



**State of Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Bill: HB1046

Bill Subtitle: TO ESTABLISH A BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM.

Sponsors:

Rep. Pilkington and Sen. Davis

Basic Change:

HB1046 creates the Blue Envelope Program which is aimed at improving communication between law enforcement and individuals with autism spectrum disorder during motor vehicle-related interactions. HB1046 requires the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to develop and provide specially designed blue envelopes that will:

- Identify the driver as an individual who may have autism spectrum disorder;
- Contain a driver's essential documents, including their driver's license, vehicle registration, and contact card; and
- Display communication guidelines on its exterior that will assist law enforcement in interacting with the driver.

An individual with autism spectrum disorder may request a blue envelope from a Revenue Office on or after January 1, 2026.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Taxpayer Impact:

An individual with autism spectrum disorder can request DFA provide a blue envelope that will hold his or her essential driver documentation to aid in the person's communication with law enforcement in the event of a motor vehicle-related interaction.

Resources Required:

The Arkansas Integrated Revenue System (AIRS) will need to be modified having a project cost of \$10,000 with no ongoing yearly maintenance. DFA will order an initial supply of envelopes at an estimated cost of \$735.00.

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

Updates will be required to the Office of Motor Vehicle (OMV) Manual and DFA website. Training will be provided for Revenue Office and OMV staff. Taxpayer community notification will be provided.



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Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

None.