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ADDITIONAL POSITIONS. The Director of the State Department for Social Security Administration Disability Determination, after receiving the approval of the Office of Personnel Management, and after seeking prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall have the authority to establish such new additional full time positions as may become necessary to carry out the objectives of the department and/or to meet Federal requirements of new and/or expanded programs where such needs are financed by Federal funds; provided that not more than two hundred fifty (250) positions may be created in addition to those authorized in the Regular Salaries section of this Act.

If the department requests continuation of any positions as established herein, the positions must be requested as new positions in the department's budget request.

#### 0232 Election Commissioners, State Board of

### ACT#: 148

#### SECTION#: 6

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

CARRY FORWARD - ELECTION EXPENSES. At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ , any unexpended balance of monies provided for Election Expenses, shall be transferred forward and made available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30,  $\frac{2026}{2027}$ .

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

- (1) Prior to June 30, 2025 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;
- (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;
- (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and
- (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include

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#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

all information obtained in item (3) above in the biennial budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

#### **0232 Election Commissioners, State Board of**

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#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFER. If funds are not available for the State Board of Election Commissioners to perform their duties, the Director of the State Board of Election Commissioners may from time to time certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the amount of funds needed and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer the certified amount from the Nonpartisan Filing Fee Fund to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund for use by the State Board of Election Commissioners.

#### 9907 Department of Health

### ACT#: 102

#### SECTION#: 51

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

AGENCY REQUEST

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD, STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY— EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds appropriated in this Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be expended in payment for services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first make a request in writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to provide the required legal services. The Attorney General's Office shall provide the requested legal services, or, if the Attorney General's Office shall determine that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the requested legal services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the agency and may authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend monies appropriated for Maintenance and General Operations therefore, if:

- (1) The Attorney General determines, and certifies in writing, that such agency needs the advice or assistance of legal counsel, and
- (2) The Attorney General consents in writing to the employment of the legal counsel to be retained by the agency, and
- (3) The Attorney General receives confirmation in writing from the Agency that the agency will re-advertise annually for legal counsel if outside legal counsel is hired and that any amount to be paid for outside legal counsel will be reviewed and approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.
- Such certification shall be required with respect to each instance of the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required annually with respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy of such certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency, and shall

9907 Department of Health ACT#: 102 SECTION#: 51

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)** be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.

#### 9907 Department of Health

#### **ACT#: 132**

#### SECTION#: 19

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the Department of Health.

- (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.
- (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department.
- (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ .

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#### 0265 Chiropractic Examiners, AR State Board of

### ACT#: 102

#### SECTION#: 50

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS - INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS. Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of the available appropriation in the Professional Fees Line item of this act shall be made available to the board for the purpose of contracting an independent or private investigator for investigative services regarding complaints submitted by consumers.

- (a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall contract with an outside investigator as needed to perform investigations and conduct inspections of alleged wrongdoing.
- (2) An outside investigator contracted under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall have expertise or background in the subject matter in which he or she is being contracted to investigate.
- (b) The duties of an investigator hired under this section shall include without limitation investigation and inspection of all complaints, as determined by the board, to determine whether a person has:
- (1) Practiced his or her profession in such a way as to endanger the general health and welfare of the public; or
  - (2) Otherwise violated this chapter or rules of the board.
- (c)(1) The board shall file a report annually on or before December 1 with the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs for the committees' review.
  - (2) The report shall include:
    - (A) The number of complaints that have been filed;
    - (B) A list of who has been investigated and the purported

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## 0265 Chiropractic Examiners, AR State Board of ACT#: 102 SECTION#: 50

# **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST) EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION** violation; and (C) A summary of the findings of each investigation. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.

#### **0268 Dental Examiners, State Board of**

ACT#: 102

#### SECTION#: 52

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

## AGENCY REQUEST

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners is hereby authorized to expend from monies authorized herein, \$15 from each licensed dentist licensed by the State Board of Dental Examiners each year to be paid by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations that have healthcare professionals on their board and provide for identification, treatment and monitoring of healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse problems, in order to promote the public health and safety and to insure the continued availability of skilled and highly trained dental professionals for the benefit of the public.

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# **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST) EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION** TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall AGENCY REQUEST not be transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as provided by this act. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, $\frac{2024}{}$ 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.

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#### 0645 Health, Arkansas Department of

#### ACT#: 4

#### SECTION#: 5

#### CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)

#### EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS. In the event the amount of any of the budget classifications of maintenance and general operation in this act are found by the administrative head of the agency to be inadequate, then the agency head may request, upon forms provided for such purpose by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a modification of the amounts of the budget classification. In that event, he shall set out on the forms the particular classifications for which he is requesting an increase or decrease, the amounts thereof, and his reasons therefor. In no event shall the total amount of the budget exceed either the amount of the appropriation or the amount of the funds available, nor shall any transfer be made from the capital outlay or data processing subclassifications unless specific authority for such transfers is provided by law, except for transfers from capital outlay to data processing when determined by the Department of Transformation & Shared Services - Division of Information Systems that data processing services for a state agency can be performed on a more cost-efficient basis by the Department of Transformation & Shared Services - Division of Information Systems than through the purchase of data processing equipment by that state agency. In considering the proposed modification as prepared and submitted by each state agency, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make such studies as he deems necessary. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall, after obtaining the approval of the Legislative Council, approve the requested transfer if in his opinion it is in the best interest of the state.

The General Assembly has determined that the agency in this act could be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency and

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#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer between certain items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General Assembly has granted the agency broad powers under the transfer of appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council in the utilization of the transfer authority. Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

#### 0645 Health, Arkansas Department of

#### ACT#: 4

#### SECTION#: 6

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

- (b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.
- (c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Tobacco Settlement Commission.
- (d) Whenever applicable the information contained in (a) and (b) of this section shall be included in the employee handbook and/or Professional Services Contract paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  $\frac{2024}{2025}$  through June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ .

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#### ACT#: 4

#### SECTION#: 7

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

TOBACCO FUND TRANSFER. The Arkansas Department of Health is authorized to transfer five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 2026 from the Prevention and Cessation Program Account to the Breast Cancer Control Fund in order to provide for the State's matching share for Medicaid services provided for breast and cervical cancer screening and treatment. The amount transferred annually shall be the only obligation of the Arkansas Department of Health for state match for these services.

#### 0645 Health, Arkansas Department of

#### ACT#: 4

#### SECTION#: 8

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

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

#### 0645 Health, Arkansas Department of

#### ACT#: 4

#### SECTION#: 9

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

## AGENCY REQUEST

LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
PARKING FEES. On July 1 of each year the Arkansas Department of Health	AGENCY REQUEST
shall pay \$50,000 from the Operations appropriation provided herein from	
non-general revenue to War Memorial.	
The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,	
<del>2024</del> <u>2025</u> through June 30, <del>2025</del> <u>2026</u> .	

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#### SECTION#: 16

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION FUND TRANSFERS. Subject to such procedures as may be implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the disbursing officer for the Arkansas Department of Health is hereby authorized to transfer funds to the Public Health Fund from other program funds of the agency in order to reimburse for expenditures incurred for those programs.

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#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS.

(a) Except as authorized in subsection (c) of this section, the Department of Health is authorized to carry forward any unspent funds remaining in the Public Health Fund on June 30, 2024 2025 allocated for the support of the Trauma System to be used for the same purposes in the next fiscal year.

- (b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:
- (1) Prior to June 30, 2025 2026, the agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration;
- (2) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency, board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source and a copy of the written request set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this section;
- (3) Each agency, board, commission, or institution shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc., for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the agency, board, commission, or institution presents its budget request to the

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#### 0645 Health, Arkansas Department of

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#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both; and

- (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(3) of this section in the budget manuals or a statement of non-compliance by the agency, board, commission, or institution, or both.
- (c) The Department of Health is authorized to transfer up to three million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$3,700,000) in carry forward funds to be used in the next fiscal year at the discretion of the Director of the Department of Health to:
- (1) Enhance and integrate an emergency management system to include trauma, stroke, and myocardial infarction; and
- (2) Provide long acting reversible contraceptives through services provided by the Department of Health local health units.

#### 0645 Health, Arkansas Department of

#### **ACT#: 132**

#### SECTION#: 18

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

BREAST CARE PROGRAM. The Arkansas Department of Health shall annually budget, allocate, and expend for the Breast Care Program as appropriated in the Operations Section in this Act, the sum of at least four million seven hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$4,755,000) for Breast Cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment and outreach expenses of the Breast Care Program.

The Arkansas Department of Health shall file an annual progress report by each January 1 preceding a session of the General Assembly to the Co-Chairs of the House and Senate Public Health Committee. This report shall include amounts budgeted, allocated and expended for the Breast Care Program for testing, diagnosis, treatment and outreach expenses.

#### **0665 Health Services Permit Agency**

#### ACT#: 5

#### SECTION#: 3

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

CARRY FORWARD. Any unexpended balance of funds generated by fees and fines pursuant to Arkansas Code 20-8-103 et. seq. deposited into the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account which remain at the close of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law.

Any carry forward of unexpended balance funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

- (1) Prior to June 30, 2025 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;
- (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting, which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;
- (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

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(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

#### 0274 Medical Board, Arkansas State

#### **ACT#: 102**

#### SECTION#: 53

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

## AGENCY REQUEST

ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The State Medical Board is hereby authorized to expend from monies authorized herein, \$30 from each licensed physician licensed by the State Medical Board each year to be paid by the State Medical Board to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations that have healthcare professionals on their board and provide for identification, treatment and monitoring of healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse problems, in order to promote the public health and safety and to insure the continued availability of skilled and highly trained medical professionals for the benefit of the public.

#### 0319 Minority Health Commission, Arkansas

#### ACT#: 7

#### SECTION#: 3

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish upon request for the Arkansas Minority Health Commission a special Promotional Items appropriation to be used in the acquisition of promotional items. When the Arkansas Minority Health Commission wishes to transfer from its operating expenses and/or Screening, Monitoring, Treating, Outreach & Advertising appropriation and funds to the promotional items line, the request shall be forwarded by the Arkansas Minority Health Commission to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing and for prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Minority Health Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Health - Arkansas Minority Health Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a

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court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.			
The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, $\frac{2024}{1}$			
<u>2025</u> through June 30, <del>2025</del> <u>2026</u> .			
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#### 0319 Minority Health Commission, Arkansas

#### ACT#: 7

#### SECTION#: 4

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as provided by this act.

#### 0319 Minority Health Commission, Arkansas

#### ACT#: 7

#### SECTION#: 5

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATION. In the event the amount of any of the budget classifications of maintenance and general operation in this act are found by the administrative head of the agency to be inadequate, then the agency head may request, upon forms provided for such purpose by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a modification of the amounts of the budget classification. In that event, he or she shall set out on the forms the particular classifications for which he or she is requesting an increase or decrease, the amounts thereof, and his or her reasons therefor. In no event shall the total amount of the budget exceed either the amount of the appropriation or the amount of the funds available, nor shall any transfer be made from the capital outlay or data processing subclassifications unless specific authority for such transfers is provided by law, except for transfers from capital outlay to data processing when determined by the Department of Transformation & Shared Services - Division of Information Systems that data processing services for a state agency can be performed on a more cost-efficient basis by the Department of Transformation & Shared Services - Division of Information Systems than through the purchase of data processing equipment by that state agency. In considering the proposed modification as prepared and submitted by each state agency, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make such studies as he or she deems necessary. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall, after obtaining the approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, approve the requested transfer if in his or her opinion it is in the best interest of the state.

The General Assembly has determined that the agency in this act could

#### **0319 Minority Health Commission, Arkansas**

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#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency and that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer between certain items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General Assembly has granted the agency broad powers under the transfer of appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council in the utilization of the transfer authority. Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

#### 0319 Minority Health Commission, Arkansas

#### ACT#: 7

#### SECTION#: 6

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

- (b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.
- (c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Department of Health Arkansas Minority Health Commission.
- (d) Whenever applicable the information contained in (a) and (b) of this Section shall be included in the employee handbook and/or Professional Services Contract paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July  $1,\frac{2024}{2025}$  through June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ .

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#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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

#### **0319 Minority Health Commission, Arkansas**

#### **ACT#: 7**

#### SECTION#: 8

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

#### 0319 Minority Health Commission, Arkansas

#### **ACT#: 8**

#### SECTION#: 4

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish upon request for the Minority Health Commission a special Promotional Items appropriation to be used in the acquisition of promotional items. When the Minority Health Commission wishes to transfer from its operating expenses appropriation and funds to the promotional items line, the request shall be forwarded by the Minority Health Commission to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing and for prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Minority Health Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Minority Health Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,<del>2024</del>

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#### **0277 Nursing, Arkansas State Board of**

## ACT#: 102

#### SECTION#: 54

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

## AGENCY REQUEST

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - FUNDING TRANSFER. The Arkansas State Board of Nursing may request a fund transfer in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal year from the State Board of Nursing Fund to the cash in State Treasury fund as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to provide funds for the Student Loan Program appropriation provided herein. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount requested shall be transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of State.

#### **0286 Podiatric Medicine, Arkansas Board of**

#### ACT#: 102

#### SECTION#: 55

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

ARKANSAS BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine is hereby authorized to expend from monies authorized herein, \$10 from each licensed podiatrist licensed by the Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine each year to be paid by the Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations that have healthcare professionals on their board and provide for identification, treatment and monitoring of healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse problems, in order to promote the public health and safety and to insure the continued availability of skilled and highly trained podiatric professionals for the benefit of the public.

0295 Spinal Cord Commission ACT#: 1	02 SECTION#: 56
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# **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST) EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION** ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION - LINE ITEM TRANSFER. Any savings AGENCY REQUEST made in the State Appropriation may, after receiving advice and approval of the Department of Finance and Administration, be transferred to the Spinal Treatment Program. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.

#### **0334 Tobacco Settlement Commission, Arkansas**

#### **ACT#: 99**

#### SECTION#: 3

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as provided by this act.

#### 0334 Tobacco Settlement Commission, Arkansas

#### **ACT#: 99**

#### SECTION#: 4

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

## EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS. In the event the amount of any of the budget classifications of maintenance and general operation in this act are found by the administrative head of the agency to be inadequate, then the agency head may request, upon forms provided for such purpose by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a modification of the amounts of the budget classification. In that event, he shall set out on the forms the particular classifications for which he is requesting an increase or decrease, the amounts thereof, and his reasons therefor. In no event shall the total amount of the budget exceed either the amount of the appropriation or the amount of the funds available, nor shall any transfer be made from the capital outlay or data processing subclassifications unless specific authority for such transfers is provided by law, except for transfers from capital outlay to data processing when determined by the Department of Transformation & Shared Services - Division of Information Systems that data processing services for a state agency can be performed on a more cost-efficient basis by the Department of Transformation & Shared Services - Division of Information Systems than through the purchase of data processing equipment by that state agency. In considering the proposed modification as prepared and submitted by each state agency, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make such studies as he deems necessary. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall, after obtaining the approval of the Legislative Council, approve the requested transfer if in his opinion it is in the best interest of the state.

The General Assembly has determined that the agency in this act could be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency and

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that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer between certain items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General Assembly has granted the agency broad powers under the transfer of appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council in the utilization of the transfer authority. Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

#### **0334 Tobacco Settlement Commission, Arkansas**

#### **ACT#: 99**

#### SECTION#: 5

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

- (b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.
- (c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Tobacco Settlement Commission.
- (d) Whenever applicable the information contained in (a) and (b) of this Section shall be included in the employee handbook and/or Professional Services Contract paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  $\frac{2024}{2025}$  through June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ .

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#### **0334 Tobacco Settlement Commission, Arkansas**

#### **ACT#: 99**

#### SECTION#: 6

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

# AGENCY REQUEST

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

#### **0334 Tobacco Settlement Commission, Arkansas**

#### **ACT#: 99**

#### SECTION#: 7

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

# AGENCY REQUEST

LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

#### 9910 Department of Labor & Licensing

#### ACT#: 10

#### SECTION#: 11

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the Department of Labor and Licensing.

- (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.
- (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department.
- (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ .

**ACT#: 147** 

#### 0203 Accountancy, State Board of

#### SECTION#: 52

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY - PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation from Operating Expenses to Promotional Items in the appropriation authorized by the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy - Operations Appropriation in this Act in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) each fiscal year to meet the Board's educational needs.

#### 0211 Bail Bondsman Licensing Board, Professional

#### ACT#: 147

#### SECTION#: 53

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDS COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD - FUND TRANSFER. The Professional Bail Bonds Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board shall deposit as special revenues sufficient fees and penalties directly into the Bail Bondsman Board fund to provide for personal services and operating expenses for the board. At the end of each fiscal year, the Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board shall be allowed to retain a fund balance sufficient to cover the personal services and operating expenses of the board for the following fiscal year. Seventy-five percent (75%) of any funds remaining in excess of this balance shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund Account in the State Treasury.

#### 0390 Workers' Compensation Commission

#### ACT#: 12

#### SECTION#: 8

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

## AGENCY REQUEST

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION - REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the reimbursement of travel expenses received by the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission shall be deposited into the same State Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original travel expenditures was incurred as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation from which the original expenditure was made.

#### **0324 Public Defender Commission, Arkansas**

#### ACT#: 36

#### SECTION#: 14

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

INDIGENT PARENT COUNSEL REPRESENTATION. The Commission for Parent Counsel shall have the authority to use the appropriation provided in line item Parent Counsel Reimbursements of the Parent Counsel Program appropriation herein for the purpose of entering into independent professional service contracts on a full-time or part-time basis with attorneys who are qualified to provide counsel for indigent parents in dependency-neglect cases.

#### **0324 Public Defender Commission, Arkansas**

#### ACT#: 36

#### SECTION#: 15

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFER PROVISION - LINE ITEMS - COMMISSION FOR PARENT COUNSEL. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation, with the exception of Personal Services Matching, between the line items authorized herein for the Commission for Parent Counsel, to best utilize resources to meet the needs of the Parent Counsel's clientele.

#### **0324 Public Defender Commission, Arkansas**

#### ACT#: 36

#### SECTION#: 16

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

EXTRA HELP EXEMPTION - COMMISSION FOR PARENT COUNSEL. Extra Help positions authorized herein for the Commission for Parent Counsel are specifically exempt from limitation of hours. Employees currently working on a part-time basis may be utilized concurrently as Extra Help within the agency. The total amount of compensation for part-time and Extra Help work combined cannot exceed the maximum compensation allowed for a grade GS11 as authorized in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. Flexibility is needed to allow for non-traditional work schedules that may be necessary to accommodate the schedule of the individual being represented. Attorneys utilized as Extra Help employees are not prevented from having other employment.

#### **0324 Public Defender Commission, Arkansas**

#### ACT#: 36

#### SECTION#: 17

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFER PROVISION. If the Public Defender Commission should determine that the appropriations made available for payments to the Counties are insufficient, appropriation may be transferred from the Public Defender Commission Program line item to the Bail Bond-County Public Defender line item, after receiving approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

#### **0324 Public Defender Commission, Arkansas**

#### ACT#: 36

#### SECTION#: 18

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

PUBLIC DEFENDERS. (a) No funds appropriated herein shall be used for expenses in cases where a defendant is represented by retained counsel where retained counsel have not gone through the Public Defender Commission's attorney certification procedure and designation process as established by state law and the Commission's regulations. All defendants and retained attorneys must strictly adhere to the procedure established by the Commission to equitably and responsibly monitor and distribute State funds for this purpose.

(b) The Public Defender Commission may approve exemptions to subsection (a) as needed. Reasons for granting exemption should be specified in writing.

#### **0324 Public Defender Commission, Arkansas**

#### ACT#: 36

#### SECTION#: 19

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

## EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

MAXIMUM SALARY. In order to maintain equity between the prosecutors and public defenders, the following classifications are authorized to be paid up to the maximum salary of their grade as determined by the Public Defender Commission after approval by the Office of Personnel Management:

1.	Chief Public Defender	G008N
2.	Public Defender III	G012N
3.	Public Defender II	G022N
4.	Public Defender I	G025N
5.	Public Defender Attorney I	G065C
6.	Attorney Supervisor	G025C
7.	Attorney Specialist	G047C

The Office of Personnel Management shall file a report of all salary changes established pursuant to this section with the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the approval.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  $\frac{2024}{2025}$  through June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ .

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#### 0324 Public Defender Commission, Arkansas

#### ACT#: 36

#### SECTION#: 20

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

# AGENCY REQUEST

EXTRA HELP EXEMPTION. The Arkansas Public Defender Commission may utilize their authorized extra help positions up to a maximum of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours. The rates of pay may not exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification Act or its successor, for the appropriate classification.

#### **0370 Public Employees Retirement System**

#### ACT#: 79

#### SECTION#: 9

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$150,000 in the 2024-2025 2025-2026 fiscal year may be transferred from the Judges Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund for costs incurred by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in administering the Judicial Retirement System. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the State.

#### **0370 Public Employees Retirement System**

#### **ACT#: 79**

#### SECTION#: 10

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

\$250,000 in the 2024-2025 2025-2026 fiscal year may be transferred from the State Police Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund for costs incurred by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in administering the State Police Retirement System. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the State.

#### **0370 Public Employees Retirement System**

#### ACT#: 79

#### SECTION#: 11

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

EXEMPTION FROM PRIOR REVIEW. The Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System is hereby exempted from seeking prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee with regard to transfers between the Benefits and Refund line items in the Public Employees Retirement Cash appropriation section and the Benefits-Non Employee line item in the Public Employees Retirement Operations appropriation section which are specifically related to transfers necessitated by the changes in retirees' selection of the method of payment of retirement benefits. All other provisions of Arkansas Code §19-4-522 shall be applicable.

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#### **0370 Public Employees Retirement System**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

SECTION#: 12

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

SPECIAL STATE POLICE RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$50,000 may be transferred from the State Police Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund to share in the costs incurred by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in the purchase and implementation of a new for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the pension administration system, which will be is utilized to administer State Police pension transactions for members and retirees. Said transfer shall sunset at the end of fiscal year 2025 2026. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the State.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  $\frac{2024}{2025}$  through June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ .

SPECIAL STATE POLICE RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$50,000 may be transferred from the State Police Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund to share in the costs incurred by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in the purchase and implementation of a new, and for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the pension administration system, which will be is utilized to administer State Police pension transactions for members and retirees. Said transfer shall sunset at the end of fiscal year 2025 2026. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the State.

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#### **0370 Public Employees Retirement System**

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

# SPECIAL JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$50,000 may be transferred from the Judicial Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund to share in the costs incurred by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in the purchase and implementation of a new for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the pension administration system, which will be is utilized to administer Judicial pension transactions for members and retirees. Said transfer shall sunset at the end of fiscal year 2025 2026. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of the State.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  $\frac{2024}{2025}$  through June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ .

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SPECIAL JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND TRANSFERS. A sum not to exceed \$50,000 may be transferred from the Judicial Retirement Fund to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund to share in the costs incurred by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System in the purchase and implementation of a new, and for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the pension administration system, which will be is utilized to administer Judicial pension transactions for members and retirees. Said transfer shall sunset at the end of fiscal year 2025 2026. Such transfer request shall be made to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval, said transfer shall be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of the State.

#### 0450 Public Service Commission, Arkansas

ACT#: 52

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION** 

SECTION#: 10

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

CONTINGENCY RESTRICTION - UTILITIES DIVISION. In the event of unforeseen conditions, additional appropriations become necessary that are not authorized or contemplated in the Utilities Division appropriation of this Act and such events make it necessary that the Public Service Commission -Utilities Division receives additional appropriations to carry out the objectives of the agency, the Director of the Public Service Commission is hereby authorized to request the approval of the Governor and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, as hereinafter provided, for transfer of the additional appropriations provided in the Contingency appropriation to the appropriations provided by the Utilities Division appropriation, but in no event shall the transfers exceed the appropriations provided in the Contingency appropriation of this Act. Whenever the Director of the Public Service Commission deems it necessary to establish additional appropriations as authorized herein, he or she shall file with the Governor a written report accompanied by necessary supporting documents setting forth the facts, justifications, and circumstances that necessitate such appropriation. Upon receipt of such reports and supporting documents, the Governor, or his or her designee, shall study the same, and if he or she shall determine that such additional appropriations are being sought in strict compliance with this Act, the Governor, after seeking prior review and prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, may approve or modify such request for additional appropriations as in his or her judgment he or she deems necessary, and shall forward a copy thereof to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Upon receipt thereof, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the State

CONTINGENCY RESTRICTION - UTILITIES DIVISION. In the event of unforeseen conditions, additional appropriations become necessary that are not authorized or contemplated in the Utilities Division appropriation of this Act and such events make it necessary that the Public Service Commission - Utilities Division receives additional appropriations to carry out the objectives of the agency, the Director of the Public Service Commission is hereby authorized to request the approval of the Governor and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, as hereinafter provided, for transfer of the additional appropriations provided in the Contingency appropriation to the appropriations provided by the Utilities Division appropriation, but in no event shall the transfers exceed the appropriations provided in the Contingency appropriation of this Act. Whenever the Director of the Public Service Commission deems it necessary to establish additional appropriations as authorized herein, he or she shall file with the Governor a written report accompanied by necessary supporting documents setting forth the facts, justifications, and circumstances that necessitate such appropriation. Upon receipt of such reports and supporting documents, the Governor, or his or her designee, shall study the same, and if he or she shall determine that such additional appropriations are being sought in strict compliance with this Act, the Governor, after seeking prior review and prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, may approve or modify such request for additional appropriations as in his or her judgment he or she deems necessary, and shall forward a copy thereof to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Upon receipt thereof, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the

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Auditor to process said transfer upon his books in accordance with the provisions as set out therein.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Public Service Commission - Utilities Division may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Public Service Commission - Utilities Division authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  $\frac{2024}{2025}$  through June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ .

# State shall direct the State Auditor to process said transfer upon his books in accordance with the provisions as set out therein.

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#### **0450 Public Service Commission, Arkansas**

#### ACT#: 52

#### SECTION#: 11

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the reimbursement of travel expenses received by the Public Service Commission, shall be deposited into the same State Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original travel expenditure was incurred as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation from which the original expenditure was made.

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#### 0450 Public Service Commission, Arkansas

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

CONTINGENCY RESTRICTION - TAX DIVISION. In the event additional appropriations become necessary that are not authorized or contemplated in the Tax Division appropriation of this Act and specific cases, situations, and/or programs make it necessary that the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Tax Division receives additional appropriations to carry out the objectives of the Division, the Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission is hereby authorized to request the approval of the Governor and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for transfers of the appropriations provided in the Contingency line item of the Tax Division appropriation of this Act to other line items within the Tax Division appropriation. In no event shall the transfers in any fiscal year exceed the appropriations provided in the Contingency line item of the Tax Division appropriation of this Act. The Governor may approve or modify such request for transfer of appropriations as in his or her judgment he or she deems necessary, and shall seek prior review and approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee and inform the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Upon notification, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the State Auditor to process said transfer upon his or her books in accordance with the provisions as set out herein.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law.

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CONTINGENCY RESTRICTION - TAX DIVISION. In the event additional appropriations become necessary that are not authorized or contemplated in the Tax Division appropriation of this Act and specific cases, situations, and/or programs make it necessary that the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Tax Division receives additional appropriations to carry out the objectives of the Division, the Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission is hereby authorized to request the approval of the Governor and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for transfers of the appropriations provided in the Contingency line item of the Tax Division appropriation of this Act to other line items within the Tax Division appropriation. In no event shall the transfers in any fiscal year exceed the appropriations provided in the Contingency line item of the Tax Division appropriation of this Act. The Governor may approve or modify such request for transfer of appropriations as in his or her judgment he or she deems necessary, and shall seek prior review and approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee and inform the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Upon notification, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the State Auditor to process said transfer upon his or her books in accordance with the provisions as set out herein.

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#### 0450 Public Service Commission, Arkansas

#### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

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The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  $\frac{2024}{2025}$  through June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ .

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

SECTION#: 12

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