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2 95th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1078

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 THE
11 MILITARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
16 MILITARY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027
17 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
24 for the Department of the Military for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
25 following maximum number of regular employees.
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| Item | Class | No. of | Maximum Annual | Maximum | Salary Rate |
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| No. | Code | Title | Employees | 2026-2027 | |
| 31 | (1) | ESE13A SECRETARY OF THE MILITARY | 1 | GRADE | EXE04 |
| 32 | (2) | EEX05A ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL | 1 | GRADE | EXE03 |
| 33 | (3) | EEX09A CHIEF OF STAFF I | 1 | GRADE | EXE01 |
| 34 | (4) | LAT08C CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I | 1 | GRADE | SPC10 |
| 35 | (5) | FAC08C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I | 1 | GRADE | SPC09 |
| 36 | (6) | HDH02C HR ADMINISTRATOR I | 1 | GRADE | SPC05 |



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| 1 | (7) | LAT04P ATTORNEY II | 1 | GRADE SPC05 |
| 2 | (8) | HDH06C HR MANAGER | 1 | GRADE SPC04 |
| 3 | (9) | RMA10I MUSEUM COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE SPC02 |
| 4 | (10) | FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II | 2 | GRADE SPC02 |
| 5 | (11) | SBI02P BIOLOGIST II | 1 | GRADE SPC02 |
| 6 | (12) | SCN03P ECOLOGIST SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 3 | GRADE SPC02 |
| 7 | (13) | SCN01I ARCHAEOLOGIST | 1 | GRADE SPC01 |
| 8 | (14) | FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I | 3 | GRADE SPC01 |
| 9 | (15) | SBI01P BIOLOGIST I | 2 | GRADE SPC01 |
| 10 | (16) | SCN02P ECOLOGIST | 6 | GRADE SPC01 |
| 11 | (17) | PAG09P FORESTER | 1 | GRADE SPC01 |
| 12 | (18) | IMP02C MILITARY PROGRAM MANAGER | 1 | GRADE SGS09 |
| 13 | (19) | PQA02C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER | 1 | GRADE SGS09 |
| 14 | (20) | HDH08P HR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 1 | GRADE SGS08 |
| 15 | (21) | IMS01P ITAM COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE SGS08 |
| 16 | (22) | TST03P LICENSED TRADESMAN SUPV/EXP | 3 | GRADE SGS08 |
| 17 | (23) | PPR05P PROCUREMENT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 1 | GRADE SGS08 |
| 18 | (24) | SFI01C DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF | 2 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 19 | (25) | TFM02C FACILITY MANAGER | 5 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 20 | (26) | TMA02C MAINTENANCE MANAGER | 2 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 21 | (27) | PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 22 | (28) | FBU01P BUDGET ANALYST | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 23 | (29) | TCO01P CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR | 2 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 24 | (30) | SFI04P FIREFIGHTER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 11 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 25 | (31) | HDH05P HR COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 26 | (32) | TST02P LICENSED TRADESMAN | 22 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 27 | (33) | IMP04P MILITARY PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 28 | (34) | CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 29 | (35) | TST05P SKILLED TRADESMAN SUPV/EXP | 1 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 30 | (36) | PEP02P ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM COORD | 2 | GRADE SGS06 |
| 31 | (37) | SFI03P FIREFIGHTER II | 16 | GRADE SGS06 |
| 32 | (38) | FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR | 2 | GRADE SGS06 |
| 33 | (39) | IMS02P LRAM COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE SGS06 |
| 34 | (40) | TMA04P MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 9 | GRADE SGS06 |
| 35 | (41) | IMP01P MILITARY PROGRAM COORDINATOR | 8 | GRADE SGS06 |
| 36 | (42) | CPR07P PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE SGS06 |

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| 1 | (43) | SSE03P SECURITY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 5 | GRADE SGS06 |
| 2 | (44) | TST04P SKILLED TRADESMAN | 16 | GRADE SGS06 |
| 3 | (45) | TAT03I ENGINEERING SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE SGS05 |
| 4 | (46) | PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST | 8 | GRADE SGS05 |
| 5 | (47) | FBU03P BUDGET SPECIALIST | 3 | GRADE SGS05 |
| 6 | (48) | SIA12P DISPATCHER | 12 | GRADE SGS05 |
| 7 | (49) | TFM03P FACILITY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 1 | GRADE SGS05 |
| 8 | (50) | SFI02P FIREFIGHTER I | 52 | GRADE SGS05 |
| 9 | (51) | IFR02P FIRING RANGE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 1 | GRADE SGS05 |
| 10 | (52) | TIW04P INVENTORY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 2 | GRADE SGS05 |
| 11 | (53) | TMA01P MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR | 7 | GRADE SGS05 |
| 12 | (54) | IMPO3P MILITARY PROGRAM SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE SGS05 |
| 13 | (55) | PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST | 3 | GRADE SGS05 |
| 14 | (56) | TAT02I CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN | 2 | GRADE SGS04 |
| 15 | (57) | TAT05I HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR | 8 | GRADE SGS04 |
| 16 | (58) | PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR | 10 | GRADE SGS04 |
| 17 | (59) | PEP01P CONSERVATION SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE SGS04 |
| 18 | (60) | FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 3 | GRADE SGS04 |
| 19 | (61) | HDH07P HR SPECIALIST | 3 | GRADE SGS04 |
| 20 | (62) | TIW01P INVENTORY COORDINATOR | 2 | GRADE SGS04 |
| 21 | (63) | TMA03P MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST | 3 | GRADE SGS04 |
| 22 | (64) | CME05P MEDIA TECHNICIAN | 4 | GRADE SGS04 |
| 23 | (65) | TST07P TRADES SPECIALIST | 2 | GRADE SGS04 |
| 24 | (66) | IFR01P FIRING RANGE SPECIALIST | 7 | GRADE SGS03 |
| 25 | (67) | TIW03P INVENTORY SPECIALIST | 7 | GRADE SGS03 |
| 26 | (68) | TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN | 38 | GRADE SGS03 |
| 27 | (69) | IMS03P RTLA COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE SGS03 |
| 28 | (70) | SSE01P SECURITY GUARD | 41 | GRADE SGS03 |
| 29 | (71) | PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST | 6 | GRADE SGS02 |
| 30 | (72) | THO02P HOUSEKEEPER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 3 | GRADE SGS02 |
| 31 | (73) | TGR01P LANDSCAPE COORDINATOR | 4 | GRADE SGS02 |
| 32 | (74) | THO01P HOUSEKEEPER | 31 | GRADE SGS01 |
| 33 | (75) | SLE01C POLICE CHIEF | 2 | GRADE LES03 |
| 34 | (76) | SLE03P POLICE OFFICER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 2 | GRADE LES02 |
| 35 | (77) | SLE02P POLICE OFFICER | 13 | GRADE LES01 |
| 36 | (78) | IIS08C IT INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER | 1 | GRADE IST11 |

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| 1 | (79) | IIA01C CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER I | 1 | GRADE IST10 |
| 2 | (80) | IGI03P STATE GIS ANALYST | 1 | GRADE IST07 |
| 3 | (81) | IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST | 6 | GRADE IST06 |
| 4 | (82) | IIE02P IT SECURITY ANALYST I | 1 | GRADE IST06 |
| 5 | (83) | IAS08I WEBSITE SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE IST05 |
| 6 | (84) | IGI01P GIS ANALYST | 5 | GRADE IST05 |
| 7 | (85) | IUS02P USER SUPPORT COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE IST05 |
| 8 | (86) | IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST | 1 | GRADE IST04 |
| 9 | (87) | IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 3 | GRADE IST02 |
| 10 | (88) | FFS01C FISCAL SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | GRADE SGS10 |
| 11 | (89) | IDA02C DATA ENGINEER | 1 | GRADE IST12 |
| 12 | (90) | IDN03P DATA SCIENTIST | 1 | GRADE IST08 |
| 13 | (91) | IDN01P DATA ANALYST | <u>1</u> | GRADE IST07 |
| 14 | | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 455 | |

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16 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 17 of the Military for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 18 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 19 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred twenty-seven
 20 (127) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 21 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 22 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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24 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 25 appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from the
 26 Department of the Military Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 27 expenses of the Department of the Military for the fiscal year ending June
 28 30, 2027, the following:

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| 30 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 31 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 32 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$3,562,871 |
| 33 | (02) EXTRA HELP | 56,500 |
| 34 | (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 1,332,568 |
| 35 | (04) OVERTIME | 100 |
| 36 | (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |

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| 1 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 3,370,314 |
| 2 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 25,000 |
| 3 | (C) PROF. FEES | 100,000 |
| 4 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 225,000 |
| 5 | (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| 6 | (06) CIVIL AIR PATROL PERSONAL SERVICES | |
| 7 | AND OPERATING EXPENSES | <u>75,000</u> |
| 8 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$8,747,353</u></u> |

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10 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY CALL-UP AND COURT MARTIAL. There
 11 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from
 12 the Department of the Military Fund Account, for emergency Military Call-Up
 13 and Military Court Martial expenses for the Department of the Military for
 14 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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| 16 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|----|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 17 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 18 | (01) EMERGENCY CALL UP | \$2,500,000 |
| 19 | (02) COURT MARTIAL EXPENSES | <u>20,000</u> |
| 20 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$2,520,000</u></u> |

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22 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - NATIONAL GUARD MUSEUM. There is hereby
 23 appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from the
 24 Department of the Military Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 25 expenses of the Department of the Military - National Guard Museum for the
 26 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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| 28 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 29 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 30 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$107,004 |
| 31 | (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 40,815 |
| 32 | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 33 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 18,014 |
| 34 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 1,163 |
| 35 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| 36 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |

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| 1 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 2 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$166,996</u></u> |

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4 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - FORT CHAFFEE. There is hereby appropriated,
 5 to the Department of the Military, to be payable from the federal funds as
 6 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
 7 and operating expenses of the Department of the Military - Fort Chaffee for
 8 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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| 10 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|----|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 11 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 12 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$4,201,676 |
| 13 | (02) EXTRA HELP | 159,408 |
| 14 | (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 1,830,432 |
| 15 | (04) OVERTIME | 125,000 |
| 16 | (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 17 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 25,025,000 |
| 18 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 30,000 |
| 19 | (C) PROF. FEES | 4,000,000 |
| 20 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 4,000,000 |
| 21 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 22 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$39,371,516</u></u> |

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24 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL TRAINING SITE OPERATIONS. There is
 25 hereby appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from
 26 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 27 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of the Military -
 28 Federal Training Site Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
 29 the following:

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| 31 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 32 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 33 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$12,182,283 |
| 34 | (02) EXTRA HELP | 720,928 |
| 35 | (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 5,236,638 |
| 36 | (04) OVERTIME | 300,000 |

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| 1 | (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 2 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 28,800,000 |
| 3 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 100,000 |
| 4 | (C) PROF. FEES | 5,000,000 |
| 5 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 3,000,000 |
| 6 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 7 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$55,339,849</u> |

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9 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 10 appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from the cash
 11 fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 12 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of the
 13 Military for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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| 15 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 16 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |

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| 17 | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 18 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$337,810 |
| 19 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 7,500 |
| 20 | (C) PROF. FEES | 20,500 |
| 21 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 320,000 |
| 22 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 23 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$685,810</u> |

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25 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - COUNTER DRUG ASSET FORFEITURE PROGRAM -
 26 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of the Military, 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 counter drug program expenses of
 29 the Department of the Military for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 30 following:

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| 32 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 33 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 34 | (01) COUNTER DRUG ASSET FORFEITURE | <u>\$160,311</u> |

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36 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY SUPPORT REVOLVING. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from
2 the Military Support Revolving Fund, for vehicle insurance, supplies,
3 rations, fuel, personnel services, allowances, equipment leases, various
4 active duty status, operational support and related operating expenses of the
5 Department of the Military for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
6 following:

| 8 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 9 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 10 (01) NON-EMERGENCY CALL-UP EXPENSES | <u>\$219,632</u> |

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12 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF TRUST FUND. There
13 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from
14 the Military Family Relief Trust Fund, for the Military Family Relief Grant
15 Program of the Department of the Military - Military Family Relief Trust Fund
16 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| 18 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 19 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 20 (01) MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM | <u>\$72,757</u> |

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22 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE
23 ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
24 GENERALS SALARY. The line item maximums for the State of Arkansas Adjutant
25 General and Deputy Adjutant General are based on the salary grid by the
26 United States Department of Defense. Incumbents in these positions shall be
27 compensated in accordance with the Department of Defense Advisory Service Pay
28 Plan and are not guaranteed placement at the maximum level. The line item
29 maximum salaries may be adjusted on July 1 of each fiscal year to incorporate
30 salary rate changes that have been implemented by the U.S. Department of
31 Defense.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
33 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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35 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

1 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The State Military Department is hereby authorized to
2 transfer appropriation from Operating Expenses to Promotional Items in the
3 General Operations Appropriation and/or Cash Operations Appropriation
4 provided by this Act in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars
5 (\$10,000) each fiscal year, as authorized by the Director of State Resources,
6 and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
8 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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10 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
12 CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS.

13 (a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred
14 on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the
15 balance of funds remaining in the Department of Military Fund Account on June
16 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 into a sub-fund created within the Department of Military Fund
17 to be used exclusively for construction, maintenance and operating expenses
18 or for future construction projects of the State Military Department.

19 (b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized
20 herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

21 (1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and
22 Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried
23 forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint
24 Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency,
25 board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward,
26 the program name or line item and the funding source; and

27 (2) The State Military Department shall provide a written report
28 to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all
29 information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this section no later than
30 thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget request
31 to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both; and

32 (3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall
33 include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the
34 budget manuals.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July
36 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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2 SECTION 15. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
3 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
4 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
5 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
6 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
7 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
8 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
9 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
10 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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21 SECTION 17. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
22 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
23 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
24 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
25 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
26 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
27 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
28 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
29 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
30 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
31 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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33 /s/Joint Budget Committee

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35 **APPROVED: 4/27/26**