

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 26

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

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
11 - DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
12 JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
17 DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS APPROPRIATION
18 FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
24 Department of Commerce - Division of Aeronautics for the 2025-2026 fiscal
25 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2025-2026
31	(1)	U021U ACOM AERONAUTICS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
32	(2)	B023C ENGINEER, P.E.	1	GRADE GS11
33	(3)	B025C ACOM AERONAUTICS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS08
34	(4)	A116C BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
35	(5)	C114C ACOM EXECUTIVE ASST TO SECRETARY	1	GRADE GS07
36	(6)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS07



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SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Aeronautics Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants to cities, and counties and other eligible applicants, by the Department of Commerce - Division of Aeronautics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$398,931
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	140,910
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	165,029
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
(C) PROF. FEES	763,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) AIRPORT GRANT FUNDING AND RELATED EXPENSES	<u>15,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,518,370</u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for airport grant funding and related expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Aeronautics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) AIRPORT GRANT FUNDING AND RELATED EXPENSES	<u>\$12,000,000</u>

SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

1 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
2 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
3 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
4 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
5 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
6 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
7 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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9 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
10 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
11 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
12 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
13 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
14 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
15 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
16 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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18 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
19 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
20 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
23 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
24 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
25 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
26 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
27 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
28 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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