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As Engrossed: S4/27/26

A Bill

SENATE BILL 15

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
10 HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND TOURISM
11 DIVISIONS 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 PARKS,
16 HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND
17 TOURISM DIVISIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE
18 2026-2027 FISCAL 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 Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism
26 Divisions for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
27 regular employees.
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Item	Class	No.	Title	No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
					Salary Rate
					Fiscal Year
					2026-2027
33	(1)	EEX27A	PARKS, HERITAGE, & TOURISM DIV. DIR	2	GRADE EXE01
34	(2)	EEX26A	PARKS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC10
35	(3)	SEN02P	ENGINEER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC06
36	(4)	SAS01I	ARCHITECT	1	GRADE SPC03



1	(5)	SENO1P ENGINEER	1	GRADE SPC03
2	(6)	RMA03I CURATOR	4	GRADE SPC01
3	(7)	RPA08C PARK ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SGS12
4	(8)	RPA09C PARK AREA MANAGER	5	GRADE SGS11
5	(9)	RPA13C PARK MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS11
6	(10)	RPA20C PARK SUPERINTENDENT IV	6	GRADE SGS10
7	(11)	EEPO6P EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS10
8	(12)	FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS09
9	(13)	RPA04C LODGE MANAGER	3	GRADE SGS09
10	(14)	RPA19C PARK SUPERINTENDENT III	22	GRADE SGS09
11	(15)	RPA18C PARK SUPERINTENDENT II	38	GRADE SGS08
12	(16)	RPA25P ADPHT PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS08
13	(17)	TCO04P CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS08
14	(18)	RPA01C ASSISTANT LODGE MANAGER	3	GRADE SGS07
15	(19)	TFM02C FACILITY MANAGER	2	GRADE SGS07
16	(20)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
17	(21)	CME03P GRAPHIC ARTIST	4	GRADE SGS07
18	(22)	TST02P LICENSED TRADESMAN	3	GRADE SGS07
19	(23)	RPA15P PARK PLANNER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
20	(24)	CME06P PRODUCER	1	GRADE SGS07
21	(25)	PAS04C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SGS06
22	(26)	RRE01C FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER	2	GRADE SGS06
23	(27)	RPA17C PARK SUPERINTENDENT I	13	GRADE SGS06
24	(28)	RTO02C WELCOME CENTER MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS06
25	(29)	ILPO4I REAL ESTATE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS06
26	(30)	RMA02P ARCHIVIST	1	GRADE SGS06
27	(31)	FGM04P GRANTS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06
28	(32)	TMA04P MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	13	GRADE SGS06
29	(33)	TAT06P MECHANIC	1	GRADE SGS06
30	(34)	RPA14P PARK PLANNER	6	GRADE SGS06
31	(35)	RPA24P ADPHT PROGRAM COORDINATOR	6	GRADE SGS06
32	(36)	TST04P SKILLED TRADESMAN	18	GRADE SGS06
33	(37)	TFS04C FOOD SERVICES SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	5	GRADE SGS05
34	(38)	TAT03I ENGINEERING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
35	(39)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	13	GRADE SGS05
36	(40)	TFM03P FACILITY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	15	GRADE SGS05

1	(41)	RPA05P LODGE SALES COORDINATOR	8	GRADE SGS05
2	(42)	TMA01P MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	11	GRADE SGS05
3	(43)	CMA01P MARKETING COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS05
4	(44)	RPA10P PARK COORDINATOR	6	GRADE SGS05
5	(45)	RPA21P PARK SUPERINTENDENT TRAINEE	3	GRADE SGS05
6	(46)	RPA23P ADPHT INTERPRETER II	42	GRADE SGS05
7	(47)	TAT05I HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	3	GRADE SGS04
8	(48)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	52	GRADE SGS04
9	(49)	TFM01P FACILITY COORDINATOR	28	GRADE SGS04
10	(50)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	9	GRADE SGS04
11	(51)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
12	(52)	IIN01P INSPECTOR I	3	GRADE SGS04
13	(53)	TMA03P MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	42	GRADE SGS04
14	(54)	TAT08P PRINTER	1	GRADE SGS04
15	(55)	RRE02P RESTAURANT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	6	GRADE SGS04
16	(56)	TST07P TRADES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
17	(57)	RTO03P WELCOME CENTER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	14	GRADE SGS04
18	(58)	TFS05P KITCHEN SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS03
19	(59)	RPA06P LODGE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS03
20	(60)	TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	88	GRADE SGS03
21	(61)	RPA12P PARK HOUSEKEEPER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	13	GRADE SGS03
22	(62)	SSE01P SECURITY GUARD	1	GRADE SGS03
23	(63)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	10	GRADE SGS02
24	(64)	TGR01P LANDSCAPE COORDINATOR	12	GRADE SGS02
25	(65)	RMA11P MUSEUM SPECIALIST	6	GRADE SGS02
26	(66)	RPA11P PARK HOUSEKEEPER	18	GRADE SGS02
27	(67)	RPA16P PARK SPECIALIST	33	GRADE SGS02
28	(68)	RTO01P TRAVEL CONSULTANT	32	GRADE SGS02
29	(69)	TFS01P COOK	22	GRADE SGS01
30	(70)	RRE03P SERVER	12	GRADE SGS01
31	(71)	SPL01C PARK LIEUTENANT COLONEL	1	GRADE LES07
32	(72)	SPL02C PARK MAJOR	1	GRADE LES06
33	(73)	SPL04C PARK SERGEANT	5	GRADE LES04
34	(74)	SPL03P PARK RANGER	30	GRADE LES03
35	(75)	TCO01P CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
36	(76)	TST05P SKILLED TRADESMAN SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07

1	(77) CME04P MEDIA SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS05
2	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	732	

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5 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
6 of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions for the
7 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
8 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
9 herein for such purposes: eight hundred seven (807) temporary or part-time
10 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
11 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
12 for the appropriate classification.

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14 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
15 appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be
16 payable from the Parks and Tourism Fund Account, for personal services and
17 operating expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State
18 Parks and Tourism Divisions - State Operations for the fiscal year ending
19 June 30, 2027, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
23	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$12,569,422
24	(02) EXTRA HELP	2,500
25	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	5,483,877
26	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
29	(C) PROF. FEES	0
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0
32	(05) TOURISM/MUSEUM GRANTS	30,000
33	(06) CONFERENCE-DAC	<u>100</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$18,085,899</u>

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36 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - RETIREMENT AND RELOCATION PROMOTION PROGRAM.

1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and
 2 Tourism, to be payable from the Tourism Development Trust Fund, for operating
 3 and advertising expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism -
 4 State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Retirement and Relocation Promotion
 5 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
12 (C) PROF. FEES	10,000
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (02) ADVERTISING EXPENSE	<u>898,619</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$968,619</u></u>

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 18 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CONSERVATION TAX OPERATIONS. There is
 19 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be
 20 payable from the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism Fund Account,
 21 from proceeds derived from the Conservation Tax levied by Amendment 75 of the
 22 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, for personal services and operating
 23 expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and
 24 Tourism Divisions - Conservation Tax Operations for the fiscal year ending
 25 June 30, 2027, the following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,707,277
30 (02) EXTRA HELP	2,134,077
31 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,359,215
32 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	16,394,284
34 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
35 (C) PROF. FEES	613,894
36 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	3,500,000

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(05) CONSTRUCTION	45,874,272
3	(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>4,000,000</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$83,583,019</u>

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 6 SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL - CONSERVATION
 7 TAX OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Parks,
 8 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Keep Arkansas
 9 Beautiful - Conservation Tax Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 10 following maximum number of regular employees.

11			Maximum Annual
12		Maximum	Salary Rate
13	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
14	No. Code Title	Employees	2026-2027
15	(1) RPA25P ADPHT PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
16	(2) RPA24P ADPHT PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
17	(3) TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS03
18	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

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 21 SECTION 7. EXTRA HELP - KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL - CONSERVATION TAX
 22 OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Parks,
 23 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Keep Arkansas
 24 Beautiful - Conservation Tax Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 25 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 26 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one
 27 (1) temporary or part-time employee, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 28 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 29 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 31 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL - CONSERVATION TAX
 32 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks,
 33 Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Fund
 34 Account, from proceeds derived from the Conservation Tax levied by Amendment
 35 75 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, for personal services and
 36 operating expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State

1 Parks and Tourism Divisions - Keep Arkansas Beautiful - Conservation Tax
 2 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$138,924
7 (02) EXTRA HELP	6,000
8 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	55,401
9 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	88,937
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
12 (C) PROF. FEES	125,000
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (05) KAB GRANTS	40,000
16 (06) ADVERTISING EXPENSE	<u>600,000</u>
17 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,059,262</u></u>

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19 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - MUSEUM OF NATURAL RESOURCES - SPECIAL
 20 REVENUE FUND OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 21 Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Arkansas Museum of
 22 Natural Resources Fund, for personal services of the Department of Parks,
 23 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Museum of Natural
 24 Resources - Special Revenue Fund Operations for the fiscal year ending June
 25 30, 2027, the following:

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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$76,932
30 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>33,736</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$110,668</u></u>

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33 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - TOURISM PROMOTION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 34 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks,
 35 Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Tourism Development Trust Fund,
 36 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Parks,

1 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Tourism Promotion
 2 - Special Revenue Fund Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
 3 the following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$283,677
8 (02) EXTRA HELP	27,502
9 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	123,625
10 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,222,977
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	41,570
13 (C) PROF. FEES	2,246,280
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	125,000
15 (E) DATA PROC.	0
16 (05) TOURIST PROMOTION	2,922,000
17 (06) ADVERTISING EXPENSE	24,260,050
18 (07) SMALL FESTIVAL EXPENSES, ADVERTISING	
19 & GRANTS	<u>150,000</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$33,402,681</u>

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22 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS PROGRAM. There
 23 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to
 24 be payable from the Parks and Tourism Outdoor Recreation Grants Fund, for
 25 personal services, operating expenses, and outdoor recreation grants of the
 26 Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism
 27 Divisions - Outdoor Recreation Grants Program for the fiscal year ending June
 28 30, 2027, the following:

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30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$166,707
33 (02) EXTRA HELP	25,210
34 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	72,789
35 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	37,020

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(05) OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS	<u>9,716,374</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,023,100</u>

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8 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - SCORP PROGRAM - FEDERAL FUND OPERATIONS.

9 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and
10 Tourism, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief
11 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and outdoor recreation
12 grants of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and
13 Tourism Divisions - Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for the
14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
18	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$34,232
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,100
21	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	0
24	(02) OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS	<u>8,308,402</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,448,734</u>

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27 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PARKS - CASH FUND OPERATIONS. There is

28 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be
29 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
30 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
31 expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and
32 Tourism Divisions - Parks - Cash Fund Operations for the fiscal year ending
33 June 30, 2027, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,769,812
2	(02) EXTRA HELP	6,565,923
3	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,520,499
4	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	11,566,526
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	34,000
7	(C) PROF. FEES	2,000,000
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	500,000
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(05) CONSTRUCTION	500,000
11	(06) RESALE (COGS)	5,564,961
12	(07) DEBT SERVICE	0
13	(08) CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u>486,177</u>
14	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$41,507,898</u></u>

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16 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM. There is hereby
 17 appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be
 18 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services,
 19 operating expenses, major maintenance, renovation of facilities and
 20 scoreboards, and repairs of War Memorial Stadium of the Department of Parks,
 21 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions for the fiscal year
 22 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$304,119
27	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	118,893
28	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	12,198
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
31	(C) PROF. FEES	0
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$435,210</u></u>

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36 SECTION 15. EXTRA HELP - WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM - CASH FUND OPERATIONS.

1 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and
 2 Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - War Memorial Stadium - Cash
 3 Fund Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 4 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 5 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred forty-four
 6 (144) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 7 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 8 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 10 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM - CASH FUND
 11 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks,
 12 Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the
 13 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 14 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Parks,
 15 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - War Memorial
 16 Stadium - Cash Fund Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 17 following:

19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$82,348
22 (02) EXTRA HELP	144,000
23 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	47,715
24 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	921,088
26 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
27 (C) PROF. FEES	0
28 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29 (E) DATA PROC.	0
30 (05) RESALE (COGS)	213,000
31 (06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>100,000</u>
32 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,508,151</u></u>

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 34 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - DELTA HERITAGE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.
 35 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and
 36 Tourism, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as

1 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses
2 of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism
3 Divisions - Delta Heritage Trail Construction Program for the fiscal year
4 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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	ITEM			FISCAL YEAR
	<u>NO.</u>			<u>2026-2027</u>
	(01) CONSTRUCTION			<u>\$37,880,862</u>

10 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL. There is
11 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be
12 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for miscellaneous
13 grants and expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State
14 Parks and Tourism Divisions - Arkansas Wine Producers Council for the fiscal
15 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

16	17	18	19	20
	ITEM			FISCAL YEAR
	<u>NO.</u>			<u>2026-2027</u>
	(01) ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL			<u>\$5,000</u>

21 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY. There is
22 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be
23 payable from the Tourism Development Trust Fund, for land acquisition,
24 construction, lease, equipment acquisition, improvements, renovation, major
25 maintenance, personal services, maintenance and operating expenses associated
26 with the wine tourism facility in Franklin County, Arkansas for the fiscal
27 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

28	29	30	31	32
	ITEM			FISCAL YEAR
	<u>NO.</u>			<u>2026-2027</u>
	(01) ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY			
	EXPENSES			<u>\$1,250,000</u>

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34 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL
36 MAINTENANCE. The funds appropriated in the Conservation Tax Operations

1 appropriation section of this act for the Division of Arkansas State Parks
2 Special Maintenance shall be expended, after receiving prior approval by the
3 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, for a special
4 maintenance program for the Park System. The funds provided will be used for
5 repair and upkeep of parks and museum facilities that have been deferred due
6 to lack of funds in the individual budgets of the parks and museums.

7 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
8 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
9 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
10 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
11 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
12 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
13 has determined that the Division of Arkansas State Parks may operate more
14 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Parks,
15 Heritage, and Tourism authorizing broad powers under this section. Therefore,
16 it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain
17 oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint
18 Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by
19 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of
20 this section or the Special Maintenance line item. If the requirement of
21 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
22 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section
23 and the Special Maintenance line item in the Conservation Tax Operations
24 appropriation section is void.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
26 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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28 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CASH
30 PRIZES - STATE PARKS. The Division of Arkansas State Parks is hereby
31 authorized to award merchandise, gift certificates, and cash prizes to
32 contestants in various special events authorized by the Division Director of
33 the Division of Arkansas State Parks. Such prizes may be awarded to the 1st,
34 2nd, and 3rd prize winners and shall be payable from the maintenance and
35 operation line item of the Parks - Cash Fund Operations appropriation
36 section. The cash prizes, in aggregate, for all contests, shall not exceed

1 \$10,000 per fiscal year.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
3 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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5 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
7 MISSISSIPPI RIVER DOMESTIC - INTERNATIONAL MARKETING PLAN. Of the funds
8 appropriated to the Division of Arkansas Tourism - Great River Road for
9 operating expenses in the State Operations appropriation section of this act,
10 up to \$15,000 each year is authorized to be utilized for the implementation
11 of the Mississippi River Domestic - International Marketing Plan.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
13 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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15 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SMALL
17 FESTIVAL FUNDING. The General Assembly acknowledges the economic benefits of
18 festivals which attract visitors and stimulate the growth of tourism and
19 businesses statewide.

20 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rules and regulations
21 promulgated by the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism to the
22 contrary, the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism shall dedicate,
23 commit, and budget annually one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000)
24 from the 2% tourism tax credited to the Tourism Development Trust Fund for
25 expense, advertising, marketing, or grants for small festivals in Arkansas
26 communities of less than 10,500 people. Any funds not granted out in a
27 fiscal year shall be available for other tourism promotion efforts.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
29 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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31 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA
33 HELP. The Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism may utilize their
34 authorized extra-help positions and contract labor event staff up to a
35 maximum of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours during seasonal events at
36 War Memorial Stadium. The rates of pay may not exceed those provided in the

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

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
4 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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6 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
8 PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. The Division of Arkansas State Parks
9 and Tourism is hereby authorized to purchase from Maintenance and General
10 Operations appropriations provided by this Act, up to an amount not to exceed
11 \$75,000 each fiscal year, promotional and educational merchandise, authorized
12 by the Secretary of the Department of Arkansas Parks, Heritage, and Tourism,
13 to inform the public of the Division's programs, to promote the functions of
14 the Division, and to inform the public regarding services provided by the
15 Division.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
17 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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19 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW.

21 Abolition of Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18
19 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-6-
20 404(2), concerning fines collected under the Litter Control Act, is amended
21 to read as follows:

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

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34 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-6-
35 606(e), concerning landfill disposal fees, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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 12 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-11-
 13 601 is amended to read as follows:

14 15-11-601. Keep Arkansas Beautiful Advisory Board – Creation –
 15 Membership.

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

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

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

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

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

29 (C) The term of office of ~~two (2)~~ one (1) of the initial
 30 members of the ~~commission~~ board shall expire on ~~January 14, 2001~~ June 30,
 31 2029;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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26 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW.

28 Transition provisions – Commission members.

29 Upon the effective date of this section:

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

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

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

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2 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-11-
3 602 is amended to read as follows:

4 15-11-602. ~~Administrative office~~ Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful –
5 ~~Director—Duties~~ Creation.

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

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

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

19
20 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-11-
21 603 is amended to read as follows:

22 15-11-603. Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful – Powers and duties of
23 ~~commission~~.

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

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

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

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

36 (4) Encourage litter prevention;

- 1 (5) Encourage beautification projects;
- 2 (6) Increase awareness of litter law enforcement;
- 3 (7) Promote consumer awareness of recycling benefits;
- 4 (8) Assist communities in establishing the Keep Arkansas
5 Beautiful system;
- 6 (9) Encourage educational programs in schools and elsewhere that
7 support the goals of the ~~commission~~ office; and
- 8 (10) ~~Serve in an advisory capacity to the Director of the~~
9 ~~Administrative Office of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission and the State~~
10 ~~Parks Division; and~~
- 11 ~~(11)~~ Cooperate with and support existing recycling,
12 beautification, and litter control programs in the state.

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14 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-43-
15 266(b)(3)(D)(i), concerning the Conservation Tax Fund, is amended to read as
16 follows:

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

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21 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 24-5-
22 101(6), concerning the definition of "current service" under the Arkansas
23 State Highway Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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34 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 25-43-
35 1302(a)(17), concerning state entities transferred to the Department of
36 Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, is repealed.

1 ~~(17) The Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission, created under § 15-~~
2 ~~11-601,~~

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4 SECTION 37. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
5 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
6 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
7 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
8 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
9 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
10 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
11 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
12 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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14 SECTION 38. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
15 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
16 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
17 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
18 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
19 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
20 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
21 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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23 SECTION 39. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
24 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
25 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
26 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
28 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
29 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
30 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
31 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
32 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
33 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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35 /s/Joint Budget Committee

36 **APPROVED: 5/1/26**