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SENATE BILL 108

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 SAU-TECH FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE SAU-TECH APPROPRIATION FOR
17 THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
23 for the SAU-Tech for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number
24 of regular employees.
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Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2025-2026
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Chancellor, SAUT	1	\$208,138
(2)	IT Pool	6	
	Network Engineer		\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
	Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780



1	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
2	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
3	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
4	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
5	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
6	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
7	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
8	Database Administrator	\$106,607
9	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
10	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
11	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
12	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
13	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
14	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
15	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
16	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
17	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
18	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
19	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
20	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
21	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
22	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
23	Security Analyst	\$90,223
24	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
25	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
26	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
27	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
28	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
29	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
30	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
31	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
32	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
33	Database Analyst	\$80,208
34	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
35	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123
36	Website Developer	\$77,123

1	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
2	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
3	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
4	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
5	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
6	Media Specialist		\$69,975
7	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
8	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
9	Computer Operator		\$65,925
10	Network Analyst		\$65,925
11	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
12	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
13	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
14	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
15	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
16	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
17	(3) Vice-Chan. for Instruction	1	\$167,057
18	(4) Vice-Chan. for Dev. & Ext. Ed.	1	\$156,658
19	(5) Vice-Chan. for Finance	1	\$156,658
20	(6) Vice-Chan. for Information Tech	1	\$156,658
21	(7) Vice-Chan. for Student Services	1	\$156,658
22	(8) Director of Human Resources	1	\$132,733
23	(9) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
24	(10) Counselor	1	\$127,508
25	(11) Registrar	1	\$122,249
26	(12) Director of Student Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
27	(13) Project/Program Administrator	1	
28	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
29	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
30	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
31	(14) Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
32	(15) Controller	1	\$117,181
33	(16) Director of Development	1	\$113,455
34	(17) Director of Cont. Ed/Business Outreach	1	\$113,455
35	(18) Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
36	(19) Director of Admissions	1	\$111,453

1	(20)	Coordinator of Student Recruitment	2	\$111,362
2	(21)	Director of Special Programs	3	\$111,361
3	(22)	Assistant to the Chancellor	1	\$104,457
4	(23)	Dir. of Student Activities/Org.	1	\$101,944
5	(24)	Communications Coordinator	1	\$101,944
6	(25)	Fiscal Support Pool	3	
7		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
8		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
9		Accountant II		\$72,774
10		Accountant I		\$69,975
11		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
12		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
13		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
14		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
15	(26)	Public Safety Pool	4	
16		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
17		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
18		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
19		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
20		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
21		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
22		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
23		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
24		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
25		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
26		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
27		Security Officer		\$47,272
28		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
29		Watchman		\$38,855
30	(27)	Maintenance Manager	1	\$85,136
31	(28)	Payroll Services Coordinator	1	\$78,713
32	(29)	Procurement Coordinator	1	\$78,713
33	(30)	Academic Advisor	2	\$77,183
34	(31)	Research and Statistics Manager	1	\$75,685
35	(32)	Skilled Trades Pool	6	
36		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157

1		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
2		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
3		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
4		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
5	(33)	Assistant Director of Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
6	(34)	Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$72,774
7	(35)	Buyer	1	\$69,975
8	(36)	Administrative Support Pool	22	
9		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
10		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
11		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
12		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
13		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
14		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
15		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
16		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
17		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
18	(37)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
19	(38)	Financial Aid Analyst	1	\$67,284
20	(39)	Library Support Pool	3	
21		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
22		Library Specialist		\$57,515
23		Library Technician		\$53,175
24		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
25	(40)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$67,284
26	(41)	Statistician	1	\$64,696
27	(42)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
28	(43)	Residential Advisor	1	\$57,515
29	(44)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$55,302
30	(45)	Warehouse Specialist	1	\$55,302
31	(46)	Admissions Analyst	1	\$53,175
32	(47)	Maintenance Assistant	6	\$51,130
33	(48)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
34	(49)	Institutional Services Assistant	4	\$42,025
35		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
36		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		

1	(50)	Division Chairperson	2	\$146,201
2	(51)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
3		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
4		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
5	(52)	Faculty	41	\$111,362
6	(53)	Part-Time Faculty	71	\$56,046
7		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
8		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
9	(54)	Athletic Administration & Support Pool	9	
10		Coach		\$104,891
11		Asst. Coach		\$56,046
12		Athletic Trainer		\$41,956
13		<u>CAREER ACADEMY</u>		
14		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
15		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
16	(55)	Director, SAUT Career Academy	1	\$111,361
17	(56)	Academic Counselor	1	\$94,342
18		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
19		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
20	(57)	Director of Adult Education	1	\$127,510
21	(58)	Faculty	12	\$111,362
22		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
23		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
24	(59)	Assistant Bookstore Manager	1	\$59,815
25	(60)	Cashier	1	\$51,130
26	(61)	Institutional Services Assistant	2	\$42,025
27		<u>FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY</u>		
28		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
29		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
30	(62)	IT Pool	1	
31		Network Engineer		\$200,973
32		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
33		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
34		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
35		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
36		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570

1	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
2	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
3	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
4	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
5	Database Administrator	\$106,607
6	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
7	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
8	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
9	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
10	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
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13	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
14	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
15	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
16	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
17	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
18	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
19	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
20	Security Analyst	\$90,223
21	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
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34	Information Systems Analyst	\$74,157
35	Information Systems Security Analyst	\$74,157
36	Computer Support Analyst	\$74,157

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3	Media Specialist		\$69,975
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5	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
6	Computer Operator		\$65,925
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8	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
9	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
10	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
11	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
12	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
13	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
14	(63) Director	1	\$136,774
15	(64) Deputy Director	1	\$108,186
16	(65) Fiscal Support Pool	1	
17	Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
18	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
19	Accountant II		\$72,774
20	Accountant I		\$69,975
21	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
22	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
23	Accounting Technician		\$55,302
24	Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
25	(66) Administrative Support Pool	10	
26	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
27	Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
28	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
29	Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
30	Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
31	Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
32	Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
33	Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
34	Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
35	(67) Maintenance Assistant	2	\$51,130
36	(68) Institutional Services Assistant	1	\$42,025

1		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
2		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
3	(69)	Assistant Director for Training	1	\$114,452
4	(70)	Faculty	21	\$111,362
5	(71)	Satellite Center Coordinator	1	\$102,135
6	(72)	Part-Time Faculty	25	\$56,046
7		<u>ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY</u>		
8		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
9		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
10	(73)	Director	1	\$120,046
11	(74)	Assistant Director for Training	1	\$114,452
12	(75)	Administrative Support Pool	3	
13		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
14		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
15		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
16		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
17		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
18		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
19		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
20		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
21		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
22	(76)	Maintenance Assistant	1	\$51,130
23		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
24		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
25	(77)	Faculty	7	\$111,362
26	(78)	Part-Time Faculty	12	\$56,046
27		<u>ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY</u>		
28		<u>STATEWIDE SOLID WASTE PROGRAM</u>		
29		<u>PURSUANT TO ACT 1850 OF 2005</u>		
30		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
31		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
32	(79)	Stwd. Solid Waste Trng. Inst. Coord.	1	\$70,639
33		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	333	

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35 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for

36 the SAU-Tech for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of

1 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from
 2 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred seventy-five (175)
 3 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 4 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 5 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 7 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 8 appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the SAU-Tech Fund, for
 9 personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech for the fiscal year
 10 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
14 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,885,005
15 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	959,357
16 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	907,411
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
19 (C) PROF. FEES	0
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
21 (E) DATA PROC.	0
22 (04) CONTINGENCY	<u>292,589</u>
23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$6,144,362</u>

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 25 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
 26 to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code
 27 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech for
 28 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
32 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,213,000
33 (02) EXTRA HELP	180,000
34 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,100,000
35 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,500,000

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	400,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,300,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	2,000,000
6	(06) DEBT SERVICE	375,000
7	(07) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
8	INVESTMENTS	<u>600,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,868,000</u>

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11 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. There is hereby
 12 authorized, for the SAU-Tech - Fire Training Academy the 2025-2026 fiscal
 13 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
 14 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 15 purposes: fifty-five (55) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
 16 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 17 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 18 classification.

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20 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY.
 21 There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the SAU-
 22 Tech Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech -
 23 Fire Training Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 24 following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$969,000
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	424,592
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	500,000
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
33	(C) PROF. FEES	0
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,043,592</u>

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 2 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY.
 3 There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the SAU-
 4 Tech Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech -
 5 Fire Training Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 6 following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
10 (01) PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING	
11 EXPENSES	<u>\$3,045,637</u>

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 13 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. There
 14 is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from cash funds as
 15 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating
 16 expenses of the SAU-Tech - Fire Training Academy for the fiscal year ending
 17 June 30, 2026, the following:

19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
21 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$265,200
22 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	80,000
23 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	300,000
25 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	65,000
26 (C) PROF. FEES	85,751
27 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,000
28 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
29 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$915,951</u>

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 31 SECTION 9. EXTRA HELP - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY. There is
 32 hereby authorized, for the SAU-Tech - Environmental Training Academy for the
 33 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 34 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 35 herein for such purposes: fifty (50) temporary or part-time employees, when
 36 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform

1 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 2 appropriate classification.

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 4 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING
 5 ACADEMY. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from
 6 the SAU-Tech Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-
 7 Tech - Environmental Training Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 8 2026, the following:

10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$229,500
13 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,000
14 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	151,307
16 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
17 (C) PROF. FEES	0
18 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$455,807</u></u>

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 22 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING
 23 ACADEMY. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from
 24 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and
 25 operating expenses of the SAU-Tech - Environmental Training Academy for the
 26 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
30 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$242,000
31 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	119,900
32 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	165,000
34 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
35 (C) PROF. FEES	11,000
36 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	55,000

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(04) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	<u>55,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$677,900</u></u>

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5 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

6 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

7 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

8 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

9 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

10 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction

11 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where

12 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and

13 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in

14 disbursement of said funds.

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16 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

17 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

18 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

19 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

20 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

21 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

22 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

23 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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

26 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits

27 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of

29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

30 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

31 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm

32 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

33 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

34 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

35 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

36 APPROVED: 2/13/25