

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL LANGUAGE SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Thursday March 20, 2025

Co-Chairs:

Your Special Language Subcommittee met on Tuesday March 18, 2025 and makes the following recommendations listed below to the Joint Budget Committee.

A. The following amendments are recommended for approval and the amendments are RELEASED from the Subcommittee:

1. HB1202 - Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer
(Attachment 1 - JAP016)
2. HB1202 - Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer
(Attachment 2 - JAP021)
3. HB1202 - Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer
(Attachment 3 - JAP027)

B. The following bills are RELEASED from the Subcommittee:

1. HB1389 - DHS - Division of Developmental Disabilities - Jonesboro HDC -
Representative Ladyman
2. HB1577 - Department of Commerce - Insurance Department - Representative Crawford
3. HB1635 - DFA- Disbursing Officer - Grant for Teaching Veterinarian Hospital at the
Little Rock Zoo - Representative McCullough

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs Senator Matt McKee and Representative Lee Johnson

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Subtitle of House Bill 1202

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING
OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1202

Amend House Bill 1202 as originally introduced:

Page 38, insert a new SECTION immediately following SECTION 72 to read as follows:

" SECTION 73. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-6-803(c), concerning the Public Legal Aid Fund, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The fund shall be used for providing financial support for public legal aid organizations and distributed as follows:

~~(1) Forty five percent (45%) of the fund shall be paid to Legal Aid of Arkansas, and~~

~~(2) Fifty five percent (55%) of the fund shall be paid to the Center for Arkansas Legal Services."~~

AND

Page 39, insert a new SECTION immediately following SECTION 74 to read as follows:

" SECTION 76. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 73 of this act is effective on and after January 1, 2026."

AND

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Page 39, delete SECTION 75 and insert the following:

" SECTION 77. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act, except for Section 73, on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act, except for Section 73, beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act, except for Section 73, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025."

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
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Page 19, line 23, delete lines 23-31 in their entirety and insert the following:

" (viii) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall submit a ~~monthly~~ report biannually, July 15th and January 15th, to the Legislative Council ~~during the extended recess, beginning on May 1, 2021, of the 2021 Regular Session or during the interim~~, or the Joint Budget Committee during a regular session, fiscal session, or extraordinary session of the General Assembly or to a designated subcommittee listing all American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 beginning balance of funds received, each appropriation approved ~~as authorized in subsection (v)~~ herein with the date the appropriation is established, state entity, purpose, amount, funding distributed, and remaining balance. A final report shall be filed six months after the last expenditure and the report shall be sunset."

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The Amendment was read
By: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Page 16, delete lines 18 and 19 in their entirety and insert the following:

" (d) Each fiscal year the Department of Finance and Administration shall file with the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, a report summarizing the amount of all funding given to each Pregnancy Help Organization and the purpose of the funds awarded to each Pregnancy Help Organization.

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

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The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative D. Garner
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