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A Bill

SENATE BILL 19

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

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTOR
16 GENERAL 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 - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
24 established for the Department of Inspector General for the 2026-2027 fiscal
25 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class	No. Code Title	Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of	Salary Rate
			Fiscal Year	
			Employees	2026-2027
31	(1)	ESE09A SECRETARY OF INSPECTOR GENERAL	1	GRADE EXE04
32	(2)	EEX09A CHIEF OF STAFF I	1	GRADE EXE01
33	(3)	LAT08C CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
34	(4)	FAC08C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09
35	(5)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
36	(6)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07



1	(7) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE SGS05
2	(8) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
3	(9) IIV05P INVESTIGATOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
4	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	11	

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 6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is
 7 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable
 8 from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 9 State with transfers from the State Central Services Fund, for personal
 10 services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General -
 11 Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$976,041
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	318,712
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	58,350
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
20	(C) PROF. FEES	0
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(04) PROGRAM INTEGRITY	<u>5,000,000</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,353,103</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR
 27 GENERAL. There is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General
 28 - Office of Medicaid Inspector General for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 29 following maximum number of regular employees.

31		Maximum Annual
32		Salary Rate
33	Item Class	Fiscal Year
34	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35	(1) EEX24A MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL	1 GRADE SPC10
36	(2) LAT04P ATTORNEY II	2 GRADE SPC05

1	(3) PCA03P CLAIMS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	4	GRADE SGS08
2	(4) PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
3	(5) PCA01P CLAIMS COORDINATOR	10	GRADE SGS07
4	(6) IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	1	GRADE SGS06
5	(7) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE SGS05
6	(8) MNU08P REG. NURSE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE MED06
7	(9) MNU06P REGISTERED NURSE	<u>2</u>	GRADE MED05
8	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25	

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10 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR

11 GENERAL. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Inspector General
 12 - Office of Medicaid Inspector General for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 13 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 14 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one
 15 (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 16 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 17 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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19 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID

20 INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 21 Inspector General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
 22 Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 23 Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector General - State Operations
 24 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$701,304
29	(02) EXTRA HELP	4,999
30	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	253,106
31	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	187,962
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,400
34	(C) PROF. FEES	2,800
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$1,153,571

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3 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID

4 INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
5 Inspector General, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the
6 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
7 expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Office of Medicaid
8 Inspector General - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
9 2027, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,009,874
14	(02) EXTRA HELP	5,001
15	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	348,059
16	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	209,489
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,800
19	(C) PROF. FEES	2,800
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,579,023</u>

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24 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM - STATE - OFFICE OF
25 MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
26 of Inspector General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
27 Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Enterprise Fraud
28 Program of the Department of Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector
29 General - Enterprise Fraud Program - State for the fiscal year ending June
30 30, 2027, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34	(01) ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM	<u>\$900,000</u>

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36 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM - FEDERAL - OFFICE

1 OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 2 Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the federal funds as
 3 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
 4 and operating expenses of the Enterprise Fraud Program of the Department of
 5 Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector General - Enterprise Fraud
 6 Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
10 (01) ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM	<u>\$3,600,000</u>

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12 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID
 13 INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 14 Inspector General, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State
 15 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 16 services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General -
 17 Office of Medicaid Inspector General - Cash Operations for the fiscal year
 18 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
22 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$247,164
23 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	75,190
24 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,645
26 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,710
27 (C) PROF. FEES	1,200
28 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
30 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$345,909</u>

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32 SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION. There
 33 is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair
 34 Housing Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum
 35 number of regular employees.

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Item	Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	SSP05C FAIR HOUSING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC06
(2)	LATO4P ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE SPC05
(3)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
(4)	IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	2	GRADE SGS06
(5)	IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II	5	GRADE SGS05
(6)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	11	

SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair Housing Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair Housing Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$637,197
(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	240,503
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	191,573
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	58,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	57,007
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(05) PUBLIC EDUCATION	<u>899</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,225,179</u></u>

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 7 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - EDUCATION - TRUST - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING
 8 COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector
 9 General, to be payable from the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission Trust Fund,
 10 for operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair
 11 Housing Commission - Education - Trust for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 12 2027, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
16	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$50,000
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	45,000
19	(C) PROF. FEES	0
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$95,000</u></u>

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 24 SECTION 14. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT. There is
 25 hereby established for the Department of Inspector General - Office of
 26 Internal Audit for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 27 regular employees.

30		Maximum	Maximum Annual
31	Item Class	No. of	Salary Rate
32	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2026-2027</u>
33	(1) EEX47A STATE INTERNAL AUDIT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
34	(2) FAU06C INTERNAL AUDIT DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
35	(3) FAU07P INTERNAL AUDIT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SPC06
36	(4) FAU08P INTERNAL AUDITOR	7	GRADE SPC05

1	(5) FAU02P AUDIT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC04
2	(6) FAU04P AUDITOR II	10	GRADE SPC02
3	(7) FAU03P AUDITOR I	1	GRADE SPC01
4	(8) FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
5	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25	

7 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT - OPERATIONS.

8 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be
 9 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and
 10 operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Office of
 11 Internal Audit - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 12 following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,926,800
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	636,180
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	702,719
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	44,600
21	(C) PROF. FEES	51,500
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,361,799</u></u>

26 SECTION 16. REGULAR SALARIES - INDEPENDENT TAX APPEALS COMMISSION.

27 There is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General -
 28 Independent Tax Appeals Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 29 following maximum number of regular employees.

31		Maximum Annual
32		Salary Rate
33	Item Class	Fiscal Year
34	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35	(1) EEX50A TAX APPEALS COMMISSIONER	3 GRADE EXE02
36	(2) LAT05P ATTORNEY III	1 GRADE SPC08

1	(3) FAC03P ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC03
2	(4) PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
3	(5) ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
4	(6) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<u>2</u>	GRADE SGS05
5	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	9	

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - INDEPENDENT TAX APPEALS COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Independent Tax Appeals Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$912,118
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	278,809
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	400,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,610,927</u></u>

SECTION 18. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF THE CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN. There is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General - Office of the Child Welfare Ombudsman for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<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>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(1)	SSP06I	<u>2</u>	GRADE SGS08
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN.
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Office of the Child Welfare Ombudsman for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$147,360
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	50,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	55,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,000
(C) PROF. FEES	18,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$279,360</u></u>

SECTION 20. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF THE JUVENILE OMBUDSMAN. There is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General - Office of the Juvenile Ombudsman for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(1) SSP06I OMBUDSMAN	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS08
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 21. EXTRA HELP - OFFICE OF THE JUVENILE OMBUDSMAN. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Inspector General - Office of the Juvenile Ombudsman for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary

1 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
2 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
3 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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5 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE JUVENILE OMBUDSMAN. There is
6 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable
7 from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services of the Department
8 of Inspector General - Office of the Juvenile Ombudsman for the fiscal year
9 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$121,531
14 (02) EXTRA HELP	4,800
15 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	43,756
16 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,943
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
19 (C) PROF. FEES	0
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$200,030</u></u>

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24 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED
26 SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared
27 Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the
28 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal
29 services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account
30 Appropriation by the Department of Inspector General.

31 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer
32 of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account
33 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
34 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

35 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in
36 subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within

1 the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts
2 authorized for the department.

3 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the
4 date of passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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6 SECTION 24. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
7 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
8 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
9 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
10 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
11 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
12 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
13 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
14 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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16 SECTION 25. 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 26. 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, 2026 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, 2026 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, 2026.

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/s/Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 4/27/26