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SENATE BILL 39

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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Subtitle

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AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
17 DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
19 YEAR.

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

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24 *SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the*
25 *Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the 2025-2026*
26 *fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.*

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Maximum Annual

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Salary Rate

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Item Class

No. of

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No. Code Title

Employees

2025-2026

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(1) U070U ACOM DWS DEPUTY DIRECTOR 1 GRADE SE01

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(2) U076U DWS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT DIRECTOR 1 GRADE SE01

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(3) D002N STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR LEAD 1 GRADE IT11

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(4) D006N STATE SYSTEMS ARCHITECT 3 GRADE IT10

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(5) D001C STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR 1 GRADE IT09



1	(6)	D022N IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
2	(7)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	3	GRADE IT08
3	(8)	D012C DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
4	(9)	D017C INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT07
5	(10)	D022C SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT06
6	(11)	D028C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE IT07
7	(12)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	14	GRADE IT06
8	(13)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	6	GRADE IT05
9	(14)	D061C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE IT05
10	(15)	D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
11	(16)	D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT03
12	(17)	G349C DWS CHIEF OF LEGAL SERVICES	1	GRADE GS15
13	(18)	A139C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS15
14	(19)	G007N ACOM DWS GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
15	(20)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS13
16	(21)	N050N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	1	GRADE GS13
17	(22)	G010C ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
18	(23)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS11
19	(24)	A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	2	GRADE GS11
20	(25)	G040C ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR - SPECIAL PROGRAMS	1	GRADE GS10
21	(26)	G073C ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS10
22	(27)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
23	(28)	G110C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE GS09
24	(29)	R015C ACOM DWS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
25	(30)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
26	(31)	R019C BUDGET MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
27	(32)	R021C BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE GS08
28	(33)	G127C ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	5	GRADE GS08
29	(34)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
30	(35)	G128C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER II	1	GRADE GS08
31	(36)	L098C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	3	GRADE GS08
32	(37)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08
33	(38)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
34	(39)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
35	(40)	X047C REAL ESTATE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
36	(41)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	3	GRADE GS07

1	(42)	A065C PAYROLL SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
2	(43)	A075C FINANCIAL ANALYST I	2	GRADE GS07
3	(44)	A081C AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS07
4	(45)	G163C ACOM REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
5	(46)	G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
6	(47)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS06
7	(48)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
8	(49)	G217C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS06
9	(50)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS06
10	(51)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
11	(52)	R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
12	(53)	S032C PRINT SHOP SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
13	(54)	V014C BUYER	3	GRADE GS05
14	(55)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	1	GRADE GS05
15	(56)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	16	GRADE GS05
16	(57)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
17	(58)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	3	GRADE GS04
18	(59)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
19	(60)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
20		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	137	

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22 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to
 23 the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as
 24 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
 25 and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce
 26 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$8,165,436
31	(02) EXTRA HELP	200,000
32	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,042,896
33	(04) OVERTIME	100,000
34	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,200,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	250,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	250,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,258,332</u>

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 6 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - TRUST FUND. There is hereby
 7 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division
 8 of Workforce Services Trust Fund, for personal services and operating
 9 expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 10 Operations - Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 11 following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$29,170,849
16	(02) EXTRA HELP	1,000,000
17	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	11,642,535
18	(04) OVERTIME	360,000
19	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	19,335,741
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	396,990
22	(C) PROF. FEES	1,672,462
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$63,578,577</u>

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 27 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND EXPENSES - CASH.
 28 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 29 from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for unemployment
 30 benefit payments and other expenses including disaster relief payments,
 31 training allowances, payments to participant contractors and Unemployment
 32 Insurance Trust Fund loan repayments by the Department of Commerce - Division
 33 of Workforce Services - Unemployment Benefits and Expenses - Cash for the
 34 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
2	(01) DISASTER RELIEF PAYMENTS	\$350,000
3	(02) FEDERALLY PAID BENEFITS PAYMENTS	200,000,000
4	(03) U I BENEFITS - REIMBURSABLE EMPLOYERS	1,000,000
5	(04) U I BENEFITS - TAXABLE EMPLOYERS	500,000,000
6	(05) TRAINING ALLOWANCES	500,000
7	(06) PAYMENTS TO PART CONTRACTORS	150,000
8	(07) UI ADVANCE REPAYMENT	<u>1</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$702,000,001</u>

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11 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS. There is hereby
 12 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division
 13 of Workforce Services Special Fund, for payment of the annual assessment to
 14 maintain voting member rights in the National Association of Workforce
 15 Agencies by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 16 Annual Assessments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20	(01) ANNUAL ASSESSMENT	<u>\$26,000</u>

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22 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - EXCESS UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND EXPENSES.
 23 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 24 from the Division of Workforce Services Special Fund, for construction,
 25 personal services and matching, maintenance and general operating expenses
 26 for the Administration Building and all other agency owned buildings,
 27 building and land acquisition, rent of buildings, and payment of unemployment
 28 benefits and expenses incurred by the Department of Commerce - Division of
 29 Workforce Services in the administration of the Division of Workforce
 30 Services Law, the Arkansas Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and the
 31 Arkansas Works Act of 2016, or their successor programs and any other
 32 programs transferred under the direction and supervision of the Division of
 33 Workforce Services, when such expenses exceed funds available from other
 34 sources by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 35 Excess Unemployment Benefits and Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 36 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CONSTRUCTION	\$0
(02) RENT OF BUILDINGS	0
(03) PAYMENT/EXPENSES	<u>10,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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9 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.

10 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 11 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 12 State, for grant payments of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act by
 13 the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Workforce
 14 Innovation and Opportunity Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 15 following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT PAYMENTS	<u>\$30,000,000</u>

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22 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - U I TRUST FUND INTEREST/UNEMPLOYMENT

23 INSURANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 24 be payable from the Employment Security Advance Interest Trust Fund, for
 25 paying interest incurred by the state on advances from the Federal
 26 Unemployment Trust Fund, making refunds of advance interest taxes or interest
 27 and penalty payments which were erroneously paid, and returning moneys to the
 28 Unemployment Compensation Fund Clearing Account which were incorrectly
 29 identified and erroneously transferred, if needed by the Department of
 30 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - U I Trust Fund
 31 Interest/Unemployment Insurance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 32 following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) U I TRUST FUND INTEREST	\$3,000,000

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1	(02) LOAN INTEREST	<u>1</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,000,001</u></u>

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4 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - REED ACT FUNDS. There is hereby

5 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash

6 funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for construction, improvement of

7 buildings, rent and lease costs, acquisition of data processing equipment,

8 acquisition of land, payment of salaries and related benefits, maintenance

9 and general operation and for the payment of unemployment insurance benefits

10 or as prescribed by the Social Security Act by the Department of Commerce -

11 Division of Workforce Services - Reed Act Funds for the fiscal year ending

12 June 30, 2026, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
16	(01) REED ACT FUNDS	<u><u>\$1,000,000</u></u>

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18 SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -

19 REEMPLOYMENT. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce -

20 Division of Workforce Services - Reemployment for the 2025-2026 fiscal year,

21 the following maximum number of regular employees.

		<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
		<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
	<i>Item Class</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>	
	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
27	(1) U036U AR APPEALS TRIBUNAL CHAIRMAN	1	GRADE SE01
28	(2) G324C ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, REEMPLOYMENT	1	GRADE GS15
29	(3) N074N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, UNEMPLOYMENT INS	1	GRADE GS13
30	(4) G020C ACOM DWS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
31	(5) A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	GRADE GS11
32	(6) G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
33	(7) G068C ACOM DWS AREA OPERATIONS CHIEF	1	GRADE GS10
34	(8) G073C ATTORNEY	8	GRADE GS10
35	(9) G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
36	(10) G110C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	5	GRADE GS09

1	(11)	G288C ACOM DWS DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
2	(12)	G127C ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	15	GRADE GS08
3	(13)	G128C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER II	1	GRADE GS08
4	(14)	A073C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
5	(15)	A081C AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS07
6	(16)	A085C ACOM DWS SR FIELD TAX REPRESENTATIVE	2	GRADE GS07
7	(17)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
8	(18)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
9	(19)	G138C AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OFFICER	8	GRADE GS07
10	(20)	G149C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I	6	GRADE GS07
11	(21)	G181C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	29	GRADE GS07
12	(22)	G196C ACOM DWS SATELLITE OFFICE SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS07
13	(23)	G209C ACOM DWS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	14	GRADE GS07
14	(24)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
15	(25)	A092C ACOM DWS FIELD TAX REP	14	GRADE GS06
16	(26)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	6	GRADE GS06
17	(27)	C032C ACOM DWS UI CLAIM TECHNICIAN	9	GRADE GS06
18	(28)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
19	(29)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	10	GRADE GS06
20	(30)	G217C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	125	GRADE GS06
21	(31)	X139C ACOM DWS UI INVESTIGATOR	10	GRADE GS06
22	(32)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
23	(33)	C050C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
24	(34)	G220C DWS UNIT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
25	(35)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	11	GRADE GS04
26	(36)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	9	GRADE GS04
27	(37)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	5	GRADE GS04
28	(38)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	5	GRADE GS03
29	(39)	X183C ACOM DWS CLAIMS ADJUDICATOR	4	GRADE GS03
30	(40)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS02
31		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	325	

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33 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - REEMPLOYMENT - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 34 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal
 35 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 36 services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of

1 Workforce Services – Reemployment - Federal for the fiscal year ending June
 2 30, 2026, the following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,050,500
7 (02) EXTRA HELP	500,000
8 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,685,817
9 (04) OVERTIME	260,000
10 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,000,000
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	75,000
13 (C) PROF. FEES	775,000
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
15 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$21,346,317</u>

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 18 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. There is hereby
 19 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying
 20 account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 21 services, maintenance and general operations by the Department of Commerce -
 22 Division of Workforce Services - New Hire Registry for the fiscal year ending
 23 June 30, 2026, the following:

25 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
27 (01) NEW HIRE REGISTRY-PERSONAL SERVICES, 28 MAINTENANCE & GENERAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$250,000</u>

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 30 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - TRAINING
 31 TRUST FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 32 be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund, for
 33 personal services, operating expenses, and grants for the Worker Training
 34 Program of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 35 Training Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
3	(01) PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING EXPENSES	
4	AND GRANTS	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

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6 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -

7 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to

8 the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce

9 Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund, for personal services

10 and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce

11 Services - Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund for the fiscal year

12 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
16	(01) ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

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18 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. There

19 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

20 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal

21 Officer of the State, for Payments of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program

22 by of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Trade

23 Adjustment Assistance Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

24 following:

26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
28	(01) TAA SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	\$200,000
29	(02) TAA VENDOR PAYMENTS	<u>1,000,000</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,200,000</u>

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32 SECTION 16. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -

33 ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS. There is hereby established for the

34 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Workforce

35 Connections for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of

36 regular employees.

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			<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>		<i>Employees</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>		<i>2025-2026</i>
(1)	G323C	DIR OF ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CONNECTION	1	GRADE SE04
(2)	U070U	ACOM DWS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	N051N	ACOM DWS ASST DIR, EMPLOYMENT ASSIST	1	GRADE GS13
(4)	A015C	ACOM DWS DIR INTERNAL AUDIT & SECURITY	1	GRADE GS12
(5)	G016N	ACOM DWS ASST DIR GRANTS RESOURCE ADMIN	1	GRADE GS12
(6)	G020C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
(7)	G068C	ACOM DWS AREA OPERATIONS CHIEF	5	GRADE GS10
(8)	G073C	ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS10
(9)	G109C	GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(10)	G110C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
(11)	G243C	ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER III	2	GRADE GS09
(12)	A060C	SENIOR AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS08
(13)	G114C	ACOM DWS WORKFORCE INVEST REG ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS08
(14)	G127C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	9	GRADE GS08
(15)	G128C	ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER II	12	GRADE GS08
(16)	E040C	STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(17)	G149C	ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I	3	GRADE GS07
(18)	G181C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	16	GRADE GS07
(19)	G209C	ACOM DWS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS07
(20)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(21)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS06
(22)	E046C	TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS06
(23)	G217C	ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	58	GRADE GS06
(24)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
(25)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>3</u>	GRADE GS03
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	137	

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -

1 *Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Workforce Connections for the*
 2 *fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:*

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<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</i>	<i>\$2,000,000</i>
<i>(02) EXTRA HELP</i>	<i>25,000</i>
<i>(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	<i>789,450</i>
<i>(04) OVERTIME</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<i>(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>2,310,000</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>50,000</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>1,000,000</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>200,000</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<u><i>0</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><i>\$6,384,450</i></u>

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18 *SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - WAGNER PEYSER - FEDERAL. There is hereby*
 19 *appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal*
 20 *funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal*
 21 *services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of*
 22 *Workforce Services - Wagner Peyser - Federal for the fiscal year ending June*
 23 *30, 2026, the following:*

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<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) WAGNER PEYSER - FEDERAL</i>	<u><i>\$7,000,000</i></u>

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29 *SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - JOBS FOR VETERANS - FEDERAL. There is*
 30 *hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the*
 31 *federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for*
 32 *personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce -*
 33 *Division of Workforce Services - Jobs for Veterans - Federal for the fiscal*
 34 *year ending June 30, 2026, the following:*

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<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
2	(01) JOBS FOR VETERANS - FEDERAL	<u>\$1,750,000</u>

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4 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM -

5 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be

6 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

7 the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of

8 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Foreign Labor Certification

9 Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
13	(01) FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	<u>\$450,000</u>

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15 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT - FEDERAL.

16 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable

17 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the

18 State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of

19 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Work Opportunity Tax Credit -

20 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
24	(01) WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM	<u>\$450,000</u>

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26 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM -

27 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be

28 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

29 the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department

30 of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Trade Adjustment Assistance

31 Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
35	(01) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE	
36	PROGRAM - FEDERAL	<u>\$350,000</u>

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 2 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - REIMAGINE - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 3 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal
 4 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 5 services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of
 6 Workforce Services – Reimagine – Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 7 2026, the following:

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9	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
11	(01) REIMAGINE PROGRAM	<u>\$600,000</u>

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13 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT -
 14 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 15 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 16 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department
 17 of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services – Workforce Innovation and
 18 Opportunity Act – Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 19 following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
23	(01) WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND	
24	OPPORTUNITY ACT	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

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26 SECTION 25. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION
 27 NETWORK/EXISTING BUSINESS. There is hereby established for the Department of
 28 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension
 29 Network/Existing Business for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
 30 maximum number of regular employees.

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32			Maximum Annual
33		Maximum	Salary Rate
34	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
35	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
36	(1) N225N ACOM AEDC EXEC VICE PRESIDENT & GEN COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15

1	(2) N059N ACOM AEDC TRAINING DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
2	(3) B140C ACOM AEDC MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS DIR	1	GRADE GS13
3	(4) B018N ACOM AEDC FIELD ENGINEER	3	GRADE GS12
4	(5) G034N ACOM AEDC ASST DIR SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
5	(6) G062C ACOM AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	<u>4</u>	GRADE GS11
6	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	11	

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8 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION
 9 NETWORK/EXISTING BUSINESS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
 10 of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the
 11 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 12 expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 13 Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network/Existing Business for the fiscal
 14 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$448,600
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	144,950
20	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,000
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
23	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$638,550</u></u>

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28 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK
 29 - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 30 be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 31 of the State, for grants by the Department of Commerce - Division of
 32 Workforce
 33 Services - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - State for the fiscal
 34 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
2	(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u>\$257,182</u>

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4 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK -

5 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be

6 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

7 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and

8 field services by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services

9 - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal for the fiscal year

10 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$763,098
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	251,793
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	269,550
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
18	(C) PROF. FEES	0
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	0
21	(04) FIELD SERVICES	<u>800,000</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,084,441</u>

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25 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK -

26 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be

27 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by

28 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating

29 expenses, and grants and aid by the Department of Commerce - Division of

30 Workforce Services - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for

31 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$345,963
35	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	117,821

1	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
4	(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
8	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>13,270</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,162,614</u>

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11 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION – SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION AND INTELLIGENCE
 12 NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 13 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services, to be payable from the federal
 14 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 15 services and operating expenses to support the creation of a National Supply
 16 Chain Optimization and Intelligence Network (S-COIN) of the Department of
 17 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 18 2026, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
22	(01) SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION AND	
23	INTELLIGENCE NETWORK	<u>\$400,000</u>

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25 SECTION 31. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is
 26 hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce
 27 Services - Office of Skills Development for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
 28 following maximum number of regular employees.

29

30		Maximum Annual
31		Salary Rate
32	Item Class	Fiscal Year
33	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
34	(1) U065U ACOM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE01
35	(2) G010C ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	1 GRADE GS12
36	(3) E073C APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION COORDINATOR	1 GRADE GS10

1	(4) E074C ACOM PROGRAM COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS10
2	(5) E075C ACOM PROGRAM ADVISOR	3	GRADE GS09
3	(6) A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS08
4	(7) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
5	(8) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
6	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	13	

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 8 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION – OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is
 9 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 10 Skills Development Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, grants
 11 and expenses of the Apprenticeship and Industry Training programs by the
 12 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Office of Skills
 13 Development for the year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$870,966
18	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	290,541
19	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	353,000
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
22	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	0
25	(04) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	8,000,000
26	(05) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	15,000,000
27	(06) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM	<u>1,611,456</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$26,210,963</u>

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 30 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION – CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT TRAINING
 31 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be
 32 payable from the Arkansas Construction Industry Craft Training Trust Fund,
 33 for personal services, operating expenses and grants by the Department of
 34 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Construction Industry Craft
 35 Training Program for the year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

36

1	<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
2	<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
3	<i>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</i>	<i>\$54,061</i>
4	<i>(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	<i>20,338</i>
5	<i>(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
6	<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>32,000</i>
7	<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>10,000</i>
8	<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>0</i>
9	<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>0</i>
10	<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<i>0</i>
11	<i>(04) GRANTS TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT</i>	<u><i>800,000</i></u>
12	<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$ 916,399</i></u></u>

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14 *SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION – STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION. There is*
 15 *hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the*
 16 *federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for*
 17 *personal services and operating expenses, and to expand opportunities*
 18 *relating to apprenticeship programs registered under the National*
 19 *Apprenticeship Act through grants, cooperative agreements, contracts and*
 20 *other arrangements, with states and other appropriate entities by the*
 21 *Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - State*
 22 *Apprenticeship Expansion for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the*
 23 *following:*

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25	<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
26	<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
27	<i>(01) STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION FORMULA</i>	<u><u><i>\$1,130,150</i></u></u>

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29 *SECTION 35. REGULAR SALARIES - ADULT EDUCATION. There is hereby*
 30 *established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services –*
 31 *Adult Education for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number*
 32 *of regular employees.*

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34		<i>Maximum Annual</i>
35	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
36	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
<i>Item Class</i>		

<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
1	(1)	U065U ACOM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
2	(2)	G010C ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
3	(3)	E074C ACOM PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS10
4	(4)	E075C ACOM PROGRAM ADVISOR	9	GRADE GS09
5	(5)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
6	(6)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
7	(7)	G217C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS06
8	(8)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
9		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	21	

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12 SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - ADULT EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION -
 13 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 14 be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Fund, for personal
 15 services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of
 16 Workforce Services - Adult Education Administration - Operations for the
 17 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
21 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,790,388
22 (02) EXTRA HELP	7,000
23 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	639,393
24 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	214,507
26 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,500
27 (C) PROF. FEES	0
28 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
30 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,661,788</u></u>

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32 SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL ADULT BASIC EDUCATION. There is
 33 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 34 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 35 personal services, operating expenses and grants by the Department of
 36 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Federal Adult Basic Education for

1 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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3	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
5	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$423,968
6	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	146,387
7	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	132,467
9	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,200
10	(C) PROF. FEES	9,000
11	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12	(E) DATA PROC.	0
13	(04) ADULT BASIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>10,369,442</u>
14	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,131,464</u></u>

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16 SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADULT LITERACY.

17 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable

18 from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund

19 Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants by the

20 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Governor's

21 Commission on Adult Literacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

22 following:

23		
24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$28,445
27	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,591
28	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	52,242
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,005
31	(C) PROF. FEES	0
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33	(E) DATA PROC.	0
34	(04) GRANTS TO LITERACY COUNCILS	<u>1,000,000</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,096,283</u></u>

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SECTION 39. APPROPRIATION - ADULT BASIC AND GENERAL EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for Adult Basic and General Adult Education grants and aid by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Basic and General Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) ADULT BASIC & GENERAL ADULT EDUCATION	<u>\$22,770,569</u>

SECTION 40. APPROPRIATION - GED TESTING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for the cost of individuals taking the General Education Development (GED) test and official practice test of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - GED Testing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) GED TEST COSTS	<u>\$400,000</u>

SECTION 41. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Maximum Annual</u>
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(1)	U012U	REHABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSIONER	GRADE SE01
(2)	L013N	GENERAL PHYSICIAN	GRADE MP06
(3)	L003C	PSYCHOLOGIST	GRADE MP03
(4)	L021N	PHYSICAL THERAPIST	GRADE MP03
(5)	L022N	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	GRADE MP02

1	(6)	L032C REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	2	GRADE MP01
2	(7)	N178N ACOM ARS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT09
3	(8)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
4	(9)	N172N ACOM REHAB OPERATIONS DIRECTOR	3	GRADE GS13
5	(10)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
6	(11)	N138N ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR FIELD SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
7	(12)	N170N ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
8	(13)	E005C ACOM REHAB DIR OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING	1	GRADE GS10
9	(14)	G040C ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR - SPECIAL PROGRAMS	2	GRADE GS10
10	(15)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
11	(16)	E011C ACOM VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS09
12	(17)	G070C ACOM DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS	1	GRADE GS09
13	(18)	L033C PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	11	GRADE GS09
14	(19)	L037C ACOM REHAB AREA MANAGER	13	GRADE GS09
15	(20)	X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	3	GRADE GS09
16	(21)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
17	(22)	G121C REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	8	GRADE GS08
18	(23)	L098C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	97	GRADE GS08
19	(24)	S004C MAINTENANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
20	(25)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS08
21	(26)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
22	(27)	G163C ACOM REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	7	GRADE GS07
23	(28)	L057C ACOM REHAB SVS FACILITY SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS07
24	(29)	M032C ACOM VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT SPEC	14	GRADE GS07
25	(30)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
26	(31)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
27	(32)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
28	(33)	E043C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL TEACHER	17	GRADE GS06
29	(34)	M050C INTERPRETER	4	GRADE GS06
30	(35)	S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
31	(36)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
32	(37)	T062C PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS06
33	(38)	C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
34	(39)	C036C ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
35	(40)	E049C VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS05
36	(41)	G215C CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05

1	(42)	M061C ACOM VOCATIONAL REHAB EVALUATOR	1	GRADE GS05
2	(43)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	2	GRADE GS05
3	(44)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
4	(45)	C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS04
5	(46)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	9	GRADE GS04
6	(47)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
7	(48)	S099C STATIONARY ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS04
8	(49)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
9	(50)	V022C PURCHASING TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
10	(51)	V023C STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
11	(52)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	64	GRADE GS03
12	(53)	M081C RESIDENTIAL CARE SHIFT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
13	(54)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
14	(55)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	4	GRADE GS02
15	(56)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	1	GRADE GS02
16	(57)	M083C RESIDENTIAL CARE TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS02
17	(58)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS02
18	(59)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
19		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	316	

21 SECTION 42. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 22 of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation
 23 Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
 24 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 25 appropriated herein for such purposes: nineteen (19) temporary or part-time
 26 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 27 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 28 for the appropriate classification.

30 SECTION 43. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES. There is
 31 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 32 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 33 personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid and purchase of
 34 services by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 35 Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 the
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<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</i>	<i>\$15,426,131</i>
<i>(02) EXTRA HELP</i>	<i>252,000</i>
<i>(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	<i>6,020,174</i>
<i>(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>7,401,096</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>175,000</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>844,903</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(05) GRANTS AND AID/PURCHASE OF SERVICES</i>	<u><i>30,000,000</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$60,119,304</i></u></u>

SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION - INCREASING CAPABILITIES ACCESS NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Increasing Capabilities Access Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</i>	<i>\$200,707</i>
<i>(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	<i>77,783</i>
<i>(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>400,000</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>20,402</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>20,000</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>100,000</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<u><i>0</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$818,892</i></u></u>

SECTION 45. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE DISABILITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1 *EQUIPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of*
 2 *Commerce, to be payable from the Telecommunications Equipment Fund, for*
 3 *personal services and operating expenses and grants of the Department of*
 4 *Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services*
 5 *- Statewide Disability Telecommunications Equipment Program for the fiscal*
 6 *year ending June 30, 2026, the following:*

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<i>NO.</i>	<i>2025-2026</i>
<i>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</i>	<i>\$173,203</i>
<i>(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	<i>71,465</i>
<i>(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>80,000</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>7,000</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(04) ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE GRANTS</i>	<u><i>310,000</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$646,668</i></u></u>

21 *SECTION 46. APPROPRIATION - PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM - SPECIAL.*
 22 *There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable*
 23 *from the Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities Fund, for*
 24 *operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce*
 25 *Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - People with Disabilities*
 26 *Program - Special for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:*

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<i>NO.</i>	<i>2025-2026</i>
<i>(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	
<i>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(C) PROF. FEES</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(E) DATA PROC.</i>	<u><i>0</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$30,000</i></u></u>

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 2 SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
 3 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be
 4 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 5 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for providing loans to individuals
 6 with disabilities for essential assistive technology, adaptive equipment, and
 7 for loan administration/servicing by the Department of Commerce - Division of
 8 Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Technology Equipment
 9 Revolving Loan Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 10 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) LOANS	<u>\$750,000</u>

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 16 SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 17 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund
 18 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 19 the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of
 20 Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Cash Operations for
 21 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$356,542
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$356,542</u>

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 33 SECTION 49. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE
 34 BLIND. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division
 35 of Workforce Services - Division of State Services for the Blind for the
 36 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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			<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
<i>Item Class</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>	
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>2025-2026</i>
	(1)	N125N ACOM DSB DEP DIR SVCS FOR THE BLIND	1	GRADE GS15
	(2)	G021C ACOM DSB ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
	(3)	G303C ACOM DSB PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS09
	(4)	L037C ACOM REHAB AREA MANAGER	3	GRADE GS09
	(5)	X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
	(6)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
	(7)	G121C REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
	(8)	L098C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	23	GRADE GS08
	(9)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
	(10)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
	(11)	G163C ACOM REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
	(12)	M032C ACOM VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT SPEC	1	GRADE GS07
	(13)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS06
	(14)	E039C ACOM DSB TEACHER FOR THE BLIND	1	GRADE GS06
	(15)	L051C REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	2	GRADE GS06
	(16)	C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS04
	(17)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	8	GRADE GS04
	(18)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>11</u>	GRADE GS03
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	69	

26 SECTION 50. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
27 of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Division of State Services for
28 the Blind for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
29 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from
30 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: thirty (30) temporary or part-
31 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in
32 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this
33 act for the appropriate classification.

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SECTION 51. APPROPRIATION - STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

1 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 2 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -
 3 Division of Workforce Services - Division of State Services for the Blind for
 4 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,178,053
(02) EXTRA HELP	384,174
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,298,366
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,222,186
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	155,000
(C) PROF. FEES	195,259
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,533,038</u></u>

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 19 SECTION 52. APPROPRIATION - BLIND SERVICES GRANTS. There is hereby
 20 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying
 21 account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants
 22 and aid and purchase of services by the Department of Commerce - Division of
 23 Workforce Services - Blind Services Grants for the fiscal year ending June
 24 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) GRANTS AND AID/PURCHASE OF SERVICES	<u><u>\$6,000,000</u></u>

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 30 SECTION 53. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -
 31 WORKFORCE POLICY & INNOVATION. There is hereby established for the
 32 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Workforce Policy &
 33 Innovation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 34 regular employees.

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 36 *Maximum Annual*

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2	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
3	No. Code Title	Employees	2025-2026
4	(1) U037U ACOM DWS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE03
5	(2) N049N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, INFO AND TECH	1	GRADE GS13
6	(3) G110C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
7	(4) G288C ACOM DWS DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
8	(5) G127C ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
9	(6) G149C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I	1	GRADE GS07
10	(7) G181C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	5	GRADE GS07
11	(8) G209C ACOM DWS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS07
12	(9) B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
13	(10) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS06
14	MAX NO OF EMPLOYEES	18	

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16 SECTION 54. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - WORKFORCE
 17 POLICY & INNOVATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 18 Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Trust Fund,
 19 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -
 20 Division of Workforce Services - Workforce Policy & Innovation for the fiscal
 21 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	NO.	2025-2026
25	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,285,000
26	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	428,792
27	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	250,000
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
30	(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,993,792</u>

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35 SECTION 55. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY

1 FORWARD - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. Any balance in the funds made available by this
2 Act for the New Hire Registry which remain on June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, may be
3 carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose.

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

6 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 the Agency shall by written statement
7 set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
8 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
29 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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31 SECTION 56. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA
33 HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Division of Workforce Services for
34 the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
35 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
36 appropriated herein for such purposes: ~~four hundred thirty three~~ fifty(~~433~~)

1 (50) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
2 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
3 its successor, for the appropriate classification. Any of these positions
4 utilized in a manner which are funded by federal sources are specifically
5 exempt from limitation of hours, either by Act or Regulation.

6 In order to comply with the timeliness requirements set forth by the
7 Social Security Act, the Chairman of the Board of Review is authorized to
8 utilize part-time or temporary employees from the pool of positions provided
9 to the Division of Workforce Services in any occurrence where the number of
10 appeals to the Board of Review or Appeal Tribunal increases above a level
11 that can be resolved by the permanent staff in a timely manner. The Division
12 of Workforce Services will determine the appropriate funding source within
13 the Department for said positions.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
15 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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17 SECTION 57. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
19 OF APPROPRIATION. Subject to such rules and regulations as may be
20 implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after having sought
21 the prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
22 Committee, the Director of the Division of Workforce Services is hereby
23 authorized to make transfers from any appropriation made by this Act to any
24 other appropriation made by this Act with the exception of the "Reed Act
25 Funds" appropriations set forth in the Reed Act Funds appropriation section
26 of this Act, and of the appropriation made for Regular Salaries or
27 Maintenance and General Operation. Such transfers may be made whenever it
28 appears, by projecting the expenditures of any of the appropriations in this
29 Act, that there will be a deficiency of appropriation in one item and that
30 there will be a corresponding excess of appropriation in another item or
31 items which may be transferred. The transfer of appropriation shall be
32 effected only on approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Provided,
33 however, that no transfer of appropriations may be authorized to increase the
34 total amount appropriated for Regular Salaries, or Maintenance and General
35 Operations, except as may be authorized elsewhere by law.

36 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of

1 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
2 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
3 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
4 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
5 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
6 has determined that the Division of Workforce Services may operate more
7 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Division of Workforce
8 Services authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both
9 necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by
10 requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
11 as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative
12 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.
13 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
14 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,
15 this entire section is void.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
17 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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19 SECTION 58. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING
21 TRUST FUND TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the
22 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and
23 those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of up to
24 two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the Division of
25 Workforce Services Training Trust Fund to the Skills Development Fund.

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
27 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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29 SECTION 59. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FEDERAL
31 MATCHING. The funds appropriated in Sections for Adult Basic and General
32 Adult Education of this Act may also be used to match any available federal
33 funds from any agency in order to provide the maximum amount of money
34 possible for the purposes enumerated in such Section.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
36 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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2 SECTION 60. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADULT
4 EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION. All funds that become available for Adult Education
5 shall be distributed to those administrative units determined to be operating
6 efficient adult education programs, under criteria established by the
7 Division of Workforce Services. The criteria shall include the relative
8 efficiency of administration of the program in the counties served and
9 achievement of federal performance indicators. The Division of Workforce
10 Services shall promulgate rules and regulations for the distribution of funds
11 in accordance with criteria to be determined by the Board. In the
12 distribution of funds to local units the Board shall consider performance in
13 meeting state and federal performance indicators. Unallocated funds will be
14 redistributed based upon need as determined by the Division of Workforce
15 Services.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
17 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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19 SECTION 61. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
21 FORWARD - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES. Any balance in the funds made
22 available by this Act for the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services which remain
23 on June 30, 2026, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be
24 used for the same purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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16 SECTION 62. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
18 FORWARD - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND. Any balance in the funds
19 made available by this Act for the Division of State Services for the Blind
20 which remain on June 30, 2026, may be carried forward into the next fiscal
21 year, to be used for the same purpose.

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

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

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

34 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a
35 written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
36 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written

1 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
2 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
3 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
4 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
5 Committee; and

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

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

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13 SECTION 63. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
14 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
15 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
16 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
17 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
18 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
19 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
20 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
21 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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23 SECTION 64. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
24 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
25 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
26 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
27 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
28 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
29 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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32 SECTION 65. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
33 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
34 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

1 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
2 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
3 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
4 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
5 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
6 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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8 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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