

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

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Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Co-Chairs:

Your Special Language Subcommittee met on Thursday, April 16, 2026 and makes the following recommendations listed below to the Joint Budget Committee.

A. The following Governor's Letter amendments are recommended for approval and the amendments are RELEASED from the Subcommittee:

1. HB1064 - Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer (Attachment 1 - JAP069)
2. HB1011 - Department of Corrections - Division of Correction (Attachment 2 - DJC037)
3. HB1005 - Department of Education (Attachment 3 - KMW082)
4. HB1007 - Department of Education - Public School Fund (Attachment 4 - KMW083)
5. HB1017 - Department of Agriculture - Promotion Boards (Attachment 5- BSS062)
6. HB1009 - Department of Public Safety (Attachment 6 - DJC038)
7. SB3 - Department of Shared Administrative Services (Attachment 7 - JAP071)
8. SB10 - Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services (Attachment 8 - CJW033)
9. HB1066 - Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Senator Dismang (Attachment 9 - WFP040)

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

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Subtitle of House Bill 1064

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING
OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1064

Amend House Bill 1064 as originally introduced:

Page 14, line 32, delete "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$3,500,000"

AND

Page 14, delete SECTION 37 and insert the following sections:

" SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - DRUG TASK FORCE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants and aid to assist Drug Task Force operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$7,000,000</u>

SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - 10:33 INITIATIVE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for program expenses of the 10:33 Initiative for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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NO.

FISCAL YEAR
2026-2027

(01) PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$6,000,000

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS. (a)(1) As used in this section, "pregnancy help organization" means a nonprofit corporation or an organization exempt from federal income tax, existing as of January 1, 2024, that:

(A) Seeks to provide a range of services to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy with the intention of encouraging pregnant women to give birth to their unborn children;

(B) Promotes infant and maternal wellness aor reduces infant and maternal mortality, or both, by:

(i) Providing nutritional information or nutritional counseling, or both;

(ii) Providing prenatal vitamins;

(iii) Providing a list of prenatal medical care options;

(iv) Providing social, emotional, or material support, or any combination thereof; or

(v) Providing referrals for Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children and community-based nutritional services, including without limitation food banks, food pantries, and food distribution centers; and

(C) Does not perform, prescribe, provide referrals for, or encourage abortion or affiliate with any organization that performs, prescribes, provides referrals for, or encourages abortion.

(2) "Pregnancy help organization" includes without limitation:

(A) Organizations traditionally known as "crisis pregnancy organizations";

(B) Maternity homes;

(C) Adoption agencies; and

(D) Social services agencies that provide material support and other assistance to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy to help those individuals give birth to their unborn children.

(b)(1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall create a grant program to provide funding to pregnancy help organizations.

(2) Grant funds shall be disbursed directly to the pregnancy help organizations from the department.

(c)(1) The department shall promulgate rules to implement the disbursement of the grant moneys from the Pregnancy Help Organization Grant Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.

(2) The rules promulgated under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall include:

(A) A requirement that the entity requesting the grant moneys submit a plan describing how the entity will spend the grant moneys; and

(B) A statement that the funds shall not be disbursed all at once, but in increments in accordance with the plan described in subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section.

(d) Each fiscal year the department 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) No more than twenty five percent (25%) of the grant award may be used for administrative costs.

~~(e)~~(f) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

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Subtitle of House Bill 1011

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1011

Amend House Bill 1011 as originally introduced:

Page 13, line 24, delete "However, there shall be no fund transfers to or from the County Jail Reimbursement Fund." and substitute "~~However, there shall be no fund transfers to or from the County Jail Reimbursement Fund.~~"

AND

Page 21, line 20, immediately following "Correction" insert "Inmate Care and Custody"

AND

Page 21, line 21, immediately following "Correction" insert "Inmate Care and Custody"

AND

Page 21, line 24, immediately following "Correction" insert "Inmate Care and Custody"

AND

Page 21, line 27, immediately following "Correction" insert "Inmate Care and Custody".

The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

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Subtitle of House Bill 1005

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027
FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1005

Amend House Bill 1005 as originally introduced:

Page 4, delete lines 26 and 27 in their entirety and substitute:

" ~~(13) PQA04P QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR/EXP 2 GRADE SCS08~~
~~(14) FCM03C GRANTS MANAGER 1 GRADE SCS07~~"

AND

Page 4, line 29, delete "27" and substitute "26"

AND

Page 4, delete line 35 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(22) PQA01P QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR 9 GRADE SCS07~~"

AND

Page 5, delete line 2 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(25) EEP05P EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST 1 GRADE SCS06~~"

AND

Page 5, line 3, delete "12" and substitute "9"

AND

Page 5, line 8, delete "28" and substitute "23"

AND

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Page 5, line 14, delete "24" and substitute "22"

AND

Page 5, delete line 23 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(46) EEP06P EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT~~ ~~3~~ ~~GRADE SCS10~~"

AND

Page 5, line 27, delete "335" and substitute "308"

AND

Page 5, line 33, delete "eight (8)" and substitute "seven (7)"

AND

Page 6, line 11, delete "\$13,840,817" and substitute "\$13,520,917"

AND

Page 6, line 13, delete "4,879,844" and substitute "4,756,796"

AND

Page 6, line 15, delete "3,411,057" and substitute "3,399,057"

AND

Page 6, line 16, delete "60,000" and substitute "56,500"

AND

Page 6, line 20, delete "\$22,476,718" and substitute "\$22,018,270"

AND

Page 8, delete SECTION 10 in its entirety

AND

Page 14, line 30, delete "\$277,487,318" and substitute "\$309,487,318"

AND

Page 21, immediately following SECTION 31, insert the following:

" SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-18-722 is amended to read as follows:

6-18-722. Free and reduced-price meals – Definitions.

(a) Federal funds appropriated to the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture for a child nutrition program shall be used to provide school breakfasts and lunches at no cost to each qualifying student.

(b)(1) A public school that serves a school breakfast or a school lunch as part of a child nutrition program shall not charge a qualifying student a reduced-price copayment for a school breakfast or a school lunch.

(2)(A) If necessary to comply with the requirements of this section, the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall provide funds that have been disbursed to the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture from the United States Government for purposes of funding child nutrition programs to each public school that serves a school breakfast or a school lunch as part of a child nutrition program to cover the cost of eliminating reduced-price copayments as required by subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(B) If federal funds appropriated to the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture for a child nutrition program are insufficient to provide a school breakfast or a school lunch at no cost under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section, the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall use funds as authorized by law to provide a school breakfast or a school lunch not initially covered by federal funds under subsection (a) of this section or other funds as authorized by law.

(c)(1) Annually by November 15, the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture shall report on and provide to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education an overview of each child nutrition program offered in public schools.

(2) The report required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall include without limitation:

(A) The procedure for applying for free or reduced-price meals in public schools; and

(B) The number of students who:

(i) Apply for free or reduced-price meals;

(ii) Are accepted to receive free or reduced-price meals;

(iii) Are denied from receiving free or reduced-

price meals; and

(iv) Automatically qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on federal eligibility requirements.

(d)(1) Arkansas Legislative Audit shall audit the Department of Education Child Nutrition Unit by December 15, 2023, and report the audit findings to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.

(2) The audit required under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall determine whether each public school's participation in a child nutrition program effectively:

(A) Serves the intent of the General Assembly to expand students' access to free meals in public schools; and

(B) Complies with federal and state law and rules.

(e) As used in this section:

(1) "Child nutrition program" includes the following as established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2023:

(A) The National School Lunch Program; or

(B) The School Breakfast Program; and

(2) "Qualifying student" means a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) student enrolled in a public school who is eligible for receipt of a reduced-price meal in a child nutrition program.

(f)(1) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter, a public school student who is not a qualifying student under this section and does not receive a free breakfast through any local, state, or federal program shall be provided one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day upon his or her request without consideration of his or her eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meal.

(2)(A) If necessary to comply with the requirements of subdivision (f)(1) of this section, the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall provide funds that have been disbursed to the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture from the United States Government for purposes of funding child nutrition programs to each public school to cover the cost of providing one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day to each public school student who is not a qualifying student under this section.

(B) If federal funds appropriated to the ~~department~~

Department of Agriculture for a child nutrition program are insufficient to cover the cost of providing one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day to each public school student who is not a qualifying student, the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall use funds as authorized by law to cover the cost of providing one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day to each public school student who is not a qualifying student.

(C) The cost of providing one (1) breakfast shall not exceed the rate of reimbursement to public schools established by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq., and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. § 1771 et seq., for a free school breakfast.

(g) The ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture may promulgate rules to implement this section.

SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-27-341(c)-(f), concerning the Food Insecurity Fund, are amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) By July 31 each fiscal year:

(A) The Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture shall submit a certification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of the amount expensed by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture the prior fiscal year to comply with § 6-18-722(b) to eliminate a charge to students for a reduced-price copayment for a school breakfast or a school lunch, which shall be reviewed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State; and

(B) The Department of Human Services shall submit a certification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of the estimated amount required to fund the state matching funds requirement for the federal Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children, commonly known as "Summer EBT", for the current fiscal year, which shall be reviewed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(2) After reviewing the certifications submitted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may deny, modify, or approve the certifications based on the:

- (A) Estimated amount of funding needed and available;
- (B) Purpose; and
- (C) Preferred spending priority.

(3) Based on the certifications from the Department of ~~Education~~

Agriculture and the Department of Human Services in subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall instruct the Treasurer of State to transfer those amounts on a pro rata basis to the fund or fund accounts designated by the Secretary of the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture and the Secretary of the Department of Human Services.

(d) Any unexpended balance of moneys in the fund accounts designated by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture and the Department of Human Services to be allocated for the purposes under subsection (c) of this section that are remaining at the end of each fiscal year shall be designated and retained for the purposes under subsection (c) of this section for the following fiscal year, and certifications required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be adjusted to reflect the remaining balances.

(e) After making the transfers under subdivision (c)(3) of this section, the Treasurer of State shall then transfer the remainder of the balance of the Food Insecurity Fund to the fund account designated by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture to be used by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture to comply with § 6-18-722(f).

(f) Any unexpended balance of moneys in the fund account designated by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture allocated for the purposes under subsection (e) of this section that are remaining at the end of each fiscal year shall be designated and retained for the purposes outlined under subsection (e) of this section for the following fiscal year."

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
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Subtitle of House Bill 1007

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-
2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1007

Amend House Bill 1007 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 4, delete "20,309,189" and substitute "21,309,189"

AND

Page 2, line 13, delete "2,000,000" and substitute "4,200,000"

AND

Page 2, line 19, delete "400,000" and substitute "600,000"

AND

Page 2, line 24, delete "5,636,400" and substitute "5,776,183"

AND

Page 2, delete line 25 in its entirety

AND

Page 3, line 2, delete "10,275,000" and substitute "10,775,000"

AND

Page 3, line 4, delete "142,000,000" and substitute "292,000,000"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 8 and 9 in their entirety

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AND

Page 3, line 15, delete "17,934,000" and substitute "18,378,763"

AND

Page 3, delete line 20 in its entirety

AND

Page 3, delete lines 29 and 30 in their entirety and substitute the following:

" (66) YOUTH SHELTERS	165,000
(67) HIGH IMPACT TUTORING	20,000,000
(68) IMAGINATION LIBRARY	1,500,000
(69) LITERACY COACHES	19,000,000
(70) SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICES	8,030,000
(71) TEACHER ACADEMY	<u>2,089,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,662,266,811"</u>

AND

Appropriately renumber all item numbers in SECTION 1

AND

Page 4, line 34, delete "29,245,839" and substitute "34,845,839"

AND

Page 5, line 4, delete "\$33,332,807" and substitute "\$38,932,807"

AND

Page 17, immediately following SECTION 25, insert the following:

" SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1117(a), concerning the health insurance contribution rate for public school employees, is amended to read as follows:

~~(a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2023, a school district shall pay each month for each eligible employee electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance program the health insurance contribution rate enacted by the General Assembly.~~

(2) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education through the biennial adequacy review process required by § 10-3-2102 shall provide a health contribution rate recommendation to the General

Assembly.

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(6)(B)(iv), concerning the continuation of teacher salary equalization funds, is repealed.

~~(iv) A school district shall continue to receive teacher salary equalization funds in the same amount as the preceding fiscal year in addition to the amount eligible for the current fiscal year."~~

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
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Subtitle of House Bill 1017

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - PROMOTION BOARDS

APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1017

Amend House Bill 1017 as originally introduced:

Page 4, Immediately following SECTION 7, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SERVICE CHARGE FEE WAIVER.

(a)(1) After consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may waive the deductions for the Constitutional Officers Fund and the State Central Services Fund required under §§ 19-21-103 and 19-21-105 for:

(A) Collections of special revenue under § 2-9-112; or

(B) The deductions under §§ 2-20-406(c)(1), 2-20-507(c)(1), 2-20-606(b)(2)(A), 2-20-805(c)(2), and 2-35-308(b)(1).

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall notify the Treasurer of State and the secretary of the waiver.

(b) The provision of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read _____
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Subtitle of House Bill 1009

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-
2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1009

Amend House Bill 1009 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 31, delete "4" and substitute "3"

AND

Page 2, line 33, delete "____1" and substitute " 1"

AND

Page 2, immediately following line 33, insert a new line that reads as follows:

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AND

Page 29, immediately following SECTION 59, insert a new section that reads as follows:

" SECTION 60. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. FACILITY MAINTENANCE.(a) All revenues collected by any division within the Department of Public Safety for use of a facility owned or operated by the department at the Robinson Maneuver Training Center shall:

(1) Be deposited into a fund;
(2) Be uniquely identified; and
(3) Only be used for the maintenance of facilities owned or operated by the department at the Robinson Maneuver Training Center.

(b) The department shall work with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to determine the best method of recording the revenues referred to in subsection (a) of this section in the funds of the state.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent section numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
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Subtitle of Senate Bill 3

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 3

Amend Senate Bill 3 as originally introduced:

Page 4, line 3, delete "2,431,672" and insert "3,131,672"

AND

Page 4, line 8, delete "\$14,889,911" and insert "\$15,589,911"

AND

Page 24, immediately following SECTION 41, insert the following:

" SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

CENTRALIZED SERVICES. (a) The Department of Shared Administrative Services may enter into contracts with a state agency or governmental entity as necessary for the centralization of governmental services.

(b) The Department of Shared Administrative Services may establish fair and reasonable rate or fee schedules to be assessed to a state agency or governmental entity receiving services for the purpose of recovering allowable costs associated with providing such services.

(c) The same rate or fee schedule shall apply uniformly to all state agencies or governmental entities receiving substantially similar services.

(d) The authority provided in this section is limited to the:

(1) Office of State Procurement,

(2) Office of Personnel Management, and

(3) Fleet Management Program within the Department of Shared Administrative Services.

(e) The offices in subsection (d) are authorized to establish estimated billing rates to be developed for a period of time to coincide with the state budgeting process.

(f) The department shall have the authority to adjust billing as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable:

(1) State laws,

(2) Federal laws, and

(3) State rules and federal regulations.

(g) Billing adjustments under subsection (e) of this section are subject to the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(h) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 25-36-104 is amended to read as follows:

~~(c)(1), Each state agency shall include in its budget report to the Joint Budget Committee a list of all contracts in amounts exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) awarded to minority owned businesses.~~

~~(2) The vice president or vice chancellor for finance of each state college and university shall include in his or her budget report to the Joint Budget Committee a listing of all contracts in amounts exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000) awarded to minority owned businesses.~~

~~(d)(c) The director shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this chapter."~~

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
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Secretary

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 10

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE
SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 10

Amend Senate Bill 10 as originally introduced:

On page 9, immediately following SECTION 14, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services
Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund, for personal services and
operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce
Services - Unemployment Insurance Modernization for the fiscal year ending
June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION	<u>\$10,000,000"</u>

AND

On page 21, immediately following SECTION 40, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 41. APPROPRIATION - ADULT EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby
appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund
deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Education - Cash for the
fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM	<u>\$2,500,000"</u>

AND

Page 34, immediately following SECTION 62, add an additional section to read as follows:

" SECTION 63. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

(a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the appropriations, positions, and related funding associated with vocational rehabilitation services shall be utilized in a manner that supports the planned consolidation of services, subject to existing appropriation authority and applicable law.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Division of Workforce Services, through Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, is authorized during the transition period to:

(1) Submit amendments to Arkansas's vocational rehabilitation services portion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Unified or Combined State Plan;

(2) Represent to the United States Department of Education and other appropriate federal agencies that Arkansas intends to operate as a combined vocational rehabilitation agency;

(3) Undertake planning, coordination, and other administrative actions necessary to obtain federal approval for the transition to a combined vocational rehabilitation agency structure; and

(4) Take any action before the effective date of any statutory amendments necessary to fully implement the consolidation of vocational rehabilitation services.

(c)(1) To ensure compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025:

(A) The Division of Workforce Services shall serve as the designated state agency; and

(B) Arkansas Rehabilitation Services shall serve as the designated state agency for the administration of vocational rehabilitation services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025.

(2) Services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired shall continue to be provided through a distinct organizational unit within Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be known as the Office of Blind Services, in a manner consistent with federal law, and ensuring the provision of specialized and comprehensive services.

(d) The authority granted under this section:

(1) Is limited to actions necessary for fiscal alignment, federal planning, submission, approval, and transition coordination; and

(2) Shall not, by itself, effectuate the transfer of statutory authority, programs, appropriations, positions, or funding except as otherwise authorized by law or by further action of the General Assembly.

(e) This section is intended to ensure the continuity of services and funding, and it shall not be construed to interrupt services or federal funding.

(f) All actions taken under this section shall:

(1) Preserve services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired;

(2) Maintain eligibility for all federal vocational rehabilitation funding;

(3) Protect maintenance-of-effort requirements; and

(4) Ensure uninterrupted service delivery to current and future program participants.

(g) This section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.”

AND

Appropriately renumber all the SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
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Secretary

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Subtitle of House Bill 1066

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1066

Amend House Bill 1066 as originally introduced:

Page 21, immediately following Section 40, insert the following SECTIONS to read as follows:

"SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-404(a)(3)(B), concerning limitations on fees charged by tire retailers under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Except for the rim removal ~~fees~~ fee imposed under this section, a tire retailer shall not charge any other fee to a person who purchases the service of removal of a tire from a rim and replaces the removed tire with a used tire.

SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-404(d)(3)(B), concerning limitations on fees charged by commercial generators under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, is repealed.

~~(B) Except for the commercial generator fees imposed under this section, the commercial generator shall not charge any other fee to the end user.~~

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-404(e), concerning limitations on the imposition of certain fees related to

tire removal under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, is repealed.

~~(e)(1) It is the purpose and intent of this section that only one (1) of the following fees imposed under this section be charged for the transaction of removing a tire from a rim that is related to the sale of a replacement tire:~~

~~(A) The rim removal fee; or~~

~~(B) The commercial generator fee.~~

~~(2) If a person establishes that he or she has paid one (1) of the fees for a tire, the tire retailer or tire generator shall not charge an additional fee for that tire.~~

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-405(a)(1), concerning reimbursement to used tire programs under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Reimburse used tire programs for used tire transportation, recycling, and disposal costs at a rate not to exceed two dollars and thirty-one cents (\$2.31) per used tire processed on and after July 1, 2026;

SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-405(b)(9) and (10), concerning the requirement to establish tire collection centers for reimbursement eligibility of used tire programs under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, are amended to read as follows:

(9)(A) Establish tire collection centers that adequately serve the used tire program area within each county served by the used tire program that accepts tires from tire retailers at no charge if the tire retailer establishes that it:

~~(i) Collects the rim removal fee imposed under § 8-9-404(a); and~~

~~(ii) Complies with the electronic uniform used tire manifest system under § 8-9-407.~~

(B) The tire collection centers under this subdivision (b)(9) may be at any one (1) or more of the following:

(i) A solid waste disposal facility;

(ii) A tire processing facility; or

(iii) A tire retailer;~~and~~

~~(10) Establish at least one (1) tire collection center within each county served by the used tire program."~~

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
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