

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026
4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 6

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

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
16 DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS APPROPRIATION FOR
17 THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
24 Department of Commerce - Division of Aeronautics for the 2026-2027 fiscal
25 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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| Item No. | Class Code | Title | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027 |
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| 31 | (1) PPE15C | DIRECTOR OF AERONAUTICS | 1 | GRADE SPC08 |
| 32 | (2) SEN05P | PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER | 1 | GRADE SPC05 |
| 33 | (3) PC004P | COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 1 | GRADE SGS08 |
| 34 | (4) PAS08I | EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | 2 | GRADE SGS07 |
| 35 | (5) PC001P | COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR | <u>1</u> | GRADE SGS07 |
| 36 | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | | 6 | |



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 2 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 3 to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Aeronautics
 4 Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants to cities, and
 5 counties and other eligible applicants, by the Department of Commerce -
 6 Division of Aeronautics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 7 following:

| 9 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---|---------------------|
| 10 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 11 (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$398,931 |
| 12 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 140,910 |
| 13 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 14 (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 165,029 |
| 15 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 50,000 |
| 16 (C) PROF. FEES | 763,500 |
| 17 (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 18 (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| 19 (04) AIRPORT GRANT FUNDING AND RELATED | |
| 20 EXPENSES | <u>15,000,000</u> |
| 21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$16,518,370</u> |

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 23 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL GRANTS. There is hereby
 24 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal
 25 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for airport
 26 grant funding and related expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division
 27 of Aeronautics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| 29 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---|---------------------|
| 30 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 31 (01) AIRPORT GRANT FUNDING AND RELATED | |
| 32 EXPENSES | <u>\$12,000,000</u> |

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 34 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 35 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 36 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

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

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

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17 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
18 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
19 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
20 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
21 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
22 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
23 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
24 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
25 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
26 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
27 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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30 **APPROVED: 4/22/26**