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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 25

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 - STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -  
16 STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION  
17 FOR THE 2025-2026 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 Commerce - State Insurance Department for the 2025-2026  
25 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2025-2026
31	(1)	U047U ACOM STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	1	GRADE SE03
32	(2)	U042U ACOM INSURANCE CHIEF DEPUTY COMM	1	GRADE SE02
33	(3)	N025N ACOM INSURANCE DEP COMM INFO SVCS	1	GRADE SE01
34	(4)	D028N REGULATORY HEALTH LINK TECH OFFICER	1	GRADE IT10
35	(5)	D010N ACOM INSURANCE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFF	1	GRADE IT08
36	(6)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08



1	(7)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
2	(8)	D022C SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	4	GRADE IT06
3	(9)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE IT05
4	(10)	D044C SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
5	(11)	N014N ACOM INSURANCE DEP COMM FINANCE REGS	1	GRADE GS15
6	(12)	N201N DEPUTY COMM OF CRIM INVESTIGATIONS	1	GRADE GS15
7	(13)	G018N ACOM DIRECTOR RISK MANAGEMENT	1	GRADE GS14
8	(14)	N140N ACOM INS ASST DEP COMMISSIONER FINANCE	3	GRADE GS14
9	(15)	A128C ACOM INSURANCE CLAIMS DIR PUBLIC EMP	1	GRADE GS14
10	(16)	N190N ACOM INSURANCE GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
11	(17)	X002N PROPERTY & CASUALTY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS14
12	(18)	A004N CERTIFIED FINANCIAL EXAMINER MANAGER	3	GRADE GS13
13	(19)	G019C GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS13
14	(20)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS13
15	(21)	G043N RISK MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
16	(22)	G010C ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
17	(23)	G025C ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS12
18	(24)	A004C CERTIFIED FINANCIAL EXAMINER	11	GRADE GS12
19	(25)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
20	(26)	R013C AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
21	(27)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	7	GRADE GS11
22	(28)	A007C AUDIT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
23	(29)	P074C ACOM AID PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS10
24	<del>(30)</del>	<del>X009C ACOM INS DEPT DIR OF SECURITY OPS</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE GS10</del>
25	(31)	G259C ACOM INSURANCE PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE GS10
26	(32)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
27	(33)	A044C AUDIT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
28	(34)	X032C ACOM SENIOR SECURITIES EXAMINER	1	GRADE GS09
29	(35)	G241C HEALTH INFO TECH OPER & TECH OFFICER	1	GRADE GS09
30	(36)	A042C INSURANCE SENIOR EXAMINER	6	GRADE GS09
31	(37)	X020C ACOM BURIAL ASSOCIATION BD EXEC SEC	1	GRADE GS08
32	(38)	X018C ACOM INSURANCE CONSUMER PROTECT MGR	1	GRADE GS08
33	(39)	X017C ACOM INSURANCE LICENSING MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
34	(40)	G304C ACOM WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROG MGR	1	GRADE GS08
35	(41)	X192C ASST DIRECTOR FRAUD INVESTIGATION	1	GRADE GS08
36	(42)	X072C CRIMINAL INS FRAUD INVESTIGATOR	7	GRADE GS08

1	<del>(43) R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE GS08</del>
2	(44) A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
3	(45) A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS08
4	(46) G064C SR HLTH INSURANCE INFORMATION PRG MGR	2	GRADE GS08
5	(47) G106C WCC CLAIMS SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS08
6	(48) A067C ACOM INSURANCE EXAMINER	2	GRADE GS07
7	(49) X083C ACOM INS LIFE & HEALTH COMP OFFICER	4	GRADE GS07
8	(50) X066C ACOM INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX EXAMINER	4	GRADE GS07
9	(51) A081C AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS07
10	(52) X080C PROPERTY & CASUALTY COMPLIANCE OFFICER	3	GRADE GS07
11	(53) G120C RISK CONSULTANT	10	GRADE GS07
12	(54) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
13	(55) X088C EMBALMERS & FUNERAL DIR INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS06
14	<del>(56) R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE GS06</del>
15	(57) R029C HUMAN RESOURCES RECRUITER	1	GRADE GS06
16	(58) G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
17	(59) M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
18	(60) G202C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS06
19	(61) C016C ACOM INSURANCE ADMINISTRATIVE COORD	3	GRADE GS05
20	<del>(62) R033C BENEFITS ANALYST</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE GS05</del>
21	(63) X123C INSURANCE INVESTIGATOR	9	GRADE GS05
22	(64) G201C WCC CLAIMS ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
23	(65) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	13	GRADE GS04
24	(66) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
25	<del>(67) R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE GS04</del>
26	(68) C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
27	(69) X180C ACOM INSURANCE LICENSING TECHNICIAN	7	GRADE GS03
28	(70) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	10	GRADE GS03
29	(71) C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS02
30	(72) C084C MAIL SERVICES SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS02
31	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	188	

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33 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department  
 34 of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the  
 35 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as  
 36 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:

1 nineteen (19) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay  
 2 not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation  
 3 Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 5 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 6 to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the State Insurance  
 7 Department Trust Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, special  
 8 maintenance and professional services of the Department of Commerce - State  
 9 Insurance Department - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,  
 10 the following:

12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
14 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$8,183,021
15 (02) EXTRA HELP	140,000
16 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,870,046
17 (04) OVERTIME	27,500
18 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,250,674
20 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	188,000
21 (C) PROF. FEES	161,600
22 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	150,000
23 (E) DATA PROC.	0
24 (06) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	956,000
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26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,426,841</u>

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 28 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FUNERAL SERVICES. There is hereby  
 29 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund  
 30 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 31 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 32 Commerce - State Insurance Department - Funeral Services for the fiscal year  
 33 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

35 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$326,284
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	122,466
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	100,000
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,464
6	(C) PROF. FEES	2,950
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(04) LOANS	<u>55,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$612,164</u></u>

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## 12 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATION DIVISION.

13 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 14 from the State Insurance Department Criminal Investigation Division Trust  
 15 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 16 Commerce - State Insurance Department - Insurance Fraud Investigation  
 17 Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
21	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$987,058
22	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	334,870
23	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	220,635
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
26	(C) PROF. FEES	4,000
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	60,000
28	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,641,563</u></u>

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31 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PREPAID FUNERAL BENEFITS DIVISION. There is  
 32 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 33 State Insurance Department Prepaid Trust Fund, for personal services and  
 34 operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department  
 35 - Prepaid Funeral Benefits Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,  
 36 the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$290,009
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	106,215
6	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	36,700
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
9	(C) PROF. FEES	0
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	30,000
11	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$466,924</u></u>

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14           SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - PREPAID FUNERAL CONTRACTS RECOVERY  
 15 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be  
 16 payable from the State Insurance Department Prepaid Trust Fund, for expenses  
 17 and payment of claims of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance  
 18 Department Prepaid Contracts Recovery Program for the fiscal year ending June  
 19 30, 2026, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
23	(01) EXPENSES AND CLAIMS FOR PREPAID	
24	FUNERAL CONTRACTS RECOVERY PROGRAM	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

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26           SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS. There is hereby  
 27 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 28 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payments of miscellaneous tax and fee  
 29 refunds by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Refunds  
 30 of Overpayments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
34	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u><u>\$11,000,000</u></u>

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36           SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
2 Insurance Continuing Education Trust Fund, for personal services of the  
3 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Continuing Education  
4 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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6	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
8	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$25,268
9	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>5,916</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$31,184</u></u>

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12 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH INFORMATION COUNSELING. There is  
13 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
14 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
15 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -  
16 State Insurance Department - Health Information Counseling for the fiscal  
17 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
21	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$318,851
22	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	137,135
23	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	317,407
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
26	(C) PROF. FEES	471,552
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
28	(E) DATA PROC.	0
29	(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>55,000</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,319,945</u></u>

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32 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CONSUMER INFORMATION SYSTEM - CASH. There  
33 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
34 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal  
35 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -  
36 State Insurance Department - Consumer Information System - Cash for the

1 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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3	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
5	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$28,005
7	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
8	(C) PROF. FEES	0
9	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
10	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$28,005</u></u>

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13 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CLAIMS SECTION. There is  
 14 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 15 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating  
 16 expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public  
 17 Employee Claims Section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
 18 following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,185,851
23	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	438,710
24	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	498,631
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	24,300
27	(C) PROF. FEES	0
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,147,492</u></u>

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32 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby  
 33 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Workers'  
 34 Compensation Revolving Fund, for payment of state employee claims by the  
 35 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - State Employee Claims  
 36 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:



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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$15,500,000</u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of public school employee claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public School Employee Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$400,000</u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of county employee claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - County Employee Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$200,000</u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of city employee claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - City Employee Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$400,000</u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNMENTAL BONDING BOARD. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 2 Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Trust Fund, for operating expenses, refunds,  
 3 reimbursements, claims, and professional services of the Department of  
 4 Commerce - State Insurance Department - Governmental Bonding Board for the  
 5 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
9 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$5,000
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
12 (C) PROF. FEES	0
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	150,000
16 (03) CLAIMS	1,500,000
17 (04) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	<u>50,000</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,705,000</u></u>

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20 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MULTI-AGENCY INSURANCE TRUST FUND.

21 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 22 from the Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund, for expense and payment  
 23 of claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department -  
 24 Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June  
 25 30, 2026, the following:

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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
29 (01) FOR EXPENSES AND CLAIMS FROM AMAIT FUND	<u><u>\$75,000,000</u></u>

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31 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is

32 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 33 Public School Insurance Trust Fund, for expenses and payment of claims by the  
 34 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public School Insurance  
 35 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
3	(01) EXPENSES AND CLAIMS	<u>\$50,000,000</u>

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5 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS - CASH. There

6 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

7 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal

8 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -

9 State Insurance Department - Criminal Background Checks - Cash for the fiscal

10 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
14	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
16	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
17	(C) PROF. FEES	0
18	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,000</u>

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22 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE

23 DATABASE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be

24 payable from the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Fund, for the

25 Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Database, maintenance and

26 operations, data collection and management, and data request fulfillment of

27 the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the fiscal year

28 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
32	(01) HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE	
33	DATABASE EXPENSES	<u>\$3,200,000</u>

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35 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - FIREFIGHTER CANCER RELIEF. There is hereby

36 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department, to

1 be payable from the Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund,  
 2 for relief to firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer and participating in  
 3 a firefighter cancer relief network for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,  
 4 the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 NO.	2025-2026
8 (01) FIREFIGHTER CANCER RELIEF	<u>\$250,000</u>

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 10 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND  
 11 PROVIDERS ACT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce,  
 12 to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal  
 13 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 14 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - MIPPA for the fiscal  
 15 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 NO.	2025-2026
19 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$235,183
20 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	90,005
21 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	266,229
23 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	47,630
24 (C) PROF. FEES	541,802
25 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26 (E) DATA PROC.	0
27 (04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>105,291</u>
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,286,140</u>

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 30 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SELF-FUNDED CYBER RESPONSE  
 31 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be  
 32 payable from the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response Program Trust Fund, for  
 33 expenses of the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response program by the Department  
 34 of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Arkansas Cyber Response Board for  
 35 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
3	(01) EXPENSES OF THE AR CYBER RESPONSE	
4	PROGRAM	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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6 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL SMP. There is

7 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

8 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to

9 empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries to prevent, detect, and report

10 health care fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling and

11 education by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the

12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$130,177
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	53,662
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	394,432
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,582
21	(C) PROF. FEES	0
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(04) GRANTS AND AID	192,000
24	(05) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>36,000</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$815,853</u>

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27 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER

29 PROVISION. In the event the State Insurance Department is unable to maintain

30 a full roster of examination personnel, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal

31 Officer of the State, the resulting unused appropriations in Regular

32 Salaries, Extra Help, and Personal Services Matching may be transferred to

33 the Professional Services special line item for the purpose of contracting

34 with qualified individuals or firms for examination assistance.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~

36 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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2 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO  
4 EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the reimbursement of travel expenses received  
5 by the Arkansas Insurance Department, shall be deposited into the same State  
6 Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original travel expenditure was  
7 incurred as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation from  
8 which the original expenditure was made.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July, 1,  
10 ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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12 SECTION 28. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
13 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
14 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
15 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
16 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
17 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
18 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
19 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
20 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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22 SECTION 29. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
23 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
24 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
25 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
26 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
27 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
28 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
29 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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31 SECTION 30. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
32 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
33 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
36 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

1 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
2 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
3 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
4 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
5 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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7 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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