

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL LANGUAGE SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL/JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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Co-Chairs:

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Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs Senator Jimmy Hickey and Representative Jon Milligan

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0900 DPHT - Parks & Tourism Division

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SECTION 21

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
<p>SMALL FESTIVAL FUNDING. The General Assembly acknowledges the economic benefits of festivals which attract visitors and stimulate the growth of tourism a businesses statewide.</p> <p>Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism to the contrary, the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism shall dedicate, commit and budget annually one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the 2% tourism tax credited to the Tourism Development Trust Fund for expense, advertising, marketing or grants for small festivals in Arkansas communities of less than 10,500 people. Any funds not granted out in a fiscal year shall be available for other tourism promotion efforts</p> <p>The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, <u>2024</u> <u>2025</u> through June 30, <u>2025</u> <u>2026</u>.</p>	

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PURCHASE OF VEHICLE RESTRICTION. No vehicles shall be purchased by an Executive Department before the completion of a fleet management study to be conducted by the Department of Transformation and Shared Services. Upon completion of the fleet management study, the Department of Transformation and Shared Services shall present the report to Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee if meeting in Legislative Session. After the report has been presented to, and approved by, Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, Executive Departments may purchase vehicles.

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

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Transformation and Shared Services may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Transformation and Shared 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.

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