently avoid sensitive or controversial topics related to religious freedom;

(6) Funding from the Saudi endowment supports general Middle East and North Africa studies, with no dedicated grants or research priorities directed toward the study of Christian or Jewish persecution;

(7) Under the LEARNS Act and the Arkansas ACCESS Act, which emphasize free and unbiased learning environments and prohibit indoctrination in publicly funded programs, the King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies' selective framing violates these requirements by failing to ensure balanced instruction; and

(8) This approach does not provide students with a comprehensive and objective understanding of the region's religious dynamics, as required for compliance with state standards promoting academic freedom and viewpoint diversity in higher education.

(b) As used in this section, "state agency" means any department, agency, board, commission, office, state-supported institution of higher education, or other authority of the state.

(c) A state agency shall not distribute any moneys, whether public or private, to the King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies.

(d) This section applies only to funding approved on or after the effective date of this section."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator D. Sullivan

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Secretary

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 41

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FAYETTEVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FAYETTEVILLE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the University of Arkansas for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
	TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS		
(1)	Dean of Business Administration	1	$552,827
(2)	Dean of Engineering	1	$479,117
(3)	Chancellor	1	$405,407
(4)	Assoc. Dean of Walton Coll. of Bus.	4	$390,997

for personal services, maintenance and operating expenses, matching funds; or grants for the development of a state center and satellite centers to provide training, consultation, and support to families and professionals for autism and related disabilities across the State, of the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville - Partners for Inclusive Communities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	PARTNERS FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES - PERSONAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING EXPENSES, MATCHING, AND GRANTS	$250,000

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SECTION 7. 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, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction 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 8. 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 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 31

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 31

Amend Senate Bill 31 as originally introduced:

Page 20, immediately following SECTION 40, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 371 OF 2025 — INSTALLMENT FEES IN DISTRICT COURT.

(a)(1) The Administrative Office of the Courts may develop implementation guidance to assist district courts with proper assessment of installment fees in district court.

(2) The assessment and collection of installment fees shall be implemented in a manner that minimizes the financial hardship imposed on individuals who are authorized to pay fines on an installment basis.

(3) An installment fee totaling seventeen dollars and fifty cents ($17.50) shall not be assessed under Acts 2025, No. 371, on a defendant in a department of a district court.

(b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Representative Dalby

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Secretary

State of Arkansas
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Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

SENATE BILL 31

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	Q004N	AOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	Q008N	AOC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE03
(3)	Q009C	AOC MANAGING ATTORNEY	2	GRADE SPC10
(4)	Q019C	AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	3	GRADE SPC06
(5)	Q058C	AOC JUDICIAL BRANCH EDUCATION DIR	1	GRADE SGS12
(6)	Q014C	AOC SPECIALTY COURT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS12

Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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

SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENT. (i) After receiving prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee if meeting in a Legislative Session, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts may direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation to the County Juror Reimbursement appropriation and State Central Services funding in the same amount to the County Juror Reimbursement Fund from any State Central Services Fund appropriation authorized for the Administrative Office of the Courts.

(ii) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, if meeting in a Legislative Session, as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 36

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 36

Amend Senate Bill 36 as originally introduced:

On page 39, immediately following SECTION 70, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 71. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 22, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

22-5-102. Notification by Department of Agriculture before purchasing land.

(a) At least one (1) month before the Department of Agriculture enters into a contract to purchase land, the department shall notify in writing the following individuals or entities where the land is located:

(1) County judge;

(2) Quorum court; and

(3) Members of the Senate and House of Representatives who represent the district.

(b) If the land under subsection (a) of this section is located in multiple counties, the department shall notify the individuals or entities as required under subsection (a) of this section for each of the counties in which the land is located."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent Sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Bentley
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State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 36

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ESE01A	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	EEX09A	CHIEF OF STAFF I	1	GRADE EXE01
(3)	LAT08C	CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
(4)	FAC08C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09
(5)	SLA01C	LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC09
(6)	CPR01C	CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS I	1	GRADE SPC06

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

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

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

Insert new section here

SECTION 71. 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 72. 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 73. 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

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill 20

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 20

Amend Senate Bill 20 as originally introduced:

On page 10, immediately following SECTION 12, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 20-77-1901(7), concerning the definition of "specialty hospital" regarding the assessment fee on hospitals, is amended to read as follows:

(7) "Specialty hospital" means an acute care general hospital that~~:~~

~~(A) Limits services primarily to children and qualifies as exempt from the Medicare prospective payment system regulation; or~~

~~(B) Is~~ is primarily or exclusively engaged in the care and treatment of patients with cardiac conditions;"

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative Bentley
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Secretary

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 20

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX22A	HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	SSP03C	DHS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC09
(3)	SSP07C	SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC08
(4)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08

Committee PEER/Review Subcommittee no later than ten days prior to the Subcommittee's scheduled meeting date.

(b) The report shall summarize the current total fund balance and the past five Fiscal Year ending total fund balances of the Arkansas Medicaid Program Trust Fund.

(c) The report shall contain, cumulatively over the course of the fiscal year, by month for each distribution from the Arkansas Medicaid Program Trust Fund and its subfunds, the following:

(1) The amount of the distribution;

(2) The date of the distribution;

(3) The fund code to which the distribution was made;

(4) The appropriation line item name from which the funds are distributed; and

(5) The purpose of the distribution.

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

Insert new Section here

SECTION 13. 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 14. 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.

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill 20

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 20

Amend Senate Bill 20 as originally introduced:

On page 10, immediately following SECTION 12, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 20-77-147(b), concerning the annual cap for diagnostic laboratory services under the Arkansas Medicaid Program, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The program shall set the annual cap for:

(1) Diagnostic laboratory services, not including radiology services~~, of at least~~:

(A) ~~Five~~ Of at least five hundred dollars ($500); ~~or~~ and

(B) ~~One~~ Not to exceed one thousand eight hundred dollars ($1,800) ~~if the beneficiary is diagnosed with chronic pain or is being treated for pain management~~ per beneficiary per fiscal year when additional diagnostic services are determined to be medically necessary in accordance with criteria established by the Department of Human Services; and

(2) Radiology services of at least five hundred dollars ($500)."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator C. Penzo
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Secretary

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 20

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX22A	HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	SSP03C	DHS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC09
(3)	SSP07C	SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC08
(4)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08

Committee PEER/Review Subcommittee no later than ten days prior to the Subcommittee's scheduled meeting date.

(b) The report shall summarize the current total fund balance and the past five Fiscal Year ending total fund balances of the Arkansas Medicaid Program Trust Fund.

(c) The report shall contain, cumulatively over the course of the fiscal year, by month for each distribution from the Arkansas Medicaid Program Trust Fund and its subfunds, the following:

(1) The amount of the distribution;

(2) The date of the distribution;

(3) The fund code to which the distribution was made;

(4) The appropriation line item name from which the funds are distributed; and

(5) The purpose of the distribution.

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

Insert new section here

SECTION 13. 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 14. 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.

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill 20

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 20

Amend Senate Bill 20 as originally introduced:

On page 10, immediately following SECTION 12, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-9-108. Artificial intelligence for prescription renewals — Definition.

(a) As used in this section, "artificial intelligence" means a machine-based system that can, based on a given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing a real or virtual environment.

(b) A healthcare professional may use artificial intelligence to participate in medical decision-making for the completion of prescription renewals if:

(1) The prescription renewal will be dispensed at a licensed pharmacy in this state; and

(2) The patient is enrolled in the Arkansas Medicaid Program or the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative Pilkington
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Secretary

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 20

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX22A	HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	SSP03C	DHS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC09
(3)	SSP07C	SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC08
(4)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08

Committee PEER/Review Subcommittee no later than ten days prior to the Subcommittee's scheduled meeting date.

(b) The report shall summarize the current total fund balance and the past five Fiscal Year ending total fund balances of the Arkansas Medicaid Program Trust Fund.

(c) The report shall contain, cumulatively over the course of the fiscal year, by month for each distribution from the Arkansas Medicaid Program Trust Fund and its subfunds, the following:

(1) The amount of the distribution;

(2) The date of the distribution;

(3) The fund code to which the distribution was made;

(4) The appropriation line item name from which the funds are distributed; and

(5) The purpose of the distribution.

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

Insert new Section here

SECTION 13. 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 14. 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.

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill 1066

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1066

Amend House Bill 1066 as originally introduced:

Page 21, immediately following SECTION 40, insert the following SECTION to read as follows:

"SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 55, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15-55-101. Notification to city.

(a) The Division of Environmental Quality shall notify the mayor of a city of the issuance of a permit to mine a quarry under this subtitle if the quarry is located within the city limits.

(b) The written notice required under subsection (a) of this section may be delivered by email."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative Pilkington
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Chief Clerk

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HOUSE BILL 1066

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Energy and Environment for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ESE06A	SECRETARY OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	EEX19A	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE01
(3)	EEX09A	CHIEF OF STAFF I	1	GRADE EXE01
(4)	LAT08C	CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
(5)	FAC08C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LANDFILL POST-CLOSURE CLEAN UP RESTRICTIONS. Any expenditures in excess of $2,000,000 per site from the Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund, as appropriated in the Contractual Services line item of the Landfill Post-Closure Program appropriation section, for corrective action to remedy environmental impacts of closed disposal sites previously operated as a landfill pursuant to state law, shall be subject to review and approval by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission after addressing corrective actions needed to address environmental impacts from permitted landfills closed properly.

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

SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the Department of Energy and Environment.

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

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

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

Insert new section here

SECTION 41. 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

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill 1068

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1068

Amend House Bill 1068 as originally introduced:

Page 21, following SECTION 38 immediately insert new sections to read as follows:

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 26-52-103(19), concerning the definitions to be used under the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, is amended to read as follows:

(19)(A) "Gross receipts", "gross proceeds", or "sales price" means the total amount of consideration, including cash, credit, property, and services, for which tangible personal property, specified digital products, a digital code, or services are sold, leased, or rented, valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise, without a deduction for the following:

(i) The seller's cost of the property sold;

(ii) The cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest, any loss, any cost of transportation to the seller, any tax imposed on the seller, and any other expense of the seller;

(iii) A charge by the seller for any service necessary to complete the sale, other than a delivery charge, or an installation charge, or a credit card processing fee as described in subdivision (19)(B)(iv) of this section;

(iv) Delivery charge;

(v)(a) Installation charge.

(b) Installation charges shall not be included in the gross receipts, gross proceeds, or sales price if they are not a specifically taxable service under this chapter or the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, § 26-53-101 et seq., and the installation charges have been separately stated on the invoice, billing, or similar document given to the purchaser; or

(vi) Credit for any trade-in.

(B) "Gross receipts", "gross proceeds", or "sales price" does not include:

(i) A discount including cash, term, or a coupon that is not reimbursed by a third party and that is allowed by a seller and taken by a purchaser on a sale;

(ii) An interest, financing, or carrying charge from credit extended on the sale of tangible personal property, specified digital products, a digital code, or services if the amount is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser; and

(iii) A tax legally imposed directly on the consumer that is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser; and

(iv) A credit card processing fee that is charged by a seller as part of a sale and is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser;

SECTION 40. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 39 of this act is effective on the first day of the calendar quarter following the effective date of this act.

AND

Delete SECTION 41 and insert the following:

SECTION 43. 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; with the

exception of Section 39; and that in the event of an extension of the Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026, with the exception of Section 39 in this Act is effective on the first day of the calendar quarter following the effective date of this Act, 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 with the exception of Section 39 in this Act.

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Cavenaugh
By: Senator J. Boyd, J. Bryant
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HOUSE BILL 1068

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Shared Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ESE04A	SEC OF DEPT OF FINAN & ADMIN	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	EEX10A	CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
(3)	EEX17A	DFA DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE EXE01
(4)	HDH03C	HR ADMINISTRATOR II	1	GRADE SPC08
(5)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08

The following three classifications shall be used by the agency for security, protection, and safety personnel:

(1)	SLE01C POLICE CHIEF	GRADE LES03
(2)	SLE03P POLICE OFFICER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	GRADE LES02
(3)	SLE02P POLICE OFFICER	GRADE LES01

Department of Finance and Administration - Alcoholic Beverage Control Division will manage training and certification of the certified law enforcement officers and specialized police personnel and maintain all required documentation.

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

insert new sections here

SECTION 39. 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 40. 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 41. 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

Delete Section cont'd

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.

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Subtitle of House Bill 1064

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1064

Amend House Bill 1064 as originally introduced:

Page 37, immediately following SECTION 71, insert the following sections:

" SECTION 72. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REDISTRIBUTION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE REINSTATEMENT AND INSTALLMENT FEES.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer and disburse general revenue funds each fiscal year to the following:

	Maximum Allocation
(1) Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System – State Police Retirement Fund;	$1,545,068
(2) Administrative Office of the Courts – Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund;	$3,390,177
(3) State Administration of Justice Fund; and	$5,204,654
(4) Department of Finance and Administration – Office of Motor Vehicle – State Central Services Fund	$450,546

(b) The funds and fund accounts in subsection (a) of this section shall be disbursed monthly in accordance with each fund or fund account's proportionate share of the total of all such allocations.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

SECTION 73. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 27-22-209(d), concerning the motor vehicle registration reinstatement fee collected by the Department of Finance and Administration after registration is suspended for operating a motor vehicle without insurance coverage, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The reinstatement fee collected by the department shall be ~~distributed under § 27-16-808~~ deposited into the State Treasury, and the Treasurer of State shall credit these proceeds as general revenue to the various funds in the respective amounts to each to be used for the purposes provided in the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-20-101 et seq."

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent section numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator C. Tucker
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Secretary

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1064

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS AND EXPENSES AND VARIOUS AGENCY TRANSFERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STATE'S CONTRIBUTIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for disbursements for Arkansas' contribution to various interstate organizations by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	ASSOCIATION OF RACING COMMISSIONERS	$21,000
(02)	COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENT	192,000
(03)	DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY	235,000

information requested by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(ii) After reviewing a request the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may deny, modify or approve the agencies or institutions request based on the estimated amount of appropriation needed and currently available, purpose, estimated funding available and preferred spending priority. Upon approval or modification of a request by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after meeting the requirements of subsection (iii) herein, the Department of Finance and Administration shall establish the transfer of appropriation on the books of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor, in compliance with the applicable classifications of appropriations as enumerated in Arkansas Code 19-4-511 through 19-4-516.

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

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

(v) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation for a state agency or institution each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency or institution. Further, the General Assembly has determined that a state agency or institution may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the state agency or institution authorizing broad powers under this section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement or approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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

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SECTION 72. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill 1022

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1022

Amend House Bill 1022 as originally introduced:

Page 2, immediately following SECTION 2, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

15-5-108. Regular salaries.

There are established for the Arkansas Development Finance Authority the following titles and grades for each position. The salary for the positions assigned to each grade shall be determined in accordance with the pay level for the grade assigned in this section, as established in § 21-5-209.

Class Code	Title	No. of Employees	Grade
EEX20A	FINANCE AUTHORITY DIRECTOR	1	EXE02
FAC05P	ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	SPC04
FAC06C	ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	SPC05
FAU08P	INTERNAL AUDITOR	1	SPC05
FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	SGS06
FIN03P	FINANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	SPC06
HDH05P	HR COORDINATOR	1	SGS07
LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	1	SPC05
LAT06C	ATTORNEY IV	1	SPC09

PAS01P	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	SGS05
PAS08I	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	3	SGS07
PCO01P	COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	13	SGS07
PCO03P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	15	SGS06
PCO04P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	SGS08
PPE12C	STUDENT LOAN DIRECTOR	1	SPC09
PPF01P	PUBLIC FINANCE OFFICER	8	SPC05
PPF02P	PUBLIC FINANCE OFFICER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	SPC07

15-5-109. Arkansas Development. Finance Authority — Salaries.

(a) An adjustment in the annual salary rate for an employee shall be made at the discretion of the Director of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority.

(b) In addition to other salary payments under this section, the director may implement a merit program to reward employees for exceptional service.

(c) In order to recruit and retain exceptionally well-qualified personnel, the Arkansas Development Finance Authority may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (⅓) of the positions authorized.

15-5-110. Expansion pool.

(a) The Arkansas Development Finance Authority is authorized a pool of twenty (20) positions to be used to establish additional positions with the proper title and pay grade if the Arkansas Development Finance Authority does not have sufficient positions available to address growth needs.

(b) The Arkansas Development Finance Authority is authorized to access the pool positions under subsection (a) of this section at any time when the Director of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority determines that the need exists.

(c) The director shall provide an annual report justifying the need determination under subsection (b) of this section to the:

(1) Board of Directors of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority;

(2) Chief Fiscal Officer of the State; and

(3) Secretary of the Department of Shared Administrative Services."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Beaty Jr.

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HOUSE BILL 1022

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Development Finance Authority, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses for implementation of the Federal Housing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAM	$15,000,000

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Development Finance Authority, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to provide funding to engage homeless individuals and families,

improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, provide essential services to shelter residents and rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	GRANTS AND AID	$2,296,487

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SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill 21

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 21

Amend Senate Bill 21 as originally introduced:

On page 14, immediately following SECTION 22, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 20-64-903(b), concerning the exemptions to licensure for an alcohol and drug abuse treatment program, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The following programs and persons are exempted from the requirements of this subchapter:

(1) Acute care, hospital-based alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs governed by §§ 20-9-201 and 20-10-213;

(2) Members of the clergy, Christian Science practitioners, and licensed professionals working within the standards of their respective professions, including without limitation:

(A) Attorneys;

(B) Counselors;

(C) Nurses;

(D) Physicians;

(E) Psychological examiners;

(F) Psychologists;

(G) School counselors; and

(H) Social workers;

(3) Treatment directly administered by the United States Department of Defense or any other federal agency; ~~and~~

(4) Self-help or twelve-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, or Nar-Anon Family Groups; and

(5) Faith-based treatment and recovery programs for substance abuse."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator M. Johnson
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Secretary

State of Arkansas
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SENATE BILL 21

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX22A	HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR	2	GRADE EXE02
(2)	SSP03C	DHS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC09
(3)	MHA01C	NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC08

manner as the funding formula requirements set out in the federal Older Americans Act funding law.

(2) The additional funding provided by this provision shall supplement and not supplant any monies currently funding services for Senior Citizen Centers.

(d) Should additional funding provided for in subsections (a) and (b) herein be insufficient to provide for the full five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) authorized, the increases shall be provided to the extent that general revenue is recouped and carried forward.

(e)(1) The Department of Human Services shall provide a written report to the Department of Finance and Administration Budget Office, the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee the total amount of general revenue carried forward and distributed as set forth in this section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in subsection (e)(1) herein in the budget manual submitted to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for the Department.

Insert new Section here

SECTION 23. 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 24. 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

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Subtitle of House Bill 1052

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES BY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1052

Amend House Bill 1052 as engrossed H4/15/26 (version: 4/15/26 03:20:17 PM):

Page 7, immediately following SECTION 13, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 14-47-123, concerning the meetings of a board directors in a city manager form of government, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(g)(1) A director of a city of the first class with a city manager form of government having a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more according to the most recent federal decennial census shall not receive compensation if the director does not attend a regular meeting or special meeting of the board for ninety (90) days or more.

(2) Compensation for a director under subdivision (g)(1) of this section shall resume if the director attends a regular meeting or special meeting of the board after the director has not attended a regular meeting or special meeting of the board for ninety (90) days or more."

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Senator M. Johnson

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HOUSE BILL 1052

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES BY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES BY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL REVENUE TO CITIES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Treasurer of State, to be payable from the Municipal Aid Fund, for the purpose of distributing General Revenue accruing therein for the benefit of municipalities as provided by law, by the Office of the Treasurer of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	GENERAL REVENUES - CITIES	$29,372,099

written request set forth in (1) above;

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

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

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

Insert new section here

SECTION 14. 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 15. 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 16. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

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Subtitle of House Bill 1037

AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1037

Amend House Bill 1037 as originally introduced:

Page 4 immediately following SECTION 7, insert the following sections:

" SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 7-5-106(f) and (g), concerning runoff elections for county and municipal offices, are amended to read as follows:

(f)~~(1)~~ As used in this section, "municipal office" means offices of cities of the first class and cities of the second class and incorporated towns and includes the offices of council members, members of boards of managers, or other elective municipal offices elected by the voters of the entire municipality or from wards or districts within a municipality.

~~(2) "Municipal office" does not include offices of cities having a city manager form of government.~~

~~(g) This section does not apply to election of members of the boards of directors and other officials of cities having a city manager form of government.~~

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 14-61-111(b)(1)(A), concerning the selection of mayor in a city manager form of government, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) If a majority of the qualified electors of the city voting on the issue vote to do so, the mayor shall be directly elected by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the city.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 14-61-111(b)(2) and (3), concerning the minimum percentage requirement for the selection of mayor in a city manager form of government, are amended to read as follows:

(2)~~(A) At a special or general election on the question of whether to directly elect the mayor, a majority of the qualified electors voting on the issue may also vote to require that a successful candidate for mayor receive a minimum percentage, less than fifty percent (50%), of the total votes cast for the position of mayor in order to be elected mayor without a runoff.~~

~~(B) The minimum percentage necessary for election without a runoff shall be determined by ordinance approved by a two-thirds vote of the governing body or referred to the electors for their approval.~~

~~(3)~~(A) If ~~it is required that a candidate receive a minimum percentage, less than fifty percent (50%), of the total votes cast for mayor in order to be elected mayor without a runoff, and if~~ no candidate for the position of mayor receives ~~at least the required percentage~~ a majority of the votes cast, then the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees for the position of mayor and shall be certified to a special runoff election which shall be held four (4) weeks from the day on which the general election is held.

(B) The special runoff election shall be conducted, and the election results shall be canvassed and certified in the manner prescribed by law for municipal runoff elections.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 14-61-112 is amended to read as follows:

14-61-112. Selection of directors and mayor.

(a) ~~Unless special provisions for the position of mayor are implemented pursuant to § 14-61-111, the~~ A candidate for mayor, who in any special or general election ~~shall receive~~ receives a majority of the votes cast ~~in favor of another candidate for the position~~, shall be deemed ~~to be~~ elected.

(b) If special provisions for the election of the mayor are implemented ~~pursuant to~~ under § 14-61-111, then those special provisions will

control the election of the mayor~~, unless those special provisions are amended by ordinance approved by a two-thirds vote of the governing body of the city~~.

(c)~~(1) The~~ A candidate for a designated position on the board of directors of a city affected by this chapter who in a special or general election receives ~~votes greater in number than those cast in favor of another candidate for the position and who receives at least forty percent (40%)~~ a majority of the votes cast, shall be deemed elected.

~~(2) Subdivision (c)(1) of this section may be amended by ordinance approved by a two-thirds vote of the governing body of the city or by the approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the municipality by petition.~~

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Sections 8, 9, 10, and 11 of this act shall supersede any prior elections, ordinances, or other actions that provided for officials in a city with a city manager form of government to be elected with less than a majority vote of the qualified electors of the city."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator M. Johnson
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1037

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the State Board of Election Commissioners for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	PBC03C	ELECTION COMMISSION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(2)	LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE SPC05
(3)	PBC04A	ELECTION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS08
(4)	FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
(5)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
(6)	CTR04P	TRAINING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08

2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER. If funds are not available for the State Board of Election Commissioners to perform their duties, the Director of the State Board of Election Commissioners may from time to time certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the amount of funds needed and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer the certified amount from the Nonpartisan Filing Fee Fund to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund for use by the State Board of Election Commissioners.

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

Insert new sections here

SECTION 8. 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 9. 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 10. 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

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 3

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 3

Amend Senate Bill 3 as originally introduced:

Page 24, immediately following SECTION 41 insert the following sections:

" SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-61-801(6)(A), concerning the definitions used regarding intergovernmental relations under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(6)(A) "~~Public school~~ Local government construction services" means services procured by a municipality, public school district, or open-enrollment public charter school under a contract with a corresponding cooperative purchasing verification letter providing for the making of repairs, alterations, erection, or other permanent improvements to a public building, property, or structure that do not exceed a total aggregate amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000) for a public procurement unit in a fiscal year.

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-61-802(a)(1), concerning cooperative purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) A public procurement unit may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of ~~public school~~ local government construction services, commodities, or other services in accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants.

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-61-802(a)(2)(A), concerning cooperative purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) A cooperative purchasing agreement is limited to ~~public~~

~~school~~ local government construction services, commodities, and other services for which the public procurement unit may realize savings or material economic value, or both.

SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-61-802(b)(2), concerning cooperative purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The reports required under this subsection shall be submitted by October 1 in the format required by the Legislative Council and shall include the following:

(A) The name of the contractor;

(B) The name of the procuring agency;

(C) The contact information for the contractor and procuring agency;

(D) The total cost of the contract, including all available extensions;

(E) A description of the ~~public school~~ local government construction services, goods, or other services procured; and

(F) Any other information requested by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-61-802(d), concerning cooperative purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(d) If a public procurement unit needs to procure ~~public school~~ local government construction services in excess of the amount provided in § 19-61-801(6), the public procurement unit may submit a request for a waiver to the Executive Subcommittee of the Legislative Council."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent section numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative Wardlaw
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SENATE BILL 3

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Shared Administrative Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ESE14A	SEC OF TRANSFORM & SHARED SERVICES	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	EEX10A	CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
(3)	EEX45A	STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(4)	EEX48A	STATE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(5)	EEX49A	STATE PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(6)	FAC09C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER II	1	GRADE SPC10

System's Office, shall be transferred to the Geographic Information Systems Fund to be used for operating and maintaining the Arkansas Spatial Data Infrastructure, creating, updating, maintaining and disseminating framework spatial data as defined by Arkansas Code §15-21-502.

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

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of the appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

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

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

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

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SECTION 42. 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

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Subtitle of House Bill 1007

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1007

Amend House Bill 1007 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 6, delete "114,000,000" and substitute "136,034,216"

AND

Page 3, line 30, delete "$3,480,713,330" and substitute "$3,502,747,546"

AND

Page 17, immediately following SECTION 25, insert the following:

" SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM FUNDING REQUIREMENT.

(a) The Department of Education shall budget, allocate, and expend from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account the full amount appropriated for the Arkansas Better Chance Program in this act, as defined by Arkansas Code § 6-45-106.

(b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-45-106, concerning the application process and allocation of funding for early childhood programs under the Arkansas Better Chance Program Act, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d)(1) An early childhood program accredited and quality-approved under this section shall receive a reimbursement rate not less than the seventy-fifth percentile of the current market rate as determined by the current Arkansas Child Care Market Price Study.

(2) The Department of Education shall promulgate rules to implement this subsection."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative J. Mayberry, Childress, Clowney, A. Collins, Eaton, D. Garner, Hall, Holladay, Hudson, McCullough, M. McElroy, McNair, Painter, Puryear, J. Richardson, Richmond, Rye, Springer, Wooten

By: Senator Crowell, Caldwell, J. English, G. Leding, Rice, Simon

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HOUSE BILL 1007

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account, for grants and aid to local school districts and special programs of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	98% URT ACTUAL COLLECTION ADJUSTMENT	$34,500,000

Secondary Education Fund Account for the fiscal year.

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

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SECTION 26. 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 27. 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 28. 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.

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Subtitle of House Bill 1007

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1007

Amend House Bill 1007 as originally introduced:

Page 17, immediately following SECTION 25, insert the following:

" SECTION 26. DO NOT CODIFY. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that Sections 26 - 31 of this act apply to:

(1) An isolated school district created by a detachment election during the 2026 annual school election under Arkansas Code § 6-13-1801;

(2) An existing district from which a newly created isolated school district was created under Arkansas Code § 6-13-1801; and

(3) Any future isolated school district created and governed by Arkansas Code § 6-13-1801 et seq.

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1801 is amended to read as follows:

6-13-1801. Isolated school district — Formation — Definition.

(a)(1) An isolated school may detach from ~~a resulting or receiving~~ an existing district if the isolated school submits a petition to the ~~resulting or receiving school~~ existing district board of directors that states the intent to reestablish the original isolated school and that contains the signatures of:

(A) No less than three hundred fifty (350) registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the isolated school; or

(B) No less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the isolated school.

(2)(A) The ~~resulting or receiving school~~ existing district board of directors shall request the county clerk of the county in which the ~~resulting or receiving school~~ existing district is located to verify the signatures submitted in a petition under subdivision (a)(1) of this section within five (5) business days of receipt of a petition under subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

(B) Upon request, a county clerk of the county in which the ~~resulting or receiving school~~ existing district is located shall verify the signatures within five (5) days of receipt of a request from the ~~resulting or receiving school~~ existing district board of directors under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.

(3) The ~~resulting or receiving school~~ existing district board of directors shall review a petition submitted under subdivision (a)(1) of this section and call ~~an~~ a detachment election under subdivision (a)(1) of this section to be held for the voters who reside within the school district boundaries of the isolated school before it consolidated with the ~~resulting or receiving~~ existing district on the issue of an isolated school detaching from ~~a resulting or receiving~~ an existing district at the next annual school election.

(b)(1) An isolated school district may be formed from an isolated school within ~~a resulting or receiving~~ an existing district that was annexed or consolidated with another school district under the Public Education Reorganization Act, § 6-13-1601 et seq., following the submission and approval of a petition under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) In order to qualify as an isolated school district, the isolated school within ~~a resulting or receiving~~ an existing district that was annexed or consolidated with another school district under the Public Education Reorganization Act, § 6-13-1601 et seq., shall have been in operation for kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) within two (2) years of the date on which the isolated school applies under this subchapter.

(c) The minimum school enrollment to establish a new public school district shall not apply when forming an isolated school district under this

subchapter.

(d) As used in this subchapter, "existing district" means a public school district that was formed as a result of the administrative consolidation or annexation of an isolated school under § 6-20-602.

SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1803(a), concerning an election to establish the millage rate of a newly formed isolated school district, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) An election within the boundaries of an isolated school district shall be held to establish the millage rate for the isolated school district as required under § 26-80-111.

(2) The millage rate of the existing district that was established before the detachment election conducted under this subchapter shall be the millage rate for the isolated school district formed under § 6-13-1801.

SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1803(c), concerning the determination of the prior-year average daily membership of a newly formed isolated school district, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If an isolated school district begins operations at the beginning of the following school year after detaching from ~~a local public school~~ an existing district under which the proposed isolated school district currently operates, the prior-year average daily membership of the isolated school shall be subtracted from the prior-year average daily membership of the ~~local public school~~ existing district under which the isolated school previously operated.

SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code §§ 6-13-1804 and 6-13-1805 are amended to read as follows:

6-13-1804. Facilities and property.

(a)(1) ~~A local public school~~ An existing district under which a proposed isolated school district currently operates shall agree in writing to release ownership of the isolated school's facilities and any accompanying debt on the facilities to the isolated school district.

(2) The written release form required under subdivision (a)(1)

of this section shall be signed by the president of the school district board of directors of the ~~local public school~~ existing district under which the proposed isolated school district currently operates and shall be included in the application submitted by the proposed isolated school district.

(b)(1) Ownership of a school bus acquired with isolated school funds in the previous two (2) school years shall be transferred to the ~~resulting~~ isolated school district formed under this subchapter.

(2) If a school bus was not acquired with isolated school funds in the previous two (2) school years, then the ownership of the number of school buses transferred to the isolated school district formed under this subchapter shall be equal to the lesser of:

(A) The number of buses dedicated primarily to delivering students to and from the isolated school in the previous two (2) years of operation of the existing district under which the isolated school previously operated; or

(B) The percentage of the total number of buses owned by the existing district that is equal to the percentage of students attending the isolated school in the prior year according to the first three-quarter average daily membership.

(c) Isolated school funds received by the ~~local public school~~ existing district under which the proposed isolated school district currently operates within four (4) months of the end of the ~~local public school~~ existing district's fiscal year on June 30 shall be transferred to the resulting isolated school district.

(d) Ownership of all personal property and fixtures, including without limitation furnishings, equipment, textbooks, computers, technology, phone systems, audio-video systems, athletic equipment, and machinery at an isolated school ~~currently operating within a local public~~ located in a resulting isolated school district that is the property of the existing district at the time of a detachment election held under this subchapter shall be transferred to the resulting isolated school district.

(e)(1) An existing district shall transfer to the isolated school district that previously operated under the existing district a sum equal to ninety percent (90%) of the foundation funding awarded for each student who currently attends the isolated school based on the prior-year first three-quarter average daily membership of the public school that is proposed to

operate as an isolated school district.

(2) The payment of foundation funds required under subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall be made under § 6-13-1806(e).

(f)(1) An isolated school district shall assume all the debt of the existing district if the debt is directly related to the real property transferred to the isolated school district under this section.

(2) Debt is directly related to the real property transferred to the isolated school district under this section if the debt is related to a capital project that is located on the isolated school district campus.

(3) In order to comply with this subsection, an isolated school district may:

(A) Refinance any debt assumed under subdivision (f)(1) of this section through the issuance of new bonds; or

(B) Enter into a contract to pay the existing district under which the isolated school district previously operated and that holds the debt the amount necessary to satisfy the debt repayment obligations.

(g)(1) An existing district shall hold all personal property and fixtures that will be transferred to a resulting isolated school district under this section in a trust until the isolated school district is able to take custody of the personal property and fixtures.

(2)(A) An isolated school district shall have a civil cause of action to enforce the distribution of ownership of personal property and fixtures under this section.

(B) A court of competent jurisdiction may provide any legal or equitable remedy necessary to give effect to the provisions of this subchapter.

(C) If a civil cause of action is initiated and a court of competent jurisdiction determines that an existing district or an administrator of an existing district has concealed, removed, wasted, divested, or withheld any personal property or fixture that belongs to an isolated school district according to this section, then the court may:

(i) Assess punitive damages up to three (3) times the amount of the value of the personal property or fixture that was concealed, removed, wasted, divested, or withheld;

(ii) Award attorney's fees to the prevailing party; and

(iii) Take other appropriate actions to ensure compliance with the requirements of this subchapter.

(h)(1) Nothing in this subchapter shall prohibit an existing district and an isolated school district formed under this subchapter from agreeing to a division of personal property, fixtures, and other assets, including without limitation any funding, that is not otherwise prescribed in this subchapter.

(2) An agreement entered into under subdivision (h)(1) of this section shall be enforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction.

6-13-1805. Management.

~~An~~ Until a duly elected or appointed isolated school district board of directors selects a superintendent, an isolated school district shall be managed by:

(1) A director hired by the isolated school district;

(2) A director appointed by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to oversee operations of all isolated school districts in the state; or

(3) Any other director or superintendent the division appoints to the isolated school district.

SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 13, Subchapter 18, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

6-13-1806. Transition period following a detachment election — Certification of initial operations of isolated school district.

(a) Following the formation of an isolated school district, an existing district shall continue to operate in the same manner as it did immediately before the detachment election in which the isolated school district was created under § 6-13-1801 and shall continue to educate all students enrolled in the existing district.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, the funds provided to an existing district under § 6-20-2305 shall continue to be provided to the existing district following the detachment election forming an isolated school district under § 6-13-1801 until:

(1) The isolated school district certifies with the existing

district that it is ready to begin operations at the isolated school district; and

(2) The last day of school in the existing district occurs, if the certification under subdivision (b)(1) of this section is made after July 15 of each year.

(c) An isolated school district may certify that it is ready to begin operations when the isolated school district has:

(1) Selected and employed an isolated school district superintendent or other official authorized under this subchapter who has the authority to act on behalf of the isolated school district;

(2)(A) Employed officials who are authorized by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to receive state funding.

(B) An official shall not be authorized to receive state funding under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section until he or she completes any training required by the division that is related to state funding;

(3) Established accounts at a financial institution that is eligible to receive state funds;

(4) Been assigned a local education agency number by the division;

(5) Taken the steps necessary to begin to enroll students as determined by the division; and

(6) Established a school calendar that sets a date for the new isolated school district to begin the school year in the initial year of operation.

(d)(1) Certification under this section shall be made by submitting to the following entities a signed statement attested to under penalty of perjury that the requirements of this section have been satisfied:

(A) The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

(B) The superintendent of the existing district.

(2) If the certification under subdivision (d)(1) of this section is filed:

(A) On or before July 15 of each year, then the isolated school district shall begin operations in the fiscal year beginning on July 1 of each year; and

(B) After July 15 of each year, then the isolated school

district shall begin operations in the following fiscal year.

(e) The funding allocated under § 6-13-1804(e) shall be transferred from an existing district to a newly created isolated school district in accordance with the following schedule until all allocated funds under § 6-13-1804(e) have been transferred:

(1) Twenty-five percent (25%) shall be transferred within ten (10) business days of notice that the isolated school district:

(A) Selects an isolated school district superintendent or other official authorized under this subchapter who has the authority to act on behalf of the isolated school district; and

(B) Establishes accounts at a financial institution that is eligible to receive state funds;

(2) An additional twenty-five percent (25%) shall be transferred on December 31 of the year in which a detachment election under this subchapter is held if the isolated school district has not yet begun operations; and

(3) The remaining amount of the isolated school district's funds awarded under this subchapter shall be transferred when the isolated school district certifies it is ready to begin operations as specified under this section.

6-13-1807. Time period to begin operations.

(a) An isolated school district shall have up to sixteen (16) months from the date of a detachment election held under this subchapter to certify under § 6-13-1806 that the isolated school district is ready to begin operations.

(b) If an isolated school district has not certified that it is ready to begin operations under § 6-13-1806 within the time required under subsection (a) of this section, then the isolated school district board of directors may:

(1) Seek to voluntarily consolidate with another public school district; or

(2) Dissolve the newly created isolated school district and return to the existing district under which it previously operated.

(c) If no action is taken under subsection (b) of this section within twenty-four (24) months from the date of a detachment election held under

this subchapter, then the isolated school district shall be dissolved by operation of law, and all property held by and geographic area comprising the isolated school district shall return to the existing district.

6-13-1808. First year of operation — Enrollment of students.

(a) An isolated school district may begin enrolling students following its establishment under this subchapter.

(b) If an isolated school district has not yet begun to operate as indicated under § 6-13-1806, then the enrollment of a student in the isolated school district shall:

(1) Be prospective;

(2) Not be construed to remove the student from enrollment in the student's current public school district; and

(3) Not relieve the student's current school district from its obligation to educate the student.

(c) A student is a resident of an existing district under this subchapter for purposes of funding and all relevant applicable law if the student:

(1) Is eligible to attend public school in Arkansas; and

(2) Establishes residency inside the boundary of the isolated school district before the isolated school district begins operations under this subchapter.

(d) A student may continue to attend an existing district until the student graduates or establishes residency in another public school district if the student:

(1) Resides in the boundaries of the isolated school district; and

(2) Attends the existing district at the time the isolated school district begins operations under this subchapter.

6-13-1809. Terms of office for members of an existing district board of directors.

(a) The creation of an isolated school district under this subchapter does not create an immediate vacancy on the board of directors of an existing district when a member of the board of directors of the existing district resides in the newly created isolated school district.

(b) To ensure all students of an existing district are represented, a member of a board of directors of the existing district who resides in a newly created isolated school district shall continue to be qualified to hold his or her office until the isolated school district:

(1) Begins operations;

(2) Consolidates with another public school district; or

(3) Dissolves.

(c) A member of a board of directors of an existing district shall remain qualified to hold his or her seat if he or she establishes residency inside the boundary of an existing district and within the appropriate zone if he or she is elected by zone before an isolated school district begins operations or consolidates with another public school district."

AND

Page 17, delete SECTION 28 in its entirety and substitute the following:

" SECTION 28. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

(a) 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 all Sections of this act, except Sections 26-31 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 for all Sections, except Sections 26-31 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 all Sections, except Sections 26-31 of 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.

(b) It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that without further statutory clarity, isolated school districts that have recently detached from existing districts will be without administrative and financial guidance; that newly formed isolated school districts need enough time to establish contracts and administrative

requirements in order to begin the upcoming school year; that the Department of Education needs statutory clarity on how funds should be distributed based on the formation of new school districts; and that this act is immediately necessary to provide newly formed isolated school districts with the statutory direction that is needed to proceed with standard operations following recent detachments from existing districts and to give the department guidance necessary to correctly disburse funds to newly formed school districts. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and Sections 26 through 31 of this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

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By: Senator Irvin
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HOUSE BILL 1007

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account, for grants and aid to local school districts and special programs of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	98% URT ACTUAL COLLECTION ADJUSTMENT	$34,500,000

Secondary Education Fund Account for the fiscal year.

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

insert new sections here

SECTION 26. 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 27. 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 28. 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.

Hall of the House of Representatives

95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026

Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill 1036

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1036

Amend House Bill 1036 as originally introduced:

Page 13, immediately after SECTION 19, insert the following SECTIONS:

" SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 5-27-205(c), concerning an affirmative defense to prosecution for the crime of endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this section that a parent voluntarily delivered a child to and left the child with or in, or voluntarily arranged for another person to deliver a child to and leave the child with or in, a medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or a newborn safety device as provided in § 9-34-201 et seq.

(2)(A) Subdivision (c)(1) of this section does not create a defense to any prosecution arising from any conduct other than the act of delivering a child as described in subdivision (c)(1) of this section.

(B) Subdivision (c)(1) of this section specifically does not constitute a defense to any prosecution arising from an act of abuse or neglect committed before the delivery of a child to a medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or a newborn safety device as provided in § 9-34-201 et seq.

SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 9-34-201, concerning definitions regarding the voluntary delivery of a child to a medical provider, law enforcement

agency, fire department, or newborn safety device, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(4) "Emergency medical services provider" means:

(A) An entity or individual licensed to provide emergency medical services, including without limitation an ambulance service provider; and

(B) That is staffed twenty-four (24) hours per day.

SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 9-34-202 is amended to read as follows:

9-34-202. Delivery to medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or in newborn safety device.

(a) Any medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department shall take possession of a child who is thirty (30) days old or younger without a court order if the parent of the child, without expressing an intent to return for the child, leaves the child:

(1) With or voluntarily delivers the child to the medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department, including without limitation when a parent leaves a newborn child with a medical provider staff member after delivery of the newborn child; or

(2) In a newborn safety device that is:

(A) Voluntarily installed by the medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department;

(B) Physically located on a structured wall of or inside a hospital, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider station, or fire department; and

(C) Located in an area that is conspicuous and visible to the employees of the hospital, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department.

(b)(1) A medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department that takes possession of a child under subsection (a) of this section shall perform any act necessary to protect the physical health and safety of the child.

(2) A medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department shall:

(A) Keep the identity of a parent who relinquishes a child under this section confidential; and

(B) Not release or otherwise make the identity of the parent available except to a:

(i) Law enforcement agency investigating abuse or neglect of the child that was committed before the child was delivered to the medical provider or, law enforcement agency, or emergency medical services provider; or

(ii) Prosecuting attorney pursuing charges against a parent for abuse or neglect of the child that was committed before the child was delivered to the medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department.

(3)(A) If the identity of a parent or child is released or made known to the Department of Human Services in violation of subdivision (b)(2) of this section, the case shall proceed as a dependency-neglect action as defined under § 9-35-102, but with the same protections from liability as if an anonymous surrender was made under this section.

(B)(i) If the child is relinquished at a location defined in § 9-34-201, the parent shall not be held criminally liable for the relinquishment or have a true finding of maltreatment or abandonment entered against the parent if the parent's identity is known and the Department of Human Services proceeds under § 9-35-325.

(ii) The Department of Human Services shall not subsequently use a resulting termination of parental rights against a parent who surrendered his or her child under this section.

(c) A medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department shall:

(1) Not be held criminally or civilly liable for any good faith acts or omissions performed under this section; and

(2) Have an affirmative defense against any civil or criminal claim arising out of any act or omission performed under this section.

(d)(1) A medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department other than a volunteer fire department that voluntarily installs a newborn safety device shall:

(A) Be responsible for the cost of the installation; and

(B) Install an adequate dual alarm system connected to the physical location of the newborn safety device that is:

(i) Tested at least one (1) time per week to ensure the alarm system is in working order; and

(ii) Visually checked at least two (2) times per day to ensure the alarm system is in working order.

(2) A volunteer fire department may install a newborn safety device if:

(A) The volunteer fire department complies with subdivision (d)(1) of this section;

(B) The first responders at the volunteer fire department are able to respond to the placement of an infant in the newborn safety device within the shorter of the following:

(i) The response time established by the county in which the volunteer fire department is located; or

(ii) A time frame not to exceed four (4) minutes; and

(C) The newborn safety device is:

(i) Located within one (1) mile of a medical provider or law enforcement agency; and

(ii) Equipped with:

(a) An alert system that, when the newborn safety device is opened, automatically connects to the 911 system and transmits a request for immediate dispatch of an emergency medical services provider to the location of the newborn safety device; and

(b) A video surveillance system that allows members of the volunteer fire department to monitor the inside of the newborn safety device twenty-four (24) hours per day and that:

(1) Has at least two (2) firefighters who are responsible for monitoring the inside of the newborn safety device twenty-four (24) hours per day; and

(2) Is a surveillance system independent from the alert system described in subdivision (d)(2)(C)(ii)(a) of this section.

SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 9-34-203(a), concerning the care and permanency plan of a child voluntarily delivered to a medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or newborn safety device, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon delivery of the child to a medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department, the law enforcement officer, an appropriate employee of the fire department, an appropriate employee of the emergency medical services provider, or an appropriate employee of the hospital shall take the child into protective custody for seventy-two (72) hours under the Child Maltreatment Act, § 12-18-101 et seq.

SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 9-34-203(b)(1), concerning the care and permanency plan of a child voluntarily delivered to a medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or newborn safety device, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The law enforcement officer, employee of the fire department, employee of the emergency medical services provider, or employee of the hospital shall immediately notify the Division of Children and Family Services, which shall initiate a dependency-neglect petition under the Arkansas Juvenile Code, § 9-35-101 et seq., and shall proceed under § 9-35-325."

AND

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HOUSE BILL 1036

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Shared Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ESE07A	SECRETARY OF HEALTH	1	GRADE EXE04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra

diagnosis, treatment and outreach expenses of the Breast Care Program.

The Arkansas Department of Health shall file an annual progress report by each January 1 preceding a session of the General Assembly to the Co-Chairs of the House and Senate Public Health Committee. This report shall include amounts budgeted, allocated and expended for the Breast Care Program for testing, diagnosis, treatment and outreach expenses.

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

SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the Department of Health.

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

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

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

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SECTION 20. 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.

ARKANSAS SENATE

95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026

Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill 7

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 7

Amend Senate Bill 7 as engrossed S4/15/26 (version: 4/15/26 01:51:51 PM):

Page 13, immediately following SECTION 27, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 23-86-119(a)(1), concerning information required to be disclosed to policyholders, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Upon request from a policyholder with more than ~~fifty (50)~~ twenty-five (25) insured employees under a comprehensive group health insurance policy, an insurer issuing or delivering a group accident and health insurance policy in this state shall provide to the policyholder the following information for the most recent twelve-month period or for the entire period of coverage, whichever is shorter:

(A)(i) A monthly premium, claims, and enrollment report.

(ii) A monthly premium, claims, and enrollment report required under subdivision (a)(1)(A)(i) of this section shall include without limitation:

(a) Medical claims on a paid basis by month;

(b) Pharmacy claims on a paid basis by month;

(c) Premiums paid by month; and

(d) Total number of enrolled members, including dependents by month; and

(B)(i) A high-cost claimant report that is applicable to an enrolled member with claims exceeding ten thousand dollars ($10,000).

(ii) A high-cost claimant report required under subdivision (a)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall include for each enrolled member:

(a) Current coverage status, either active or terminated;

(b) Total medical claims on a paid basis by month; and

(c) Total pharmacy claims on a paid basis by month."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
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SENATE BILL 7

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX23A	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	PPE06C	INSURANCE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER	4	GRADE SPC10
(3)	LAT06C	ATTORNEY IV	1	GRADE SPC09
(4)	PPE10C	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CLAIMS MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC09
(5)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	5	GRADE SPC08
(6)	PRM02C	RISK MANAGEMENT MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC07

	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(04)	GRANTS AND AID	192,000
(05)	PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	36,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$817,082

SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. In the event the State Insurance Department is unable to maintain a full roster of examination personnel, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the resulting unused appropriations in Regular Salaries, Extra Help, and Personal Services Matching may be transferred to the Professional Services special line item for the purpose of contracting with qualified individuals or firms for examination assistance.

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

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the reimbursement of travel expenses received by the Arkansas Insurance Department, shall be deposited into the same State Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original travel expenditure was incurred as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation from which the original expenditure was made.

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

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SECTION 28. 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.

ARKANSAS SENATE

95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026

Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill 8

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 8

Amend Senate Bill 8 as originally introduced:

Page 24, immediately following SECTION 41, insert the following SECTIONS:

" SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. Transfer of the Film Office.

(a) The Film Office is transferred by a cabinet-level department transfer under § 25-43-101 et seq. from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission of the Department of Commerce to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism.

(b) The administrative functions of the Film Office are transferred by a cabinet-level department transfer under § 25-43-105 from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission of the Department of Commerce to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism.

(c) The statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds, including the functions of budgeting or purchasing, of the Film Office are transferred to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism.

(d)(1) The transfer of the Film Office does not affect the orders, rules, directives, or standards made or promulgated by the Film Office before the effective date of this act.

(2) The orders, rules, directives, or standards under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall continue to be in effect until amended or repealed under authority given by law.

(e) The Arkansas Economic Development Commission of the Department of Commerce shall grant access to and provide all information requested by the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism to accomplish the transfer of the Film Office and the mission of the Film Office.

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. Transfer of the Arkansas Film Commission.

(a) The Arkansas Film Commission is transferred by a cabinet-level department transfer under § 25-43-101 et seq. from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission of the Department of Commerce to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism.

(b) The administrative functions of the Arkansas Film Commission are transferred by a cabinet-level department transfer under § 25-43-105 from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission of the Department of Commerce to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism.

(c) The statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds, including the functions of budgeting or purchasing, of the Arkansas Film Commission are transferred to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism.

(d)(1) The transfer of the Arkansas Film Commission does not affect the orders, rules, directives, or standards made or promulgated by the Arkansas Film Commission before the effective date of this act.

(2) The orders, rules, directives, or standards under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall continue to be in effect until amended or repealed under authority given by law.

(e) The Arkansas Economic Development Commission of the Department of Commerce shall grant access to and provide all information requested by the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism to accomplish the transfer of the Arkansas Film Commission and the mission of the Arkansas Film Commission.

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2003(4), concerning the definitions under the Digital Product and Motion Picture Industry Development Act of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Film Office" means the division of the ~~Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism charged with the responsibility of promoting and assisting the digital content industry in Arkansas in order to enhance Arkansas as a land of opportunity for digital and motion picture filmmaking;

SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2003(13)(C), concerning the definition of "state-certified production" under the Digital Product and Motion Picture Industry Development Act of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(C) Approved by the ~~Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism as qualifying for a discretionary production tax incentive under this subchapter;

SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2004(b)(2), concerning the registration requirement for a production company, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The ~~Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism may waive this requirement if he or she determines that the state should not be acknowledged.

SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2005(a), concerning production tax incentives, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The ~~Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism may offer to a production company that has submitted an approved application for a tax incentive under § 15-4-2007 a tax incentive of twenty-five percent (25%) on all qualified production costs in connection with the production of a state-certified film project.

(2) If the ~~director~~ secretary approves a project for a tax incentive under this section, an additional rebate or tax credit of ten

percent (10%) shall be granted for the payroll of below-the-line employees who are full-time residents of Arkansas.

SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2006(a)(1), concerning postproduction tax incentives, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The ~~Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism shall offer a tax credit or a rebate of twenty-five percent (25%) to a qualifying production company that has submitted an approved application for a tax incentive under § 15-4-2007 for a tax incentive on all qualified production costs in connection with the postproduction of an approved state-certified film project.

SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2007 is amended to read as follows:

15-4-2007. Application for tax incentive.

(a)(1) To apply for the tax incentives provided under this subchapter, a production company shall submit an application for a tax incentive and provide an estimate of total expenditures to be made in Arkansas in connection with the production.

(2) The application for a tax incentive and estimate of expenditures required under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be filed with the ~~Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism and approved by the ~~Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism as eligible for the tax incentive provided by this subchapter before the commencement of production in Arkansas.

(b)(1) If an application for a tax incentive is approved under subsection (a) of this section, the production company and the ~~director~~ secretary shall sign a financial incentive agreement.

(2)(A) The financial incentive agreement shall define the incentives to be received and the start and end date of the project.

(B) The financial incentive agreement shall include the:

(i) Effective date of the financial incentive agreement;

(ii) Term of the financial incentive agreement, which shall be calculated from the date the financial incentive agreement is signed by the production company and the ~~director~~ secretary;

(iii) Incentive for which the production company may qualify;

(iv) Investment threshold requirements necessary to qualify for eligibility;

(v) Production company's responsibilities for certifying eligibility requirements;

(vi) Production company's responsibilities for failure to meet or maintain eligibility requirements; and

(vii) Whether the tax incentive in the agreement is for a rebate under § 15-4-2008 or a tax credit under § 15-4-2012.

(c) At the time the production company registers and provides the estimate of expenditures to the ~~commission~~ Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, the production company also shall designate a member or representative to work with the ~~commission~~ Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism and the Film Office on the reporting of expenditures and other information necessary to qualify for the tax incentives.

(d) No later than one hundred eighty (180) days after the last production expenses or costs are incurred in the production of a qualified production, the production company shall:

(1) Apply to the ~~commission~~ Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism for a production tax-incentive certificate; and

(2) Provide a final expenditure report that includes the amount of the production company's production expenses or costs.

(e)(1) Production companies are encouraged to make payments for production and postproduction expenses from a checking account from an Arkansas financial institution.

(2) Direct cash payments by a production company to Arkansas vendors, businesses, or citizens hired as cast or crew that are accompanied by receipts may be allowed if the sum of the cash payments does not exceed forty percent (40%) of the total verifiable expenditures.

(3) The following are eligible expenditures:

(A) Per diem expenditures by the cast or crew for lodging when accompanied by receipts; and

(B) Fringe contributions being paid for work performed in this state, including:

(i) Health benefits;

(ii) Pension contributions;

(iii) Welfare contributions;

(iv) Stipends; and

(v) Living allowances.

(f) Expenditure reports also shall include information as required by the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to ensure compliance with this subchapter.

(g) Payments for salaries or wages shall be eligible for the tax incentive if they are reported to the division and are subject to state income taxes.

(h)(1) If approved by the ~~director~~ secretary, the employment tax incentive under subsection (g) of this section also entitles a state-certified production to an additional tax incentive for employing full-time residents of Arkansas.

(2) The employment tax incentive under subsection (g) of this section authorizes an additional credit of ten percent (10%) for the aggregate payroll of salaries and wages to Arkansas residents who are below-the-line employees of the state-certified production.

(3) The veteran hire tax credit under §§ 15-4-2005 and 15-4-2006 also entitles a state-certified production to receive an additional tax credit for employing veterans.

(i) If approved by the ~~director~~ secretary, the tax incentives under subsections (g) and (h) of this section may include the first five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) of a highly compensated individual's salary.

(j) Payments for penalties or fines, payments to nonprofit organizations, and payments to federal and state entities that do not pay state taxes are not eligible.

(k) If a production company hires a payroll service company to handle the payroll of a production, the payroll payments otherwise allowable may be allowed as eligible expenditures if all eligible income payments to employees and independent contractors done through the payroll service are subject to Arkansas state income taxes.

(l)(l)(A) Within two (2) weeks after principal photography begins, the production company shall begin filing weekly expenditure reports.

(B) Failure to file weekly expenditure reports may result in a delay in the disbursement of the tax incentives provided in §§ 15-4-2005 and 15-4-2006.

(2) The weekly expenditure report shall be filed in accordance with but shall not be limited to the following:

(A) Direct cash payments by the production company to Arkansas vendors, businesses, or citizens hired as cast or crew that are accompanied by receipts shall be allowed if the sum of those cash payments does not exceed forty percent (40%) of the total verifiable expenditures;

(B) Per diem expenditures by cast or crew, or both, for lodging, when accompanied by receipts, shall be allowed as eligible expenditures; and

(C) Expenditure reports shall include without limitation:

(i) Check identification number;

(ii) Date of payment;

(iii) Name of payee;

(iv) Address of payee;

(v) Amount paid; and

(vi) Other information the division deems necessary to ensure compliance with this subsection.

(m) When a production company hires a food catering service company that is located outside the state, payments otherwise allowable that are made by the out-of-state food catering service to food businesses located in Arkansas shall be allowed as eligible expenditures.

(n)(1) Upon completion of filming or production, or both, in Arkansas, the production company shall file an application for a tax incentive allowed under this subchapter.

(2) The application for a tax incentive shall include a proof of performance expenditure list that provides the total amount of expenditures that were made in the state in connection with the filming or production, or both, of a film and digital product that complies with this subchapter.

(3) When filing the application for a tax incentive under subdivision (n)(1) of this section, the production company shall provide a

final expenditure report that includes the amount of the production company's production expenses or costs.

SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2010 is amended to read as follows:

15-4-2010. Rules.

The ~~Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism shall promulgate appropriate rules to carry out the intent and purposes of this subchapter and to prevent abuse.

SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2012(b), concerning the approval of production and postproduction tax credits, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The ~~Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism shall not approve tax credits under this subchapter for more than four million dollars ($4,000,000) in any one (1) fiscal year.

(2) The division shall not issue tax credits in excess of the amount approved by the ~~commission~~ Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism in the financial incentive agreement.

SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2014 is amended to read as follows:

15-4-2014. Supplemental tax credit.

(a) If the ~~Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism receives an application for a tax incentive for tax credits under this subchapter that would exceed the amount of tax credits remaining to be issued in a fiscal year under § 15-4-2012, the ~~director~~ Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism may request that the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration approve supplemental tax credits to be issued in excess of the amount in § 15-4-2012.

(b) Supplemental tax credits under this section shall not exceed the amount in the Arkansas Supplemental Digital Product and Motion Picture

Industry Development Trust Fund as certified by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(c)(1) The Secretary of the Department of Commerce and the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration may jointly approve supplemental tax credits under this section if a cost-benefit analysis demonstrates that the issuance of the supplemental tax credits is in the prudent interests of the state.

(2) The cost-benefit analysis conducted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be:

(A) Performed by the ~~Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism or his or her designee; and

(B) Confirmed by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration or his or her designee.

(d) Supplemental tax credits issued under this section shall be considered tax credits for the purposes of §§ 15-4-2012 and 15-4-2013.

SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-43-287 is amended to read as follows:

19-43-287. Digital Product and Motion Picture Office Fund.

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special revenue fund to be known as the "Digital Product and Motion Picture Office Fund".

(b) The fund shall consist of revenues as authorized by law.

(c) The fund shall be used for providing additional funds for duties and functions of the Arkansas Film Commission of the ~~Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism.

(d)(1) The fund shall be administered in accordance with rules promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) The ~~department~~ Department of Finance and Administration shall consult with the ~~Arkansas Film Commission of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ commission."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

SENATE BILL 8

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ESE02A	SECRETARY OF COMMERCE	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	EEX10A	CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
(3)	EEX12A	CHIEF WORKFORCE OFFICER	1	GRADE EXE02
(4)	FAC09C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER II	1	GRADE SPC10
(5)	HDH03C	HR ADMINISTRATOR II	1	GRADE SPC08
(6)	CPR02C	CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS II	1	GRADE SPC07

Committee; and

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

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

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SECTION 42. 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 43. 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 44. 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

ARKANSAS SENATE

95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026

Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill 15

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND TOURISM DIVISIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 15

Amend Senate Bill 15 as originally introduced:

Page 15, immediately following SECTION 25, insert the following SECTIONS to read as follows:

"SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. Abolition of Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission.

(a) The Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission is abolished, and its authority, duties, function, records, contracts, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds, including the functions of budgeting or purchasing are transferred to the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful.

(b)(1) The administrative functions of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission are transferred to the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful.

(2) As used in subdivision (b)(1) of this section, "administrative functions" includes without limitation the day-to-day business operations of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission, including without limitation employment, payroll, property management, benefit management, human resource operations, and accounting operations of the commission.

(c)(1) The abolition of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission does not affect the orders, rules, directives, registration, licensing, or

standards made or promulgated by the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission before the effective date of this act.

(2) The orders, rules, directives, registration, licensing, or standards under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall continue to be in effect until amended or repealed under authority given by law.

(d)(1) An employee of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission who is now a member of a retirement system shall not lose retirement benefits accrued in the retirement system by the abolition of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission.

(2)(A) An employee affected by the abolition of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission shall have the option of continuing as a member of the retirement system of which the employee is a member at the time of the abolition or to join the retirement system for which the abolition makes the employee eligible.

(B) An employee under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section shall make his or her election of a retirement system within six (6) months from the date of abolition.

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-6-404(2), concerning fines collected under the Litter Control Act, is amended to read as follows:

(2) If the municipality or county where the offense occurs is not a certified affiliate of Keep Arkansas Beautiful or Keep America Beautiful~~, Inc.,~~ or does not participate in litter-control programs conducted by these organizations, then the moneys from fines collected for offenses in those jurisdictions shall be remitted by the tenth day of each month to the Administration of Justice Funds Section, on a form provided by the Office of Administrative Services of the Department of Finance and Administration, for deposit into the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Fund Account to be used by the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~, as appropriated by the General Assembly, for the purposes of encouraging litter prevention and anti-litter education and increasing awareness of litter law enforcement statewide.

SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-6-606(e), concerning landfill disposal fees, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Solid waste collected during the annual Keep Arkansas Beautiful

and Keep America Beautiful campaigns that are sponsored by the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~ is exempt from the landfill disposal fee under this section.

SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-6-1003(c), concerning landfill disposal fees, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Solid waste collected during the annual Keep Arkansas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful campaigns that are sponsored by the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~ is exempt from the landfill disposal fee under this section.

SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-11-601 is amended to read as follows:

15-11-601. Keep Arkansas Beautiful Advisory Board – Creation – Membership.

(a)(1) There is created the "Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~ Advisory Board", which shall advise the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful, to be composed of ~~nine (9)~~ five (5) members appointed by the ~~Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate~~ Director of State Highways and Transportation.

(2) ~~Two (2) members~~ One (1) member shall be appointed from each Arkansas congressional district and the remaining member shall be appointed from the state at large.

(b)(1) The term of office of the initial members of the ~~commission~~ board shall be determined by lot as follows:

(A) The term of office of ~~two (2)~~ one (1) of the initial members shall expire on ~~January 14, 2003~~ June 30, 2027;

(B) The term of office of ~~two (2)~~ one (1) of the initial members shall expire on ~~January 14, 2002~~ June 30, 2028;

(C) The term of office of ~~two (2)~~ one (1) of the initial members of the ~~commission~~ board shall expire on ~~January 14, 2001~~ June 30, 2029;

(D) The term of office of one (1) of the initial members of the ~~commission~~ board shall expire on ~~January 14, 2000~~ June 30, 2030; and

(E) The term of office of one (1) of the initial members of the ~~commission~~ board shall expire on ~~January 14, 1999~~ June 30, 2031.~~; and~~

~~(F) The term of office of one (1) of the initial members~~

~~of the commission shall expire on January 14, 1998.~~

(2) All successor members, other than those appointed to fill unexpired terms, shall serve ~~six-year~~ five-year terms to expire on ~~January 14~~ June 30 of the ~~sixth~~ fifth year.

(c) All vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the ~~Governor and each appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate~~ director.

(d)(1) The ~~Governor~~ director shall designate the member to chair the organizational meeting of the ~~commission~~ board, at which meeting the ~~commission~~ board shall select from its membership a chair, a vice chair, and such other officers as it determines appropriate.

(2) The officers shall serve as such for such period of time as determined by the ~~commission~~ board.

(e) ~~Before entering upon his or her duties as a member of the commission, each member shall take and subscribe and file in the office of the Secretary of State an oath to support the United States Constitution and the Arkansas Constitution and to perform faithfully the duties of the office upon which he or she is about to enter.~~

~~(f)~~ Members of the ~~commission~~ board shall serve without compensation for their service but may receive expense reimbursement ~~and a stipend of eighty-five dollars ($85.00) per day in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq~~.

~~(g)~~(f) The ~~Director~~ Administrator of the ~~Administrative~~ Office of ~~the~~ Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~ shall serve as ex officio ~~Secretary~~ secretary of the ~~Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission~~ board and shall have no vote on matters coming before the ~~commission~~ board.

SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW.
Transition provisions — Commission members.

Upon the effective date of this section:

(1) The members of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission shall serve as members of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Advisory Board;

(2) A member under subdivision (1) of this section shall serve until his or her term expires; and

(3) Upon the expiration of the term of a member under subdivision (1) of this section, the Director of State Highways and Transportation shall appoint a new member as provided under § 15-11-601.

SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-11-602 is amended to read as follows:

15-11-602. ~~Administrative office~~ Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful — ~~Director — Duties~~ Creation.

(a) ~~The Administrative~~ There is established the Office of ~~the~~ Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission shall~~ to be located within the ~~State Parks Division~~ Arkansas Department of Transportation.

(b) The ~~Director~~ Administrator of the ~~Administrative~~ Office of ~~the~~ Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~ shall be employed by the Director of ~~the State Parks Division with the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism~~ State Highways and Transportation.

(c) The ~~Director of the Administrative Office of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission~~ administrator shall develop and administer all programs and projects of the ~~Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission~~ office and perform such other duties that the ~~Director of the State Parks Division~~ director deems necessary and appropriate to foster and promote the awareness of all Arkansans as to the need to protect Arkansas's natural environment.

SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-11-603 is amended to read as follows:

15-11-603. Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful — Powers and duties ~~of commission~~.

The Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~ shall:

(1) Be ~~an official agency of the State of Arkansas~~ authorized to accept and receive grants, moneys, equipment, material, and services and real and personal property donated, bequeathed, or devised for any purposes relating to the programs of the ~~commission~~ office and not expressly designated for any other agency and to disburse and utilize such moneys and property for the purposes of this subchapter;

(2) Implement a statewide litter prevention program through the voluntary action of local communities and state and local governmental agencies;

(3) Educate Arkansas's citizens and community leaders as to the problem of litter and the need for recycling the state's resources;

(4) Encourage litter prevention;

(5) Encourage beautification projects;

(6) Increase awareness of litter law enforcement;

(7) Promote consumer awareness of recycling benefits;

(8) Assist communities in establishing the Keep Arkansas Beautiful system;

(9) Encourage educational programs in schools and elsewhere that support the goals of the ~~commission~~ office; and

(10) ~~Serve in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Administrative Office of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission and the State Parks Division; and~~

~~(11)~~ Cooperate with and support existing recycling, beautification, and litter control programs in the state.

SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-43-266(b)(3)(D)(i), concerning the Conservation Tax Fund, is amended to read as follows:

(D)(i) One percent (1%) to the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Fund Account to be used exclusively by the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~ as appropriated by the General Assembly.

SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 24-5-101(6), concerning the definition of "current service" under the Arkansas State Highway Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

(6)(A) "Current service" means service as an employee of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department or the Arkansas Department of Transportation after the date of establishment of the system and may include the period of time during which the employee's service may have been interrupted by service in the United States Armed Forces. The annual earnings for a military service period shall be computed in the manner set forth for prior service in subdivision (12) of this section~~;~~.

(B) "Current service" includes service as an employee of the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful after the effective date of this act;

SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 25-43-1302(a)(17), concerning state entities transferred to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, is repealed.

~~(17) The Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission, created under § 15-11-601;~~"

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator M. Johnson
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Secretary

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95th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 15

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND TOURISM DIVISIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND TOURISM DIVISIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX27A	PARKS, HERITAGE, & TOURISM DIV. DIR	2	GRADE EXE01
(2)	EEX26A	PARKS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC10
(3)	SEN02P	ENGINEER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC06
(4)	SAS01I	ARCHITECT	1	GRADE SPC03

Uniform Classification Act, or its successor, for the appropriate classification.

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

SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. The Division of Arkansas State Parks and Tourism is hereby authorized to purchase from Maintenance and General Operations appropriations provided by this Act, up to an amount not to exceed $75,000 each fiscal year, promotional and educational merchandise, authorized by the Secretary of the Department of Arkansas Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to inform the public of the Division's programs, to promote the functions of the Division, and to inform the public regarding services provided by the Division.

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

Insert new sections here

SECTION 26. 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 27. 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.

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill 41

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FAYETTEVILLE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 41

Amend Senate Bill 41 as originally introduced:

Page 18, immediately following SECTION 6, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 64, Subchapter 10, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-64-1014. Transfer of institutional funds to athletic department prohibited.

The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville shall not transfer institutional funding to the athletics department."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent sections of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative B. McKenzie
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Secretary

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 41

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FAYETTEVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FAYETTEVILLE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the University of Arkansas for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
	TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS		
(1)	Dean of Business Administration	1	$552,827
(2)	Dean of Engineering	1	$479,117
(3)	Chancellor	1	$405,407
(4)	Assoc. Dean of Walton Coll. of Bus.	4	$390,997

for personal services, maintenance and operating expenses, matching funds; or grants for the development of a state center and satellite centers to provide training, consultation, and support to families and professionals for autism and related disabilities across the State, of the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville - Partners for Inclusive Communities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	PARTNERS FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES - PERSONAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING EXPENSES, MATCHING, AND GRANTS	$250,000

insert new section here

SECTION 7. 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, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction 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 8. 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 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill 1005

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1005

Amend House Bill 1005 as originally introduced:

Page 13, line 33, delete "GRANT." and substitute "GRANT - STATE MATCHING."

AND

Page 13, line 35, delete "a" and substitute "a state matching"

AND

Page 14, line 3, delete "Grant" and substitute "Grant - State Matching"

AND

Page 14, line 8, delete "GRANTS" and substitute "GRANTS STATE MATCHING"

AND

Page 21, immediately following SECTION 31, insert the following:

" SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW.
SAVE THE CHILDREN GRANT – STATE MATCHING FUNDS.

(a) The funds appropriated in this act for the payment of state matching grants to Save the Children shall be paid on a one-to-one, state-to-private-donation matching basis.

(b) Upon certification by the Department of Education, a private cash donation received by Save the Children for the purpose of funding Save the Children programs for children and families in Arkansas is eligible for the payment of a one-to-one, state-to-private-donation match under subsection (a) of this section.

(c)(1)(A) Beginning July 1, 2026, and throughout the fiscal year, Save the Children may submit documentation authenticating the amount of any private cash donations for Save the Children programs in Arkansas to the Secretary of the Department of Education.

(B) The department shall specify the documentation required to submit a request for a payment by Save the Children under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section.

(2) The payments under subsection (a) of this section shall not be disbursed by the department until the amount of private cash donations is certified by the department under subdivision (c)(1) of this section.

(d) Within sixty (60) days of receiving the documentation of private cash donations from Save the Children under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the department shall expend the corresponding state matching funds for any certified Save the Children private cash donations up to the amount appropriated in this act for the Save the Children Grant – State Matching.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Walker

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Chief Clerk

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1005

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Education - Shared Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ESE05A	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	EEX10A	CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
(3)	FAC09C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER II	1	GRADE SPC10
(4)	LAT08C	CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
(5)	EEA03C	HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE SPC09
(6)	EEA01C	EDUCATION DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC08

(7) Must be a qualified 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organization that has been in operation for more than 5 years and has a record of fiscal accountability. Organizations must also provide a sustainability model with a minimum of 50% of funding derived from non-state resources.

(c) The Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall promulgate rules for the determination of eligibility and administration of the Out-Of-School Time Program Grants.

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

Insert new section here

SECTION 32. 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 33. 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 34. 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

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill 1051

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - REGULATORY DIVISION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1051

Amend House Bill 1051 as engrossed H4/15/26 (version: 4/15/26 02:37:01 PM):

Page 9, immediately following SECTION 18 insert a new section to read as follows:

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

Limitation on use of sports promotions in calculating net casino gaming receipts tax.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Casino" means the same as defined in Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 2;

(2) "Casino licensee" means the same as defined in Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 2;

(3) "Net casino gaming receipts" means the same as defined in Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 2;

(4) "Net casino gaming receipts tax" means the same as defined in Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 2;

(5) "Online sports pool" means an operation of a casino licensee in which wagers on sports events are made over the internet on websites or mobile applications through computers, mobile devices, or other approved interactive devices accepted through a gaming system approved by the Arkansas Racing Commission; and

(6) "Promotional coupons or promotional electronic credits" means offers provided by a casino licensee to a patron that:

(A) Are used by the patron to fund or otherwise make a wager; or

(B) Provide promotional odds or similar benefits to the patron.

(b) For purposes of an online sports pool, promotional coupons or promotional electronic credits that exceed five percent (5%) of net casino gaming receipts shall be disregarded in calculating the net casino gaming receipts tax.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent section numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator Hester
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Chief Clerk

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As Engrossed: H4/15/26

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HOUSE BILL 1051

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - REGULATORY DIVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - REGULATORY DIVISION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - REGULATORY DIVISION. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance & Administration - Regulatory Division for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX35A	REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE01
(2)	SRL04C	REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT ADMIN	1	GRADE SPC10
(3)	PRP03C	DFA ASSISTANT DIVISION ADMIN	1	GRADE SPC08
(4)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08

fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	PRP07P	REVENUE DIVISION SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC07
(2)	PTA01P	TAX AUDIT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SPC06
(3)	PTA03P	TAX AUDITOR II	4	GRADE SPC04
(4)	PTA02P	TAX AUDITOR I	2	GRADE SPC01
(5)	PRP06P	REVENUE COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS05
(6)	PRP02P	CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST	27	GRADE SGS03
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	40	

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - CASINO GAMING SECTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	$1,816,026
(01.1)	*OVERTIME*	*$5,000*
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	739,222
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	*20,000*
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	*$2,584,248*

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SECTION 19. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill 1004

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1004

Amend House Bill 1004 as engrossed H4/15/26 (version: 4/15/26 09:04:48 AM):

Page 2, immediately following Section 2, insert a new section that reads as follows:

" SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING TRANSFER - DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT FUNDS.

Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of the State, the sum of five hundred six thousand dollars ($506,000) from Development and Enhancement Funds allocated and distributed to the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction for the purpose of prison expansion, to the Division of Community Correction Fund Account, for the purpose of a re-entry center grant to Returning Home."

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent Section numbers.

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The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Unger

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Chief Clerk

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As Engrossed: H4/15/26

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1004

By: Representative Unger

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - REENTRY CENTER GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections - Division of Community Correction, to be payable from the Division of Community Correction Fund Account, *for a Reentry Center Grant to Returning Home* for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	REENTRY CENTER *GRANT - RETURNING HOME*	$506,000

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

CENTER GRANTS. The Department of Corrections shall budget, allocate, and expend up to five hundred six thousand dollars ($506,000) from the Division of Community Correction Fund Account *for a reentry center grant to Returning Home* appropriated in this Act.

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

Insert new section here

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of House Bill 1068

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1068

Amend House Bill 1068 as originally introduced:

Page 21, immediately following SECTION 38 insert the following new SECTION:

" SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 52, Subchapter 4, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

26-52-460. Fencing materials.

The gross receipts or gross proceeds derived from the sale of material used to construct fencing for livestock, including without limitation wire, posts, and electric fence wire, are exempt from the gross receipts tax levied by this chapter and the compensating use tax levied by the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, § 26-53-101 et seq.

26-52-461. Certain tractor parts and labor.

The gross receipts or gross proceeds derived from the sale of the following are exempt from the gross receipts tax levied by this chapter and the compensating use tax levied by the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, § 26-53-101 et seq.:

(1) Parts to be installed on a tractor before the installation of a diesel exhaust fluid system; and

(2) Services relating to the installation of parts described in subdivision (1) of this section."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent section numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Vaught
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Chief Clerk

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1068

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Shared Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ESE04A	SEC OF DEPT OF FINAN & ADMIN	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	EEX10A	CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
(3)	EEX17A	DFA DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE EXE01
(4)	HDH03C	HR ADMINISTRATOR II	1	GRADE SPC08
(5)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08

The following three classifications shall be used by the agency for security, protection, and safety personnel:

(1)	SLE01C POLICE CHIEF	GRADE LES03
(2)	SLE03P POLICE OFFICER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	GRADE LES02
(3)	SLE02P POLICE OFFICER	GRADE LES01

Department of Finance and Administration - Alcoholic Beverage Control Division will manage training and certification of the certified law enforcement officers and specialized police personnel and maintain all required documentation.

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

Insert new section here

SECTION 39. 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 40. 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 41. 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

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Amendment Form **DRAFT**

Subtitle of Senate Bill 43

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 43

Amend Senate Bill 43 as engrossed S4/15/26 (version: 4/15/26 01:58:14 PM):

Page 9, immediately following SECTION 6 insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE EMPLOYEE SALARIES.

(a) The University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture shall utilize any additional general revenue funding provided by the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-20-101 et seq., over its Fiscal Year 2026 Revenue Stabilization allocation of sixty-five million eight hundred thousand one hundred thirty-eight dollars ($65,800,138), exclusively for salary increases for employees of county extension offices.

(b) The additional moneys referenced in subsection (a) of this section shall supplement and not supplant any general revenue funding currently being utilized for salaries of employees of county extension offices.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent sections of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator J. Dismang

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State of Arkansas
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SENATE BILL 43

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
	DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE		
	TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL		
	ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS		
(1)	Vice-Pres. for Agriculture/Chance.	1	$290,156
(2)	Senior Associate Vice President	2	$255,607
(3)	Associate VP	6	$249,780

(c) The property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the Forest Service in 1978, shall remain open to the public for public use, including without limitation:

(1) Public fishing;

(2) Public hunting;

(3) Biking;

(4) Bird watching; and

(5) Hiking.

(d) All property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the Forest Service in 1978, in row crop cultivation in the year 2020 is exempt from subsection (c) of this section.

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

Insert new section here

SECTION 7. 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, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction 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 8. 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