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#### **0023 Administrative Office of the Courts**

ACT#: 162

#### SECTION#: 33

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

#### EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

FUND TRANSFER. Federal funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the United States Department of Transportation from safety incentive funds received under 23 USC Section 402 for the "State and Community Highway Safety Program" may be granted to the Administrative Office of the Courts and deposited into the State Central Services Fund to reimburse expenditures by the Administrative Office of the Courts for operating expenses of the Continuing Education Program for District Judges as appropriated in the District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation herein. The appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts provided in the District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation may be expended only in the event that federal funds have been granted and will be transferred from the Arkansas State Police to reimburse the Continuing Education Program for District Judges.

#### **0023 Administrative Office of the Courts**

**ACT#: 162** 

#### SECTION#: 34

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall receive approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee to transfer funds and appropriations between line items Regular Salaries, Personal Services Matching, Operating Expense, Professional Fees and Attorney Ad Litem Fees/Reimbursements of the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation appropriation herein for the payment of employees and/or contractors providing legal services for the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation.

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 Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts 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,

#### 0023 Administrative Office of the Courts ACT#: 162 SECTION#: 34

# **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST) EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION** this entire section is void. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, $\frac{2024}{}$ 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.

#### **0023 Administrative Office of the Courts**

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ACT#: 162

#### SECTION#: 35

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

MONTHLY INSTALLMENT. From July 1, 2024 2025 through June 20, 2025 2026, a lump sum monthly installment of at least one-twelfth (1/12) of a portion of the annual appropriation provided for in the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation appropriation of this Act, or so much thereof as may be made available, shall be provided from the State Administration of Justice Fund to the State Central Services Fund to provide a portion of the funds for that appropriation.

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#### **0023 Administrative Office of the Courts**

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

SECTION#: 36

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

TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Court Automation Appropriation of the Administrative Office of the Courts in this Act to any other line item authorized in Court Automation Appropriation.

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 Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts 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. 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> 2025 through June 30, <del>2025</del> 2026.

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

**ACT#: 162** 

#### **0023 Administrative Office of the Courts**

#### SECTION#: 37

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

FUNDING AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENT. (i) After receiving prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee if meeting in a Legislative Session, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts may direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation to the County Juror Reimbursement appropriation and State Central Services funding in the same amount to the County Juror Reimbursement Fund from any State Central Services Fund appropriation authorized for the Administrative Office of the Courts.

(ii) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and 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 Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts 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, if meeting in a Legislative Session, 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.

0023 Administrative Office of the Courts ACT#: 162 SECTION#: 37

# **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST) EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION** (iii) 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>.

#### 0053 Attorney General, Office of the

#### **ACT#: 145**

#### SECTION#: 15

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

# NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Office of Attorney General is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in the Operations Appropriation of the Office of Attorney General in this Act to any other line item authorized in the Operations Appropriation.

#### 0053 Attorney General, Office of the

#### **ACT#: 145**

#### SECTION#: 16

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

FUND TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Attorney General may deposit or transfer by check monies from the unobligated cash funds of the Office of Attorney General received from court orders or settlement agreements to the State Central Services Fund.

0059 Auditor of State ACT#: 163 SECTION#: 8

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Auditor of State is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations to any other line item authorized in Operations and the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Unclaimed Property Program to any other line item authorized in Unclaimed Property Program.

0059 Auditor of State ACT#: 163 SECTION#: 9

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)** POSITION REQUIREMENTS. The Internal Auditor shall hold and maintain an NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION active certification as a Certified Internal Auditor, with the Institute of Internal Auditors, or a Certified Public Accountant license in good standing in the state of Arkansas. 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>.

#### 0034 Governor, Office of the ACT#: 33 SECTION#: 5

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations Appropriation of the Governor's Office in this Act to any other line item authorized in Operations Appropriation.

#### **0314 Governor's Mansion Commission**

#### ACT#: 29

#### SECTION#: 5

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

# NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S MANSION - CASH FUND. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall at each end of the fiscal year cause to be transferred into the State Central Services Fund the excess of the Arkansas Governor's Mansion - Cash Fund over \$300,000 to defray state support for related purposes, including, but not limited to personal services and operating expenses, as required to carry out the functions, powers and duties of the Arkansas Governor's Mansion pursuant to A.C.A. §22-3-801 - 806.

#### 0011 Legislative Research, Bureau of

#### ACT#: 158

#### SECTION#: 8

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

# NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

CLASSIFICATION UTILIZATION. The Bureau of Legislative Research may utilize, at the discretion of the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, the following classifications as necessary. The use of these classifications shall not be considered as increasing the number of positions authorized in this act, only as a temporary reclassification or cross grade of a position.

CLASS

TITLE	GRADE
SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	GS13
SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR II	GS12
SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	GS12
SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	GS12
SENIOR LEGAL EDITOR	GS11
SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	GS11
LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY II	GS11
LEGAL EDITOR III	GS10
LEGISLATIVE ANALYST III	GS10
LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	GS10
BLR PROGRAM DEVELOP & COMPLIANCE ANALYST	GS 09
LEGAL EDITOR II	GS 09
LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST II GS09	
LEGISLATIVE ANALYST II	GS 09
LEGAL EDITOR	GS 08
LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	GS 08
LEGISLATIVE ADMIN SERVICES ANALYST	GS 07
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#### 0011 Legislative Research, Bureau of

Q271C

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Q127C

#### ACT#: 158

#### SECTION#: 8

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION** 

Q128C	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTGS05	
Q241C	SR. APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	IT09
Q242C	SR. NETWORK SPECIALIST	IT09
Q243C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER II	IT08
Q244C	NETWORK SPECIALIST II	IT08
Q246C	APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER	IT07
Q247C	NETWORK SPECIALIST	IT07
Q238C	SENIOR PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II	IT06
Q245C	SR. PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IT05

IT05

IT04

IT03

IT02

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

APPLICATIONS SUPPORT SPECIALIST

PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST II

PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST

HELP DESK COORDINATOR

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

ACT#: 158

#### 0011 Legislative Research, Bureau of

**SECTION#: NEW** 

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

ARKANSAS SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 10-3-303, concerning the Bureau of Legislative Research, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

- (i) The director may direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation between the following in such amounts as are determined to be necessary:
- $\hspace{1.5cm} \textbf{(1)} \hspace{0.2cm} \textbf{The line items within appropriations pertaining to the bureau;} \\ \frac{\text{and}}{\text{constant}}$
- (2) The appropriations made by the operative appropriation act for the bureau $_{-}$ ; and
- (3) The appropriations for the Bureau to any other Constitutional Officer.

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

0063 Secretary of State ACT#: 143 SECTION#: 18

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations appropriation to any other line item authorized in Operations appropriation.

0063 Secretary of State ACT#: 143 SECTION#: 19

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

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION** 

PERMANENT GIFT SHOP. The Arkansas Secretary of State shall operate a gift shop to be permanently located in a space on the first floor of the State Capitol Building. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to maintain a space on the first floor of the State Capitol Building for the use of a gift shop. The Arkansas Secretary of State is prohibited from removing a gift shop from the first floor of the State Capitol Building or to nullify or void the provisions of this section. A space on the first floor of the State Capitol Building shall be the only location for the Arkansas Secretary of State gift shop operations and shall be the only location items of the Arkansas Secretary of State gift shop are sold to the public.

0069 Treasurer of State ACT#: 60 SECTION#: 3

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

TRANSFER PROVISION. If the State Treasurer should determine that the appropriations made available for payments of maturing bonds and interest for the College Savings General Obligation Bonds, the Higher Education General Obligation Bonds, the State Waste Disposal and Pollution Abatement Facilities General Obligation Bonds, and the State Water Resources Development General Obligation Bonds are insufficient, appropriation may be transferred from the Refunds/Reimbursement line item to the Debt Service line item for payment of said bonds.

0069 Treasurer of State ACT#: 142 SECTION#: 4

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Treasurer of State is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations Appropriation of the Treasurer's Office in this Act to any other line item authorized in Operations Appropriation.

0069 Treasurer of State ACT#: 142 SECTION#: 5

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

SALARIES. Employees of the Office of the Treasurer of State shall be eligible for cost-of-living increases on July 1, in an amount equal to that granted to all other state agency, board, commission, or institution of higher education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual salary rates for employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee retention, or recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the Treasurer. In addition, the Treasurer may implement a merit program to reward employees for exceptional service. In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and retained, the Office of the Treasurer of State may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-fourth (1/4) of the positions authorized in the appropriation act after receiving approval from the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Salary payments in accordance with this section shall not be restricted to maximum amounts authorized by law.

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 Office of the Treasurer of State may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Office of the Treasurer of State authorizing broad powers under this section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

0069 Treasurer of State ACT#: 142 SECTION#: 5

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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.

0074 County Aid ACT#: 140 SECTION#: 10

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

#### EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

AGENCY REQUEST

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. Funding provided in Property Tax Relief Fund Revenues Distribution to Counties and Property Tax Relief Fund Revenues Distribution to Cities of this Act from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund shall not be distributed unless there are sufficient funds in the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund as of the date that the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State certifies the amount in excess of the required reimbursement to the counties as provided in  $\{26-26-310(b)(2)(C)(i)$ . If there are sufficient funds remaining in the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund on December 31, 2024 2025, as certified, the Treasurer shall distribute two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to counties and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to cities for the fiscal year ending June 30, <del>2025</del> 2026 from the balance remaining on December 31, 2024 2025 from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund. The distribution to counties shall be made in accordance with the distribution formula in  $\S19-5-602(c)$ . The distribution to cities shall be made in accordance with the distribution formula in §19-5-601(b). The funds attributable to sales and use taxes levied prior to July 1, 2024 2025 shall not be transferred from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund to the cities and counties.

0074 County Aid ACT#: 140 SECTION#: 11

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

# AGENCY REQUEST

LOANS TO CITIES AND COUNTIES. On July 1 of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall request a transfer by the State Treasurer from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund to the County Aid Fund and to the Municipal Aid Fund to assist the various cities and counties in meeting cash flow needs early in the state fiscal year. The transfer shall be a loan to be repaid in equal installments from general revenue distributions each month during the fiscal year for which the loan was made and shall be in addition to any other loans authorized by law for the County Aid and Municipal Aid Funds. The amount of such loan for each fiscal year shall be \$3,517,657 to the Municipal Aid Fund and \$1,906,079 to the County Aid Fund, or so much thereof as may be available in the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Upon such transfer being completed, the State Treasurer shall immediately distribute such funds to each of the several municipalities and counties in the same manner as general revenues are distributed.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the State Treasurer shall make every reasonable, and financially sound effort to insure that local governments receive the full amount of the loan authorized herein on July 1 of each year and that the monies authorized for local governments from general revenues be distributed in equal monthly payments.

0074 County Aid ACT#: 140 SECTION#: 13

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING. Beginning on January 1, 2000, each county of the State shall be responsible for a portion of the cost of regular salaries and personal services matching for deputy prosecuting attorneys who are to become state employees as of January 1, 2000. During the monthly distribution of general revenues to the counties, the Treasurer of State shall retain from each county, one-twelfth (1/12th) of 80% of the amount appropriated by each of the counties for salaries and associated fringe benefit costs as of January 1, 1999. The amount retained by the Treasurer of State shall be credited to the State Central Services Fund for the partial support of the regular salaries and personal services matching costs for deputy prosecuting attorneys. The amount which each county appropriated for salaries and associated fringe benefit costs as of January 1, 1999, shall be determined by the Division of Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and shall be certified to the Treasurer of State on or before December 1, 1999.

Effective July 1, 2024, each county shall be responsible for paying twenty-five percent (25%) of the prior year's amount retained by the Treasurer of State for that county under this section.

0074 County Aid ACT#: 140 SECTION#: 14

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

#### EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

CARRY FORWARD. At the close of each fiscal year any unexpended funds for the County Aid and Municipal Aid line items shall be carried forward and distributed pursuant and in addition to the funding formula established under A.C.A 19-5-601 and 19-5-602 within forty-five (45) days.

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

AGENCY REQUEST

0074 County Aid	ACT#: 140	SECTION#: 14

# **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST) EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION** 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. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, $\frac{2024}{}$ 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.

0076 Municipal Aid ACT#: 140 SECTION#: 10

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

#### AGENCY REQUEST

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION** 

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. Funding provided in Property Tax Relief Fund Revenues Distribution to Counties and Property Tax Relief Fund Revenues Distribution to Cities of this Act from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund shall not be distributed unless there are sufficient funds in the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund as of the date that the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State certifies the amount in excess of the required reimbursement to the counties as provided in  $\{26-26-310(b)(2)(C)(i)$ . If there are sufficient funds remaining in the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund on December 31, 2024 2025, as certified, the Treasurer shall distribute two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to counties and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to cities for the fiscal year ending June 30, <del>2025</del> 2026 from the balance remaining on December 31, 2024 2025 from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund. The distribution to counties shall be made in accordance with the distribution formula in  $\S19-5-602(c)$ . The distribution to cities shall be made in accordance with the distribution formula in §19-5-601(b). The funds attributable to sales and use taxes levied prior to July 1, 2024 2025 shall not be transferred from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund to the cities and counties.

0076 Municipal Aid ACT#: 140 SECTION#: 11

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

# AGENCY REQUEST

LOANS TO CITIES AND COUNTIES. On July 1 of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall request a transfer by the State Treasurer from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund to the County Aid Fund and to the Municipal Aid Fund to assist the various cities and counties in meeting cash flow needs early in the state fiscal year. The transfer shall be a loan to be repaid in equal installments from general revenue distributions each month during the fiscal year for which the loan was made and shall be in addition to any other loans authorized by law for the County Aid and Municipal Aid Funds. The amount of such loan for each fiscal year shall be \$3,517,657 to the Municipal Aid Fund and \$1,906,079 to the County Aid Fund, or so much thereof as may be available in the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Upon such transfer being completed, the State Treasurer shall immediately distribute such funds to each of the several municipalities and counties in the same manner as general revenues are distributed.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the State Treasurer shall make every reasonable, and financially sound effort to insure that local governments receive the full amount of the loan authorized herein on July 1 of each year and that the monies authorized for local governments from general revenues be distributed in equal monthly payments.

0076 Municipal Aid ACT#: 140 SECTION#: 14

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

CARRY FORWARD. At the close of each fiscal year any unexpended funds for the County Aid and Municipal Aid line items shall be carried forward and distributed pursuant and in addition to the funding formula established under A.C.A 19-5-601 and 19-5-602 within forty-five (45) days.

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

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# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)** 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. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, $\frac{2024}{}$ 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.

# **9902 Department of Commerce**

# **ACT#: 123**

#### SECTION#: 51

# **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 account 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 Commerce.
- (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,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ .

# **0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission**

# **ACT#: 123**

#### SECTION#: 35

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

FUND TRANSFER PROVISION. As requested from time to time by the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Chief Fiscal Officer may transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State, the sum not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, to provide funds for the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriation herein.

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# **ACT#: 123**

# SECTION#: 36

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

CARRY FORWARD - MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS LOAN MOBILIZATION REVOLVING FUND. Any unexpended balance of funds for the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriation 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.

#### 0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission

# ACT#: 123

# SECTION#: 37

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

# EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFER PROVISION - STATE OPERATIONS. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item appropriation authorized in the State Operations Section of this Act to any other line item authorized in the State Operations Section of this Act.

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 Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior review of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. requirement of review 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,

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# **ACT#: 123**

# SECTION#: 38

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

# AGENCY REQUEST

FOREIGN OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of operating foreign offices which shall only (i) provide export trade assistance to Arkansas-based businesses, (ii) facilitate the repatriation to Arkansas manufacturing businesses operating overseas, and (iii) encourage direct investment in Arkansas of foreign companies that are not state-owned or controlled. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed restrictive in its language so as to preclude the use of standard Professional Services Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices and/or payment of such contracts from the special line items as established by legislative appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

# **0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission**

#### **ACT#: 123**

#### SECTION#: 39

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

# AGENCY REQUEST

RURAL DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall allocate at least \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside from the annual Community Development Block Grant, as defined in AEDC's Consolidated Plan filed with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds allocated to the Rural Development Set-Aside are to be used exclusively for grants to rural communities as defined in the Consolidated Plan.

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# ACT#: 123

# SECTION#: 40

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

AGENCY REQUEST

GRANT REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all applications for grant funds and shall certify those applications eligible for grant funds under AEDC and federal guidelines. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission alone shall recommend which grant applications will be funded, and AEDC shall disburse grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants receiving final approval by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. AEDC and the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the application for and disbursement of grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an annual report of the disposition of these grant funds shall be made to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

#### 0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission

# ACT#: 123

# SECTION#: 41

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFER PROVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item appropriation authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act to any other line item authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act.

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 Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic Development 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.

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

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

FLEXIBILITY RESTRICTIONS. The transfer flexibility provided to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission within this Act relating to the appropriation in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section shall be used only when necessary to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Program and shall require 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 Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic Development 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,  $\frac{2024}{2025}$  through June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$ .

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

AGENCY REQUEST

ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development Foundation is hereby authorized to make additional payments to the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, from private funding sources, and upon prior approval from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development Foundation, and the Governor. Such additional payments to the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall not be considered salary and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries established for unclassified employees by the General Assembly. Nothing in this section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted elsewhere in the Arkansas statute for the payment of allowances or bonuses to unclassified employees.

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

CARRY FORWARD - INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds for the Industry Training Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission 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 of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

- (1) Prior to June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$  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.

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

CARRY FORWARD - TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to carry forward an amount of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but unexpended funds in the Technology Development line item in the Division of Science and Technology - State Operations Section of this Act for basic or applied research grants which remains at the end of the fiscal year 2024 2025 to be used for the same purpose.

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

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#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(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.

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from the Division of Science and Technology State Operations - Arkansas Acceleration Fund Programs line item within the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The total of all transfers shall not exceed \$3,500,000.

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#### SECTION#: 47

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

# EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish, upon request from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, a special appropriation line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items. When the Arkansas Economic Development Commission wishes to transfer from its operating expenses to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing after 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 Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic Development 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.

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

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

GRANT AWARD CRITERIA. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules establishing the criteria to be utilized in determining to whom grants will be made under this Act. Subject to the approval of the Governor, and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall distribute the grants.

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 Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development 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. 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.

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

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

AGENCY REQUEST

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION** 

TRANSFER OF FUNDS. In the event that revenue is available for transfer to and in support of the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Act, the Executive Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the amount needed for transfer from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. Upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount certified shall be transferred. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect all such transfers upon the fiscal records of the State Auditor, the State Treasurer and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

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# SECTION#: 50

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

CARRY FORWARD - MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds allocated for the Military Affairs Grant Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission 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 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

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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.

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#### SECTION#: 52

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

CARRY FORWARD - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds for the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Program line item in the Division of Science and Technology - State Operations Section of this Act 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 of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

- (1) Prior to June 30,  $\frac{2025}{2026}$  the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reasons(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 the 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

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

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Committee; and

(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.

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# **0425 DOC - Insurance Department**

# SECTION#: 27

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFER PROVISION. In the event the State Insurance Department is unable to maintain a full roster of examination personnel, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the resulting unused appropriations in Regular Salaries, Extra Help, and Personal Services Matching may be transferred to the Professional Services special line item for the purpose of contracting with qualified individuals or firms for examination assistance.

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# **0425 DOC - Insurance Department**

# SECTION#: 28

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the reimbursement of travel expenses received by the Arkansas Insurance Department, 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.

# 0341 DOC - Arkansas Waterways Commission

#### ACT#: 75

#### SECTION#: 5

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

# AGENCY REQUEST

ASSOCIATION DUES. Of the amounts appropriated for regional contributions by the State Contributions line item in the Operations appropriation of this Act, three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or three-sevenths (3/7) whichever is less of the appropriated or funded amount, each fiscal year shall be allocated for membership dues for the Lower Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association and one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or one-seventh (1/7) whichever is less of the appropriated or funded amount, each fiscal year shall be allocated for membership dues for each of the following associations: Ouachita River Valley Association, and Red River Valley Association, Arkansas Waterways Association, and White River Valley Coalition.

# 0341 DOC - Arkansas Waterways Commission

#### **ACT#: 75**

# SECTION#: 6

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas Waterways Commission is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation from Operating Expenses to Promotional Items in the Operations Appropriation provided by this Act in an amount not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) five thousand dollars (\$5,000) each fiscal year to meet the Commission's educational/outreach needs.

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

#### 0810 DOC - Division of Workforce Services

#### ACT#: 13

# SECTION#: 20

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

CARRY FORWARD - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. Any balance in the funds made available by this Act for the New Hire Registry which remain on June 30, 2025 2026, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose.

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

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# ACT#: 13

SECTION#: 20

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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.

#### 0810 DOC - Division of Workforce Services

# ACT#: 13

# SECTION#: 21

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Division of Workforce Services for the 2024-2025 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: four hundred thirty three fifty (433) (50) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the appropriate classification. Any of these positions utilized in a manner which are funded by federal sources are specifically exempt from limitation of hours, either by Act or Regulation.

In order to comply with the timeliness requirements set forth by the Social Security Act, the Chairman of the Board of Review is authorized to utilize part-time or temporary employees from the pool of positions provided to the Division of Workforce Services in any occurrence where the number of appeals to the Board of Review or Appeal Tribunal increases above a level that can be resolved by the permanent staff in a timely manner. The Division of Workforce Services will determine the appropriate funding source within the Department for said positions.

#### 0810 DOC - Division of Workforce Services

# ACT#: 13

# SECTION#: 22

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

# EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION. Subject to such rules and regulations as may be implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after having sought the prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Division of Workforce Services is hereby authorized to make transfers from any appropriation made by this Act to any other appropriation made by this Act with the exception of the "Reed Act Funds" appropriations set forth in the Reed Act Funds appropriation section of this Act, and of the appropriation made for Regular Salaries or Maintenance and General Operation. Such transfers may be made whenever it appears, by projecting the expenditures of any of the appropriations in this Act, that there will be a deficiency of appropriation in one item and that there will be a corresponding excess of appropriation in another item or items which may be transferred. The transfer of appropriation shall be effected only on approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Provided, however, that no transfer of appropriations may be authorized to increase the total amount appropriated for Regular Salaries, or Maintenance and General Operations, except as may be authorized elsewhere by law.

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 Division of

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#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Workforce Services may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Division of Workforce Services 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.

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

# AGENCY REQUEST

TRAINING TRUST FUND TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of up to two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the Division of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund to the Skills Development Fund.

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# SECTION#: 24

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

# AGENCY REQUEST

FEDERAL MATCHING. The funds appropriated in Sections for Adult Basic and General Adult Education of this Act may also be used to match any available federal funds from any agency in order to provide the maximum amount of money possible for the purposes enumerated in such Section.

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#### **ACT#: 13**

# SECTION#: 25

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

# AGENCY REQUEST

ADULT EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION. All funds that become available for Adult Education shall be distributed to those administrative units determined to be operating efficient adult education programs, under criteria established by the Division of Workforce Services. The criteria shall include the relative efficiency of administration of the program in the counties served and achievement of federal performance indicators. The Division of Workforce Services shall promulgate rules and regulations for the distribution of funds in accordance with criteria to be determined by the Board. In the distribution of funds to local units the Board shall consider performance in meeting state and federal performance indicators. Unallocated funds will be redistributed based upon need as determined by the Division of Workforce Services.

# 9909 Department of Inspector General

# ACT#: 165

# SECTION#: 18

# **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 Inspector General.

- (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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# 9909 Department of Inspector General

# SECTION#: 19

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation from Operating Expenses to Promotional Items in the Education Trust Appropriation provided by this Act in an amount not to exceed eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) each fiscal year to meet the Commission's educational needs.

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

# 9903 Department of Corrections

# **ACT#: 49**

# SECTION#: 16

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - CONTINGENCY POSITIONS. If it has been determined by the Board of Corrections that the Department of Corrections cannot continue a medical contract with a private provider and the Board deems it necessary to utilize Department staff to provide the required services, the Department is allowed, upon notification of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after seeking prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, to utilize the contingent positions for medical services contained in this Act and make the appropriate transfers from the Professional Fees and Services line item contained in the Inmate Care & Custody appropriation of this Act to Regular Salaries, Personal Services Matching and various Maintenance and General Operations classifications. Further, the Department may utilize the service (s) of a state-based or national-based Professional Recruitment Service, or network, as may be necessary to recruit, fill, or maintain the occupancy of the positions stated herein.

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# **ACT#: 49**

# SECTION#: 18

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

# EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. Upon determination by the Board of Corrections, at the request of the Secretary of Corrections, that a reallocation of resources within the Division of Community Correction and Division of Correction is necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the divisions department, the Board, with approval of the Governor and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall have the authority to instruct the division directors Department Secretary, to request from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer of positions, programs, funds, appropriations, and line-item appropriations within or between existing and newly created divisions, offices, sections, or units of the divisions department. If it is determined that the requested transfer should be made, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall then initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect the transfers upon the fiscal records of the State Treasurer, the State Auditor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the Department of Corrections Divisions of Correction and Community Correction. Provided, however, that the Board Department Secretary shall be limited to submitting no more than two requests, encompassing a single purpose listed in this section, during any fiscal year per division. Transfer authority shall further be limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the total General Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding, and positions specific to each agency division, office, section, or unit from which funds are transferred. However, there shall be no fund transfers to or from the County Jail Reimbursement Fund. A Reallocation of Resources Transfer shall be limited to the following specific purposes:

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- a) Costs to open and operate temporary beds;
- b) Payment of Debt Service;
- c) Payment of Overtime Expenses;
- d) Unanticipated increases for medical or private prison contracts;
- e) Construction/renovation/equipping of new beds;
- f) Deficits in Farm or Industry Program;
- g) Losses not covered by insurance proceeds;
- h) Costs of personnel for critical services necessary to carry out the mission of the agency.

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 Department of Corrections Divisions of Correction and Community Correction may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Board of Corrections authorizing broad powers under the Reallocation of Resources provisions herein. 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

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unconstitutional by a court jurisdiction, this entire section is void.		
The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,		
<del>2021</del> 2025 through June 30, <del>2025</del> 2026.		

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# SECTION#: 19

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

HOLIDAY COMPENSATION. The Department of Corrections is authorized to pay employees for hours of unused holidays in the employee's holiday account. Payments of unused Holiday hours must be processed on or before June 1st in each fiscal year. Employees terminating employment from the Department of Corrections will be eligible for all holiday pay accrued. This request is contingent on approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State after the Secretary of the Department of Corrections has verified that sufficient revenues are available to make such payments to employees who have served in the following classifications, with the exception that those employees wishing to accrue banked hours be allowed the option to bank unused holiday hours in the employee's holiday account, not to exceed one-hundred fifty (150) hours:

Class

Code	Title	<u>Grade</u>
T033C	ADC/DCC MAJOR	GRADE GS09
T048C	ADC/DCC CAPTAIN	GRADE GS08
T054C	ADC/DCC LIEUTENANT	GRADE GS07
T059C	ADC/DCC FOOD PREPARATION MANAGE	R GRADE GS07
T065C	ADC/DCC CORRECTIONAL SERGEANT	GRADE GS06
T070C	ADC/DCC FOOD PREPARATION SUPERV	ISOR GRADE GS06
T075C	ADC/DCC CORPORAL	GRADE GS05
T083C	ADC/DCC CORRECTIONAL OFFICER I	GRADE GS04

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COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT FUND YEAR-END FUND BALANCE CARRY FORWARD. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to the transfer of year-end fund balances or any law to the contrary, any funds which remain in the County Jail Reimbursement Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the County Jail Reimbursement Fund and made available to fund appropriations authorized by law payable from the County Jail Reimbursement Fund for the following fiscal year.

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

- (1) Prior to June 30, 2024 2025 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 from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year 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 from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, 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)

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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 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.

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# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION <u>AND FUNDS</u> TO THE COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT FUND. If any savings of general revenue appropriation and funds accrue during the <u>2024-2025</u> <u>2025-2026</u> fiscal year in the operations of the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction & Community Correction, the Secretary of the Department of Corrections may request a transfer of appropriation <u>and funds</u> from any line item appropriation to the County Jail Reimbursement Fund in order to meet obligations to counties for housing state inmates. Such transfer request shall be made upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior review and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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# SECTION#: 33

# **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 account 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 Corrections.

- (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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# REGULAR SALARIES - CONTINGENT POSITIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Corrections Contingent Positions for the

2024-2025 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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<del>ICES</del>	
	MAXIMUM ANNUAL
MAXIMUM	SALARY RATE
NO. OF	FISCAL
OYEES 2024-2	<del>025-2025-2026</del>
_1	<del>\$225,000</del>
1	<del>175,000</del>
15	<del>170,000</del>
1	<del>125,000</del>
1	90,000
15	90,000
13	<del>85,000</del>
1	<del>75,000</del>
1	GRADE MP08
1	GRADE MP07
1	GRADE MP06
16	GRADE MP06
3	GRADE MP05
_1	GRADE MP03
	MAXIMUM—NO. OF  OYEES 2024-2  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1

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<del>(07) L009C</del>	NURSE MANAGER 1		GRADE MP03
<del>(08) L019C</del>	REGISTERED NURSE COORD 13		GRADE MP02
<del>(09) L027C</del>	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	45	GRADE MP02
<del>(10) L032C</del>	REGISTERED NURSE HOSPITAL	7	GRADE MP01
<del>(11) L033C</del>	PSYCH. EXAMINER 1		GRADE GS09
<del>(12) L024N</del>	PSYCHIATRIC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
(13) LO64C	RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN	8	GRADE GS07
(14) M026C	LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER 6		GRADE GS07
<del>(15) L069C</del>	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	205	GRADE GS05
<del>(16) B111C</del>	LABORATORY TECHNICIAN 3		GRADE GS04
PATIENT CAI	RE - CLASSIFIED POSITIONS		
<del>(01) L071C</del>	DENTAL HYGIENIST 9		GRADE GS05
<del>(02) L081C</del>	DENTAL ASSISTANT 15		GRADE GS04
<del>(03) C056C</del>	ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC III 13		GRADE GS04
<del>(04) C053C</del>	MEDICAL RECORDS TECH 26		GRADE GS03
<del>(05) C073C</del>	ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC II 9		GRADE GS03
NON-PATIEN	T CARE - CLASSIFIED POSITIONS		
(01)	CHIEF PSYCHIATRIC SERV. 1		<del>\$400,000</del>
(02)	VP OPERATIONS 1		200,000
(03)	REGIONAL MANAGER 3		120,000
(04)	PSYCHIATRIC SPECIALIST 6		GRADE MP08
(05) A014C	FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER 1		GRADE GS12
(06) D030C	INFO SYSTEMS COORDINATOR 1		GRADE IT07
<del>(07) G238C</del>	ADMINISTRATOR 1		GRADE GS09
(08) A089C	ACCOUNTANT I 1		GRADE GS07

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(09) G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR 1 GRADE GS06
(10) V014C BUYER 2 GRADE GS05
(11) R031C INSTITUTIONAL HR COORDINATOR 1 GRADE GS05
(12) D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECH 1 GRADE IT02
(13) R036C HR SPECIALIST 1 GRADE GS04
(14) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST 1 GRADE GS04
(15) A101C ACCOUNTING TECH 4 GRADE GS04
(16) C065C SECRETARY/ADMIN ASSISTANT 1 GRADE GS04
(17) L082C NURSING ASSISTANT 53 GRADE GS02
(18) V029C PURCHASING ASSISTANT 1 GRADE GS01
GRAND TOTAL CONTINGENT EMPLOYEES 514
If the agency requests continuation of a "Growth Pool" position(s) a
established herein during the next fiscal year, the position(s) must be
requested as a new position(s) in the agency's budget request.
The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1
<del>2024 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.</del>

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#### SECTION#: 7

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

COMMUNITY CORRECTION PROGRAMS LINE ITEM USES. After seeking and receiving approval of the Governor and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and upon approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Department of Corrections - Division of Community Correction, as authorized by the Board of Corrections, is authorized to use funds appropriated for "Community Correction Programs" line item of the Operations - Special Revenue appropriation provided in this Act to construct new or renovate existing facilities to support the development of community correction facilities in the state.

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 Department of Corrections - Division of Community Correction may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections -Division of Community Correction 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

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unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is	
<del>void.</del>	
The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024	
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# **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

PARKING FEES. On July 1, of each year the Department of Corrections - Division of Community Correction shall pay from the appropriation provided herein from non-general revenue, the total amount appropriated for War Memorial Parking Services from Fees to War Memorial.

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# SECTION#: 9

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon seeking and receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and review and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Department of Corrections - Division of Community Correction is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in the State Operations and Operations - Special Revenue Appropriations of this Act to any other line item authorized in the State Operations and Operations - Special Revenue Appropriations of this Act.

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 Department of Corrections - Division of Community Correction may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections -Division of Community Correction 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

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

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REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. Upon determination by the Board of Corrections, at the request of the Secretary of Corrections, that a reallocation of resources within the Department of Corrections - Divisions of Community Correction and Corrections is necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the departments, the Board, with approval of the Governor and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall have the authority to instruct the Department Secretary, to request from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer of positions, programs, funds, appropriations, and line-item appropriations within or between existing and newly created divisions, offices, sections, or units of the departments. If it is determined that the requested transfer should be made, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall then initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect the transfers upon the fiscal records of the State Treasurer, the State Auditor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the Department of Corrections - Divisions of Correction and Community Correction. Provided, however, that the Board shall be limited to submitting no more than two requests, encompassing a single purpose listed in this section, during any fiscal year per department. Transfer authority shall further be limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the total General Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding, and positions specific to each division. However, there shall be no transfers to or from the County Jail Reimbursement Fund. A Reallocation of Resources Transfer shall be limited to the following specific purposes:

- a) Costs to open and operate temporary beds;
- b) Payment of Debt Service;

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- c) Payment of Overtime Expenses;
- d) Unanticipated increases for medical or private prison contracts;
- e) Construction/renovation/equipping of new beds;
- f) Deficits in Farm or Industry Program;
- g) Losses not covered by insurance proceeds;
- h) Costs of personnel for critical services or necessary to carry out the mission of the agency.

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 Department of Corrections - Divisions of Correction and Community Correction may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Board of Corrections authorizing broad powers under the Reallocation of Resources provisions herein. 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 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

COMMUNITY CORRECTION PROGRAMS LINE ITEM USES. After seeking and receiving approval of the Governor and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and upon approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Department of Corrections - Division of Community Correction, as authorized by the Board of Corrections, is authorized to use the appropriations authorized under the line item established herein for "Community Correction Programs" are to be used by the Department of Corrections - Division of Community Correction for establishment and operation of, to include construction, renovation, and contracting for establishment and operation of, residential and non-residential community correction programs such as, but not limited to, community correction centers, drug, alcohol, and mental health treatments, intensive supervision, restitution, and others as established and approved by the Board of Corrections and as may be provided by law.

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY AND FUEL RATE INCREASE. In the event of a ten percent (10%) increase in utility and fuel rates, the Department of Corrections - Division of Community Correction is authorized to transfer from any line item in the State Operations Appropriation to the Operating Expense line item in the State Operations Appropriation for support of the increase after receiving approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Prior to the utilization of the transfer authority a report shall be made to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee including justification for the transfer and the amount of transfer.

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 Department of Corrections - Division of Community Correction may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections -Division of Community Correction 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

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# CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST) unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is

void.

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE PROVISION. The Department of Corrections - Division of Community Correction is hereby authorized to purchase motor vehicles from the appropriations authorized for Capital Outlay in the State Operations and Special Revenue Operations appropriations in this Act.

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#### ACT#: 49

### SECTION#: 17

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

# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

AGENCY REQUEST

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION WITHIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation between and/or among the various capital improvements/construction projects authorized by the General Assembly. Such transfers may be made only after approval by the Governor and after prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Such authorization shall in no way mean that the total amount of funds or appropriations for capital improvement/construction projects be greater than that provided by the General Assembly for the Department of Corrections.

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 Department of Corrections - Division of Correction may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections 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. requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget

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# **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)** 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> <u>2025</u> through June 30, <del>2025</del> <u>2026</u>.

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EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION REPORT. The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall prepare and submit to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee a report reflecting the amount of appropriation and funding necessary for the Department of Corrections to sufficiently budget for the expenditure of payments to employees for all Holiday Liability, GAP Time Liability, Overtime, and Hazardous Duty Compensation incurred, including the current balances of said liabilities. This report shall be included in the summary budget information manual submitted during the biennial budget process.

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REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the sale of feeder cattle by the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction shall be deposited into the State Treasury as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation available to the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction for the "Purchase Cattle/Meat" line item.

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USE OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION APPROPRIATION AND SALVAGED MATERIALS CONSTRUCTION. The Department of Corrections - Division of Correction is hereby authorized to utilize Maintenance and General Operation Appropriation in conjunction with surplus and/or salvageable materials for the purpose of implementing construction projects to benefit the Department and its various programs. Before such projects may be undertaken, a Method of Finance must be submitted for prior review and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, and review and approval by the Department of Finance and Administration and the Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

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 Department of Corrections - Division of Correction\_may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections 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

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UTILITY RATE INCREASE TRANSFER. In the event of a ten percent (10%) increase in utility rates and fuel rates, the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer any line item appropriation in this Act to the Maintenance and Operation line item for support of the increase after receiving approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Prior to the utilization of the transfer authority, a report shall be made to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee including justification for the transfer and the amount of the transfer.

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 Department of Corrections may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections 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.

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. In the event the Department determines to enter into a professional contract for mental health services, the Department may, upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after prior review and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, make appropriate transfers from regular salaries, personal services matching and various maintenance and operation classifications to the professional fees and services classification for payment of the contractual amount.

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 Department of Corrections may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections 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.

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SPECIAL REVENUE/CASH FUNDS TRANSFER. The Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer funds from various Special Revenue and Cash Funds into the Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account in order to adjust to the budget needs upon prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee and approval of the Board of Corrections and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

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 Department of Corrections may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections 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.

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NEW FACILITIES. If it is found that contracting for the operation of new facilities is economically beneficial to the State of Arkansas, the Department of Corrections may, after receiving approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer, and seeking prior review and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, transfer from any line item appropriation contained in the Inmate Care & Custody appropriation of this Act into the Professional Fees and Services line item contained in the Inmate Care & Custody appropriation of this Act to operate new facilities. 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 Department of Corrections may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections 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.

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APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING. The Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between any line items authorized herein but only for the purpose of financing construction or equipment for a facility of the department. Any transfers authorized by this section shall require the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State after prior review and approval by the 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 Department of Corrections may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Corrections 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.

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PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Department of Corrections - Division of Correction is hereby authorized to purchase from Maintenance & General Operations Classifications in the Industry Program (SDD0100) appropriation provided by this act, up to an amount not to exceed \$5,000 each fiscal year for promotional items produced by its prison industry division, to meet the Agency's employee recruitment needs; subject to the authorization of the Director of the Agency, and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The Director of the Agency shall report quarterly to the Board of Corrections the amount and type of promotional items purchased under this Section.

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CARRY FORWARD - ENERGY, MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONAL SAVINGS. Any unexpended balance of funds authorized in this Act for guaranteed energy, maintenance, and operational savings generated through energy usage, solar power, waste management, water conservation, and similar efficiency efforts on June 30 2025 2026 shall be carried forward and made available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 2027. Any realized savings and expenditures shall be reported to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency presents its budget request to the Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee. This authority authorizes the reinvestment of guaranteed savings for future and existing energy conservation projects.

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TRANSFER OF FUNDS. The Arkansas Department of Corrections shall provide funding each year in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney who will be assigned to handle the prosecution of offenses occurring at the Arkansas Department of Corrections. Upon request by the Auditor of the State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from an account designated by the Secretary of the Department of Corrections to the State Central Services Fund as a direct revenue to fund a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney who will be assigned to handle the prosecution of offenses occurring at the Arkansas Department of Corrections.

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#### CARRY FORWARD- GENERAL REVENUE YEAR END FUND BALANCE.

(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the Division of Correction Fund Account on June 30, 2026 into a sub-fund created within the Division of Correction Fund Account to be used for County Jail Reimbursement or maintenance needs within the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction. The balance of General Revenue in the sub-fund of the Division of Correction Fund Account at the beginning of any fiscal year shall not exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000). For this reason, any general revenue which would cause the balance of sub-fund of the Division of Correction Fund Account to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be reclaimed by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to the same procedures as other general revenue recapture.

- (b) Any carry forward of the unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:
- (1) 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 and the funding source; and
- (2) The Department of Corrections Division of Correction shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both; and
- (3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the budget

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