

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

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Thursday April 23, 2026

Co-Chairs:

Your Special Language Subcommittee met on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 and makes the following recommendations listed below to the Joint Budget Committee.

A. Bills referred to the Special Language Subcommittee:

1. SB63 – DHS-Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health Services Supplemental - **DO PASS**
2. SB67 – University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Supplemental - **DO PASS**
3. SB73 – Commerce Department – Economic Development Supplemental - **DO PASS**
4. HB1089 – Dept. of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer Supplemental - **DO PASS**
5. HB1090 – Department of Energy and Environment - Environmental Quality Supplemental - **DO PASS**
6. HB1093 – Department of Corrections - Division of Correction Reappropriation - **DO PASS**

B. Amendments referred to the Special Language Subcommittee:

1. SB31 - Administrative Office of the Courts - Representative Dalby (JAR128) - **AMENDMENT ADOPTED**
2. SB36 - Department of Agriculture - Representative Bentley (BSS053) - **FAILED**
3. SB20 - Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services - Representative Bentley (LCW088) - **FAILED**
4. SB20 - Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services - Senator Penzo (LCW099) - **FAILED**
5. SB20 - Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services - Representative Pilkington (LCW100) - **FAILED**
6. HB1066 - Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Representative Pilkington (WFP037) - **FAILED**
7. HB1068 - Department of Finance and Administration - Representative Cavanaugh and Senators Boyd and Bryant (JAP066) - **FAILED**
8. HB1064 - Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer - Senator Tucker (JAP082) - **AMENDMENT ADOPTED**
9. HB1022 - Arkansas Development Finance Authority - Representative Beaty (CJW027) - **AMENDMENT ADOPTED**
10. SB21 - Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services - Senator Mark Johnson (LCW101) - **AMENDMENT ADOPTED**
11. HB1052 - Office of the Treasurer - State Turnback for Counties and Municipalities - Senator Mark Johnson (JAR145) - **FAILED**

12. HB1037 - State Board of Election Commissioners - Senator Mark Johnson (SRD016) - **FAILED**
13. SB3 - Department of Shared Administrative Services - Representative Wardlaw (JAP081) - **AMENDMENT ADOPTED**
14. HB1007 - Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Public School Fund - Representative Mayberry et al. (KMW079) - **FAILED**
15. HB1007 - Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Public School Fund - Senator Irvin (KMW094) - **AMENDMENT ADOPTED**
16. HB1036 - Department of Health - Senator Irvin (CJW036) - **AMENDMENT ADOPTED**
17. SB7 - Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Representative Perry (CJW038) - **AMENDMENT ADOPTED**
18. SB15 - Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Senator Mark Johnson (WFP038) - **AMENDMENT ADOPTED**
19. SB41 - University of Arkansas - Fayetteville - Representative McKenzie (HAR145) - **FAILED**
20. HB1005 - Department of Education - Representative Walker (KMW090) - **FAILED**
21. HB1051 - Department of Finance and Administration - Regulatory Division - Senator Hester (JAP087) - **FAILED**
22. HB1068 - Department of Finance and Administration - Representative Vaught (JAP084) - **FAILED**

C. Rules Suspended for Committee Action

1. SB4 - Department of Health - Licensing and Regulation Boards - Representative Lee Johnson (CJW040) - **AMENDMENT ADOPTED**
2. SB77 - Department of Education - Educational Television Division - Senator Tucker -
a) KMW098 - **AMENDMENT ADOPTED** b) **DO PASS AS AMENDED**

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

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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

SENATE BILL 63

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING
10 EXPENSES, GRANTS, AND PROGRAMS FOR AGING AND ADULT
11 SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES -
12 DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
13 SERVICES WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION
14 TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 890 OF 2025; AND
15 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
20 SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND
21 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL
22 APPROPRIATION.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - AGING AND ADULT SERVICES - OPERATIONS.

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28 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be
29 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
30 the State, for operating expenses, grants, and programs for aging and adult
31 services of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and
32 Behavioral Health Services which shall be supplemental and in addition to
33 those funds appropriated in Section 4 of Act 890 of 2025, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026



1 (01) SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS \$2,000,000

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3 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
5 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal
6 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
7 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State the sum of two million dollars
8 (\$2,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the paying
9 account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for operating
10 expenses, grants, and programs for aging and adult services.

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12 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
13 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
14 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
15 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
16 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
17 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
18 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
19 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
20 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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22 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
23 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
24 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
25 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
26 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
27 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
28 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
29 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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31 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
32 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
33 the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
34 Health Services are, due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the
35 Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
36 Health Services to continue to provide essential governmental services; that

1 the provisions of this act will provide the necessary monies for the
2 Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
3 Health Services to continue such services; and that a delay in the effective
4 date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration
5 and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is
6 hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force
8 and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

9 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
10 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
11 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
12 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
13 overrides the veto.

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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

SENATE BILL 67

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HIGH-RISK
10 PREGNANCY PROGRAM AND THE IDHI STROKE PROGRAM OF THE
11 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES WHICH
12 SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS
13 APPROPRIATED BY ACT 533 OF 2025; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR
19 MEDICAL SCIENCES SUPPLEMENTAL
20 APPROPRIATION.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to
26 the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the
27 University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for the High-Risk Pregnancy
28 Program and the IDHI Stroke Program of the University of Arkansas for Medical
29 Sciences which shall be supplemental and in addition to those funds
30 appropriated in Section 3 of Act 533 of 2025, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY PROGRAM AND THE IDHI STROKE PROGRAM	<u>\$5,000,000</u>



1 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
3 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal
4 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
5 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of the State the sum of five million
6 dollars (\$5,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the
7 University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund to provide funds for the High-Risk
8 Pregnancy Program and the IDHI Stroke Program.

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10 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
11 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
12 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
13 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
16 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
17 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
18 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
19 disbursement of said funds.

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21 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
23 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
24 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

29
30 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
31 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
32 the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences are, due to unforeseen
33 circumstances, insufficient for the University of Arkansas for Medical
34 Sciences to continue to provide essential governmental services; that the
35 provisions of this act will provide the necessary monies for the University
36 of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to continue such services; and that a delay

1 in the effective date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper
2 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,
3 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
5 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

6 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
7 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
8 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
9 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

SENATE BILL 73

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMMUNITY
10 ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 COMMERCE - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
12 WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE
13 FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 608 OF 2025; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
19 ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
20 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - COMMUNITY
26 ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
27 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division
28 - Community Assistance Grant Program, to be payable from the paying account
29 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for community
30 assistance grants which shall be supplemental and in addition to those funds
31 appropriated in Section 25 of Act 608 of 2025, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM	<u>\$10,000,000</u>



1 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
3 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal
4 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
5 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of the State the sum of ten million
6 dollars (\$10,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the
7 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to
8 provide funds for community assistance grants.

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10 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
11 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
12 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
13 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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20 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
21 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
22 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
23 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
24 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
25 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
26 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
27 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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29 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
30 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
31 the Department Of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission are,
32 due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the Department Of Commerce
33 - Arkansas Economic Development Commission to continue to provide essential
34 governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide the
35 necessary monies for the Department Of Commerce - Arkansas Economic
36 Development Commission to continue such services; and that a delay in the

1 effective date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper
2 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,
3 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
5 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

6 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
7 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
8 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1089

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PREGNANCY HELP
10 ORGANIZATION GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
11 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER WHICH SHALL BE
12 SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS
13 APPROPRIATED BY ACT 1006 OF 2025; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17
18 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
19 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER
20 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS. There is
26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration -
27 Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
28 Account, for grants for the Pregnancy Help Organizations which shall be
29 supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in Section 37 of Act
30 1006 of 2025, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

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36 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS



1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
2 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal
3 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
4 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of the State the sum of three million five
5 hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) from the General Revenue Allotment
6 Reserve Fund to the Pregnancy Help Organization Grant Sub-Fund in the
7 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to provide funds for grants to Pregnancy
8 Help Organizations.

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10 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
11 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
12 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
13 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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20 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
21 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
22 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
23 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
24 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
25 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
26 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
27 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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29 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
30 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
31 the Department Of Finance And Administration - Disbursing Officer are, due to
32 unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the Department Of Finance And
33 Administration - Disbursing Officer to continue to provide essential
34 governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide the
35 necessary monies for the Department Of Finance And Administration -
36 Disbursing Officer to continue such services; and that a delay in the

1 effective date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper
2 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,
3 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
5 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

6 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
7 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
8 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026
4 By: Joint Budget Committee
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1090

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
10 AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
11 WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE
12 FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 791 OF 2025; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15
16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND
17 ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
18 QUALITY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - USED TIRE RECYCLING AND ABATEMENT - CASH.

24 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to
25 be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined
26 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses of the Department of
27 Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality Used Tire
28 Recycling and Abatement - Cash which shall be supplemental and in addition to
29 those funds appropriated in Section 33 of Act 791 of 2025, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) USED TIRE RECYCLING AND ABATEMENT	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS



1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
2 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal
3 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
4 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of the State the sum of two million five
5 hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the General Revenue Allotment
6 Reserve Fund to the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined
7 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to provide funds for expenses of the
8 Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality -
9 Used Tire Recycling and Abatement - Cash.

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11 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
12 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
13 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
14 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
15 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
16 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
17 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
18 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
19 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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21 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
23 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
24 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

29
30 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
31 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
32 the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality
33 are, due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the Department of
34 Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality to continue to
35 provide essential governmental services; that the provisions of this act will
36 provide the necessary monies for the Department of Energy and Environment -

1 Division of Environmental Quality to continue such services; and that a delay
2 in the effective date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper
3 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,
4 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
5 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
6 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

7 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
8 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
9 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
10 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1093

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
10 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
17 - DIVISION OF CORRECTION
18 REAPPROPRIATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
24 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the
25 Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Department of Corrections -
26 Division of Correction the following:

27 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
28 in Item (A) of Section 1 of Act 95 of 2025, for costs associated with prison
29 expansion, in a sum not to exceed\$73,790,755.

30 (B) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
31 in Item (B) of Section 1 of Act 95 of 2025, for personal services and
32 operating expenses of the Division of Correction - Female Work Release - Pine
33 Bluff, in a sum not to exceed\$0.

34 (C) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
35 in Item (C) of Section 1 of Act 95 of 2025, for maintenance, replacement,
36 repair, expansion, construction, equipping, renovation, purchase, improvement



1 and upgrade of existing facilities of the Division of Correction, in a sum
2 not to exceed\$366,734.

3 (D) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
4 in Item (E) of Section 1 of Act 95 of 2025, for replacement of the existing
5 Water Treatment Plant at the Tucker Unit, in a sum not to exceed\$80,469.
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7 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - CASH.

8 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable
9 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
10 Fiscal Officer of the State, for the Department of Corrections - Division of
11 Correction the following:

12 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
13 in Item (A) of Section 1 of Act 339 of 2025, for the Camera Project at the
14 Wrightsville Unit, in a sum not to exceed\$3,800,000.

15 (B) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
16 in Item (B) of Section 1 of Act 339 of 2025, for the Flooring Project at the
17 McPherson Unit, in a sum not to exceed\$300,000.
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19 SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - VARIOUS
20 INDUSTRY PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

21 Corrections, to be payable from the Division of Correction Prison Industry
22 Fund, for the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction the
23 following:

24 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
25 in Item (A) of Section 3 of Act 95 of 2025, for various industry projects, in
26 a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

27 (B) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
28 in Item (B) of Section 3 of Act 95 of 2025, for maintenance, replacement,
29 repair, expansion, construction, equipping, renovation, purchase,
30 improvement, and upgrade of the Department of Corrections - Various Industry
31 Projects, in a sum not to exceed\$126,645.

32 (C) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
33 in Item (C) of Section 3 of Act 95 of 2025, for maintenance, replacement,
34 repair, expansion, construction, equipping, renovation, purchase, improvement
35 and upgrade of the Division of Correction - Various Industry Projects, in a
36 sum not to exceed\$6,312.

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SECTION 4. REAPPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - VARIOUS FARM PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the Division of Correction Farm Fund, for the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 4 of Act 95 of 2025, for various farm projects, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 4 of Act 95 of 2025, for maintenance, replacement, repair, expansion, construction, equipping, renovation, purchase, improvement, and upgrade of the Division of Correction - Various Farm Projects, in a sum not to exceed\$140,534.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND USAGE RESTRICTIONS. The Department of Corrections shall use funds reappropriated in Section 1(A) for the purpose of creating capacity, including expansion of recidivism reduction programs, infrastructure improvements, capital improvements, and the addition of bed space to relieve county jails of state inmates. The department shall not spend any funds reappropriated in Section 1(A) for the purpose of constructing a prison in Franklin County, Arkansas.

The provisions of the section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

SECTION 6. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall

1 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

2 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
3 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
4 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
5 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
6 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
7 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
8 otherwise by law.

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10 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
11 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
12 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
13 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
14 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
15 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
16 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
17 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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19 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
20 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
21 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
22 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
23 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
24 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
25 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
26 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
27 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
28 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
29 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 31

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 31

Amend Senate Bill 31 as originally introduced:

Page 20, immediately following SECTION 40, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 371 OF 2025 – INSTALLMENT FEES IN DISTRICT COURT.

(a)(1) The Administrative Office of the Courts may develop implementation guidance to assist district courts with proper assessment of installment fees in district court.

(2) The assessment and collection of installment fees shall be implemented in a manner that minimizes the financial hardship imposed on individuals who are authorized to pay fines on an installment basis.

(3) An installment fee totaling seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) shall not be assessed under Acts 2025, No. 371, on a defendant in a department of a district court.

(b) The provisions 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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By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative Dalby
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Subtitle of Senate Bill 36

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

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 36

Amend Senate Bill 36 as originally introduced:

On page 39, immediately following SECTION 70, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 71. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 22, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

22-5-102. Notification by Department of Agriculture before purchasing land.

(a) At least one (1) month before the Department of Agriculture enters into a contract to purchase land, the department shall notify in writing the following individuals or entities where the land is located:

- (1) County judge;
- (2) Quorum court; and
- (3) Members of the Senate and House of Representatives who represent the district.

(b) If the land under subsection (a) of this section is located in multiple counties, the department shall notify the individuals or entities as required under subsection (a) of this section for each of the counties in which the land is located."

AND

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Appropriately renumber subsequent Sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Bentley

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 20

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL
SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 20

Amend Senate Bill 20 as originally introduced:

On page 10, immediately following SECTION 12, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 20-77-1901(7), concerning the definition of "specialty hospital" regarding the assessment fee on hospitals, is amended to read as follows:

(7) "Specialty hospital" means an acute care general hospital that:

~~(A) Limits services primarily to children and qualifies as exempt from the Medicare prospective payment system regulation; or~~

~~(B) Is is primarily or exclusively engaged in the care and treatment of patients with cardiac conditions;"~~

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Representative Bentley

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 20

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL
SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 20

Amend Senate Bill 20 as originally introduced:

On page 10, immediately following SECTION 12, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 20-77-147(b), concerning the annual cap for diagnostic laboratory services under the Arkansas Medicaid Program, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The program shall set the annual cap for:

(1) Diagnostic laboratory services, not including radiology services, ~~of at least:~~

(A) ~~Five~~ Of at least five hundred dollars (\$500); ~~or and~~

(B) ~~One~~ Not to exceed one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) ~~if the beneficiary is diagnosed with chronic pain or is being treated for pain management~~ per beneficiary per fiscal year when additional diagnostic services are determined to be medically necessary in accordance with criteria established by the Department of Human Services; and

(2) Radiology services of at least five hundred dollars (\$500)."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Senator C. Penzo

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 20

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 20

Amend Senate Bill 20 as originally introduced:

On page 10, immediately following SECTION 12, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-9-108. Artificial intelligence for prescription renewals – Definition.

(a) As used in this section, "artificial intelligence" means a machine-based system that can, based on a given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing a real or virtual environment.

(b) A healthcare professional may use artificial intelligence to participate in medical decision-making for the completion of prescription renewals if:

(1) The prescription renewal will be dispensed at a licensed pharmacy in this state; and

(2) The patient is enrolled in the Arkansas Medicaid Program or the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Representative Pilkington

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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 SECTION to read as follows:

"SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 55, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15-55-101. Notification to city.

(a) The Division of Environmental Quality shall notify the mayor of a city of the issuance of a permit to mine a quarry under this subtitle if the quarry is located within the city limits.

(b) The written notice required under subsection (a) of this section may be delivered by email."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative Pilkington
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Subtitle of House Bill 1068

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

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1068

Amend House Bill 1068 as originally introduced:

Page 21, following SECTION 38 immediately insert new sections to read as follows:

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 26-52-103(19), concerning the definitions to be used under the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, is amended to read as follows:

(19)(A) “Gross receipts”, “gross proceeds”, or “sales price” means the total amount of consideration, including cash, credit, property, and services, for which tangible personal property, specified digital products, a digital code, or services are sold, leased, or rented, valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise, without a deduction for the following:

- (i) The seller’s cost of the property sold;
- (ii) The cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest, any loss, any cost of transportation to the seller, any tax imposed on the seller, and any other expense of the seller;
- (iii) A charge by the seller for any service necessary to complete the sale, other than a delivery charge, or an installation charge, or a credit card processing fee as described in subdivision (19)(B)(iv) of this section;
- (iv) Delivery charge;

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(v)(a) Installation charge.

(b) Installation charges shall not be included in the gross receipts, gross proceeds, or sales price if they are not a specifically taxable service under this chapter or the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, § 26-53-101 et seq., and the installation charges have been separately stated on the invoice, billing, or similar document given to the purchaser; or

(vi) Credit for any trade-in.

(B) "Gross receipts", "gross proceeds", or "sales price" does not include:

(i) A discount including cash, term, or a coupon that is not reimbursed by a third party and that is allowed by a seller and taken by a purchaser on a sale;

(ii) An interest, financing, or carrying charge from credit extended on the sale of tangible personal property, specified digital products, a digital code, or services if the amount is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser; and

(iii) A tax legally imposed directly on the consumer that is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser; and

(iv) A credit card processing fee that is charged by a seller as part of a sale and is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser;

SECTION 40. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 39 of this act is effective on the first day of the calendar quarter following the effective date of this act.

AND

Delete SECTION 41 and insert the following:

SECTION 43. 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 on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided; with the

exception of Section 39; and that in the event of an extension of the Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026, with the exception of Section 39 in this Act is effective on the first day of the calendar quarter following the effective date of this Act, 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 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, 2026 with the exception of Section 39 in this Act.

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Cavanaugh
By: Senator J. Boyd, J. Bryant
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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 37, immediately following SECTION 71, insert the following sections:

" SECTION 72. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
REDISTRIBUTION OF DRIVER’S LICENSE REINSTATEMENT AND INSTALLMENT FEES.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer and disburse general
revenue funds each fiscal year to the following:

	<u>Maximum Allocation</u>
<u>(1) Arkansas Public Employees’ Retirement System – State Police Retirement Fund;</u>	<u>\$1,545,068</u>
<u>(2) Administrative Office of the Courts – Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund;</u>	<u>\$3,390,177</u>
<u>(3) State Administration of Justice Fund; and</u>	<u>\$5,204,654</u>
<u>(4) Department of Finance and Administration – Office of Motor Vehicle – State Central Services Fund</u>	<u>\$450,546</u>

(b) The funds and fund accounts in subsection (a) of this section shall be
disbursed monthly in accordance with each fund or fund account’s
proportionate share of the total of all such allocations.

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

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SECTION 73. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 27-22-209(d), concerning the motor vehicle registration reinstatement fee collected by the Department of Finance and Administration after registration is suspended for operating a motor vehicle without insurance coverage, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The reinstatement fee collected by the department shall be ~~distributed under § 27-16-808~~ deposited into the State Treasury, and the Treasurer of State shall credit these proceeds as general revenue to the various funds in the respective amounts to each to be used for the purposes provided in the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-20-101 et seq."

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

By: Senator C. Tucker

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Subtitle of House Bill 1022

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1022

Amend House Bill 1022 as originally introduced:

Page 2, immediately following SECTION 2, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

15-5-108. Regular salaries.

There are established for the Arkansas Development Finance Authority the following titles and grades for each position. The salary for the positions assigned to each grade shall be determined in accordance with the pay level for the grade assigned in this section, as established in § 21-5-209.

<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>No. of Employees</u>	<u>Grade</u>
<u>EEX20A</u>	<u>FINANCE AUTHORITY DIRECTOR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>EXE02</u>
<u>FAC05P</u>	<u>ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>SPC04</u>
<u>FAC06C</u>	<u>ASSISTANT CONTROLLER</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>SPC05</u>
<u>FAU08P</u>	<u>INTERNAL AUDITOR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>SPC05</u>
<u>FFS02P</u>	<u>FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>SGS06</u>
<u>FIN03P</u>	<u>FINANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>SPC06</u>
<u>HDH05P</u>	<u>HR COORDINATOR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>SGS07</u>
<u>LAT04P</u>	<u>ATTORNEY II</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>SPC05</u>
<u>LAT06C</u>	<u>ATTORNEY IV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>SPC09</u>

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<u>PAS01P</u>	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>SGS05</u>
<u>PAS08I</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SGS07</u>
<u>PC001P</u>	<u>COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>SGS07</u>
<u>PC003P</u>	<u>COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>SGS06</u>
<u>PC004P</u>	<u>COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>SGS08</u>
<u>PPE12C</u>	<u>STUDENT LOAN DIRECTOR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>SPC09</u>
<u>PPF01P</u>	<u>PUBLIC FINANCE OFFICER</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>SPC05</u>
<u>PPF02P</u>	<u>PUBLIC FINANCE OFFICER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SPC07</u>

15-5-109. Arkansas Development Finance Authority – Salaries.

(a) An adjustment in the annual salary rate for an employee shall be made at the discretion of the Director of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority.

(b) In addition to other salary payments under this section, the director may implement a merit program to reward employees for exceptional service.

(c) In order to recruit and retain exceptionally well-qualified personnel, the Arkansas Development Finance Authority may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions authorized.

15-5-110. Expansion pool.

(a) The Arkansas Development Finance Authority is authorized a pool of twenty (20) positions to be used to establish additional positions with the proper title and pay grade if the Arkansas Development Finance Authority does not have sufficient positions available to address growth needs.

(b) The Arkansas Development Finance Authority is authorized to access the pool positions under subsection (a) of this section at any time when the Director of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority determines that the need exists.

(c) The director shall provide an annual report justifying the need determination under subsection (b) of this section to the:

(1) Board of Directors of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority;

(2) Chief Fiscal Officer of the State; and

(3) Secretary of the Department of Shared Administrative Services."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Beaty Jr.

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 21

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT,
AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 21

Amend Senate Bill 21 as originally introduced:

On page 14, immediately following SECTION 22, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 20-64-903(b), concerning the exemptions to licensure for an alcohol and drug abuse treatment program, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The following programs and persons are exempted from the requirements of this subchapter:

(1) Acute care, hospital-based alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs governed by §§ 20-9-201 and 20-10-213;

(2) Members of the clergy, Christian Science practitioners, and licensed professionals working within the standards of their respective professions, including without limitation:

- (A) Attorneys;
- (B) Counselors;
- (C) Nurses;
- (D) Physicians;
- (E) Psychological examiners;
- (F) Psychologists;
- (G) School counselors; and
- (H) Social workers;

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- (3) Treatment directly administered by the United States Department of Defense or any other federal agency; ~~and~~
- (4) Self-help or twelve-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, or Nar-Anon Family Groups; and
- (5) Faith-based treatment and recovery programs for substance abuse."

AND

Appropriately renumber 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

By: Senator M. Johnson

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Subtitle of House Bill 1052

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES BY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1052

Amend House Bill 1052 as engrossed H4/15/26 (version: 4/15/26 03:20:17 PM):

Page 7, immediately following SECTION 13, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 14-47-123, concerning the meetings of a board directors in a city manager form of government, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(g)(1) A director of a city of the first class with a city manager form of government having a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more according to the most recent federal decennial census shall not receive compensation if the director does not attend a regular meeting or special meeting of the board for ninety (90) days or more.

(2) Compensation for a director under subdivision (g)(1) of this section shall resume if the director attends a regular meeting or special meeting of the board after the director has not attended a regular meeting or special meeting of the board for ninety (90) days or more."

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Senator M. Johnson

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Subtitle of House Bill 1037

AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS APPROPRIATION
FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1037

Amend House Bill 1037 as originally introduced:

Page 4 immediately following SECTION 7, insert the following sections:

" SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 7-5-106(f) and (g), concerning runoff elections for county and municipal offices, are amended to read as follows:

(f)~~(1)~~ As used in this section, “municipal office” means offices of cities of the first class and cities of the second class and incorporated towns and includes the offices of council members, members of boards of managers, or other elective municipal offices elected by the voters of the entire municipality or from wards or districts within a municipality.

~~(2) “Municipal office” does not include offices of cities having a city manager form of government.~~

~~(g) This section does not apply to election of members of the boards of directors and other officials of cities having a city manager form of government.~~

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 14-61-111(b)(1)(A), concerning the selection of mayor in a city manager form of government, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) If a majority of the qualified electors of the city voting on the issue vote to do so, the mayor shall be directly elected by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the city.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 14-61-111(b)(2) and (3), concerning the minimum percentage requirement for the selection of mayor in a city manager form of government, are amended to read as follows:

~~(2)(A) At a special or general election on the question of whether to directly elect the mayor, a majority of the qualified electors voting on the issue may also vote to require that a successful candidate for mayor receive a minimum percentage, less than fifty percent (50%), of the total votes cast for the position of mayor in order to be elected mayor without a runoff.~~

~~(B) The minimum percentage necessary for election without a runoff shall be determined by ordinance approved by a two-thirds vote of the governing body or referred to the electors for their approval.~~

~~(3)(A) If it is required that a candidate receive a minimum percentage, less than fifty percent (50%), of the total votes cast for mayor in order to be elected mayor without a runoff, and if no candidate for the position of mayor receives at least the required percentage a majority of the votes cast, then the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees for the position of mayor and shall be certified to a special runoff election which shall be held four (4) weeks from the day on which the general election is held.~~

(B) The special runoff election shall be conducted, and the election results shall be canvassed and certified in the manner prescribed by law for municipal runoff elections.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 14-61-112 is amended to read as follows:

14-61-112. Selection of directors and mayor.

(a) ~~Unless special provisions for the position of mayor are implemented pursuant to § 14-61-111, the~~ A candidate for mayor, who in any special or general election ~~shall receive~~ receives a majority of the votes cast ~~in favor of another candidate for the position,~~ shall be deemed ~~to be~~ elected.

(b) If special provisions for the election of the mayor are implemented ~~pursuant to~~ under § 14-61-111, then those special provisions will

~~control the election of the mayor, unless those special provisions are amended by ordinance approved by a two thirds vote of the governing body of the city.~~

~~(c)(1) The A candidate for a designated position on the board of directors of a city affected by this chapter who in a special or general election receives votes greater in number than those cast in favor of another candidate for the position and who receives at least forty percent (40%) a majority of the votes cast, shall be deemed elected.~~

~~(2) Subdivision (c)(1) of this section may be amended by ordinance approved by a two thirds vote of the governing body of the city or by the approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the municipality by petition.~~

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Sections 8, 9, 10, and 11 of this act shall supersede any prior elections, ordinances, or other actions that provided for officials in a city with a city manager form of government to be elected with less than a majority vote of the qualified electors of the city."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator M. Johnson
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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 24, immediately following SECTION 41 insert the following sections:

" SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-61-801(6)(A), concerning the definitions used regarding intergovernmental relations under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(6)(A) "~~Public school~~ Local government construction services" means services procured by a municipality, public school district, or open-enrollment public charter school under a contract with a corresponding cooperative purchasing verification letter providing for the making of repairs, alterations, erection, or other permanent improvements to a public building, property, or structure that do not exceed a total aggregate amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for a public procurement unit in a fiscal year.

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-61-802(a)(1), concerning cooperative purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) A public procurement unit may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of ~~public school~~ local government construction services, commodities, or other services in accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants.

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-61-802(a)(2)(A), concerning cooperative purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) A cooperative purchasing agreement is limited to ~~public~~

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~~school~~ local government construction services, commodities, and other services for which the public procurement unit may realize savings or material economic value, or both.

SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-61-802(b)(2), concerning cooperative purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The reports required under this subsection shall be submitted by October 1 in the format required by the Legislative Council and shall include the following:

- (A) The name of the contractor;
- (B) The name of the procuring agency;
- (C) The contact information for the contractor and procuring agency;
- (D) The total cost of the contract, including all available extensions;
- (E) A description of the ~~public school~~ local government construction services, goods, or other services procured; and
- (F) Any other information requested by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-61-802(d), concerning cooperative purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(d) If a public procurement unit needs to procure ~~public school~~ local government construction services in excess of the amount provided in § 19-61-801(6), the public procurement unit may submit a request for a waiver to the Executive Subcommittee of the Legislative Council."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent section numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
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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 6, delete "114,000,000" and substitute "136,034,216"

AND

Page 3, line 30, delete "\$3,480,713,330" and substitute "\$3,502,747,546"

AND

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

" SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM FUNDING REQUIREMENT.

(a) The Department of Education shall budget, allocate, and expend from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account the full amount appropriated for the Arkansas Better Chance Program in this act, as defined by Arkansas Code § 6-45-106.

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

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SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-45-106, concerning the application process and allocation of funding for early childhood programs under the Arkansas Better Chance Program Act, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d)(1) An early childhood program accredited and quality-approved under this section shall receive a reimbursement rate not less than the seventy-fifth percentile of the current market rate as determined by the current Arkansas Child Care Market Price Study.

(2) The Department of Education shall promulgate rules to implement this subsection."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read

By: Representative J. Mayberry, Childress, Clowney, A. Collins, Eaton, D. Garner, Hall, Holladay, Hudson, McCullough, M. McElroy, McNair, Painter, Puryear, J. Richardson, Richmond, Rye, Springer, Wooten

By: Senator Crowell, Caldwell, J. English, G. Leding, Rice, Simon

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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 17, immediately following SECTION 25, insert the following:

" SECTION 26. DO NOT CODIFY. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that Sections 26 - 31 of this act apply to:

(1) An isolated school district created by a detachment election during the 2026 annual school election under Arkansas Code § 6-13-1801;

(2) An existing district from which a newly created isolated school district was created under Arkansas Code § 6-13-1801; and

(3) Any future isolated school district created and governed by Arkansas Code § 6-13-1801 et seq.

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1801 is amended to read as follows:

6-13-1801. Isolated school district – Formation – Definition.

(a)(1) An isolated school may detach from a ~~resulting or receiving an existing~~ district if the isolated school submits a petition to the ~~resulting or receiving school existing~~ district board of directors that states the intent to reestablish the original isolated school and that contains the signatures of:

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(A) No less than three hundred fifty (350) registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the isolated school; or

(B) No less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the isolated school.

(2)(A) The ~~resulting or receiving school~~ existing district board of directors shall request the county clerk of the county in which the ~~resulting or receiving school~~ existing district is located to verify the signatures submitted in a petition under subdivision (a)(1) of this section within five (5) business days of receipt of a petition under subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

(B) Upon request, a county clerk of the county in which the ~~resulting or receiving school~~ existing district is located shall verify the signatures within five (5) days of receipt of a request from the ~~resulting or receiving school~~ existing district board of directors under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.

(3) The ~~resulting or receiving school~~ existing district board of directors shall review a petition submitted under subdivision (a)(1) of this section and call ~~an~~ a detachment election under subdivision (a)(1) of this section to be held for the voters who reside within the school district boundaries of the isolated school before it consolidated with the ~~resulting or receiving~~ existing district on the issue of an isolated school detaching from a ~~resulting or receiving~~ an existing district at the next annual school election.

(b)(1) An isolated school district may be formed from an isolated school within a ~~resulting or receiving~~ an existing district that was annexed or consolidated with another school district under the Public Education Reorganization Act, § 6-13-1601 et seq., following the submission and approval of a petition under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) In order to qualify as an isolated school district, the isolated school within a ~~resulting or receiving~~ an existing district that was annexed or consolidated with another school district under the Public Education Reorganization Act, § 6-13-1601 et seq., shall have been in operation for kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) within two (2) years of the date on which the isolated school applies under this subchapter.

(c) The minimum school enrollment to establish a new public school district shall not apply when forming an isolated school district under this

subchapter.

(d) As used in this subchapter, "existing district" means a public school district that was formed as a result of the administrative consolidation or annexation of an isolated school under § 6-20-602.

SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1803(a), concerning an election to establish the millage rate of a newly formed isolated school district, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) An election within the boundaries of an isolated school district shall be held to establish the millage rate for the isolated school district as required under § 26-80-111.

(2) The millage rate of the existing district that was established before the detachment election conducted under this subchapter shall be the millage rate for the isolated school district formed under § 6-13-1801.

SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1803(c), concerning the determination of the prior-year average daily membership of a newly formed isolated school district, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If an isolated school district begins operations at the beginning of the following school year after detaching from ~~a local public school~~ an existing district under which the proposed isolated school district currently operates, the prior-year average daily membership of the isolated school shall be subtracted from the prior-year average daily membership of the ~~local public school~~ existing district under which the isolated school previously operated.

SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code §§ 6-13-1804 and 6-13-1805 are amended to read as follows:

6-13-1804. Facilities and property.

(a)(1) ~~A local public school~~ An existing district under which a proposed isolated school district currently operates shall agree in writing to release ownership of the isolated school's facilities and any accompanying debt on the facilities to the isolated school district.

(2) The written release form required under subdivision (a)(1)

of this section shall be signed by the president of the school district board of directors of the ~~local public school~~ existing district under which the proposed isolated school district currently operates and shall be included in the application submitted by the proposed isolated school district.

(b)(1) Ownership of a school bus acquired with isolated school funds in the previous two (2) school years shall be transferred to the ~~resulting~~ isolated school district formed under this subchapter.

(2) If a school bus was not acquired with isolated school funds in the previous two (2) school years, then the ownership of the number of school buses transferred to the isolated school district formed under this subchapter shall be equal to the lesser of:

(A) The number of buses dedicated primarily to delivering students to and from the isolated school in the previous two (2) years of operation of the existing district under which the isolated school previously operated; or

(B) The percentage of the total number of buses owned by the existing district that is equal to the percentage of students attending the isolated school in the prior year according to the first three-quarter average daily membership.

(c) Isolated school funds received by the ~~local public school~~ existing district under which the proposed isolated school district currently operates within four (4) months of the end of the ~~local public school~~ existing district's fiscal year on June 30 shall be transferred to the resulting isolated school district.

(d) Ownership of all personal property and fixtures, including without limitation furnishings, equipment, textbooks, computers, technology, phone systems, audio-video systems, athletic equipment, and machinery at an isolated school ~~currently operating within a local public~~ located in a resulting isolated school district that is the property of the existing district at the time of a detachment election held under this subchapter shall be transferred to the resulting isolated school district.

(e)(1) An existing district shall transfer to the isolated school district that previously operated under the existing district a sum equal to ninety percent (90%) of the foundation funding awarded for each student who currently attends the isolated school based on the prior-year first three-quarter average daily membership of the public school that is proposed to

operate as an isolated school district.

(2) The payment of foundation funds required under subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall be made under § 6-13-1806(e).

(f)(1) An isolated school district shall assume all the debt of the existing district if the debt is directly related to the real property transferred to the isolated school district under this section.

(2) Debt is directly related to the real property transferred to the isolated school district under this section if the debt is related to a capital project that is located on the isolated school district campus.

(3) In order to comply with this subsection, an isolated school district may:

(A) Refinance any debt assumed under subdivision (f)(1) of this section through the issuance of new bonds; or

(B) Enter into a contract to pay the existing district under which the isolated school district previously operated and that holds the debt the amount necessary to satisfy the debt repayment obligations.

(g)(1) An existing district shall hold all personal property and fixtures that will be transferred to a resulting isolated school district under this section in a trust until the isolated school district is able to take custody of the personal property and fixtures.

(2)(A) An isolated school district shall have a civil cause of action to enforce the distribution of ownership of personal property and fixtures under this section.

(B) A court of competent jurisdiction may provide any legal or equitable remedy necessary to give effect to the provisions of this subchapter.

(C) If a civil cause of action is initiated and a court of competent jurisdiction determines that an existing district or an administrator of an existing district has concealed, removed, wasted, divested, or withheld any personal property or fixture that belongs to an isolated school district according to this section, then the court may:

(i) Assess punitive damages up to three (3) times the amount of the value of the personal property or fixture that was concealed, removed, wasted, divested, or withheld;

(ii) Award attorney's fees to the prevailing party;
and

(iii) Take other appropriate actions to ensure compliance with the requirements of this subchapter.

(h)(1) Nothing in this subchapter shall prohibit an existing district and an isolated school district formed under this subchapter from agreeing to a division of personal property, fixtures, and other assets, including without limitation any funding, that is not otherwise prescribed in this subchapter.

(2) An agreement entered into under subdivision (h)(1) of this section shall be enforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction.

6-13-1805. Management.

Am Until a duly elected or appointed isolated school district board of directors selects a superintendent, an isolated school district shall be managed by:

- (1) A director hired by the isolated school district;
- (2) A director appointed by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to oversee operations of all isolated school districts in the state; or
- (3) Any other director or superintendent the division appoints to the isolated school district.

SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 13, Subchapter 18, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

6-13-1806. Transition period following a detachment election – Certification of initial operations of isolated school district.

(a) Following the formation of an isolated school district, an existing district shall continue to operate in the same manner as it did immediately before the detachment election in which the isolated school district was created under § 6-13-1801 and shall continue to educate all students enrolled in the existing district.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, the funds provided to an existing district under § 6-20-2305 shall continue to be provided to the existing district following the detachment election forming an isolated school district under § 6-13-1801 until:

- (1) The isolated school district certifies with the existing

district that it is ready to begin operations at the isolated school district; and

(2) The last day of school in the existing district occurs, if the certification under subdivision (b)(1) of this section is made after July 15 of each year.

(c) An isolated school district may certify that it is ready to begin operations when the isolated school district has:

(1) Selected and employed an isolated school district superintendent or other official authorized under this subchapter who has the authority to act on behalf of the isolated school district;

(2)(A) Employed officials who are authorized by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to receive state funding.

(B) An official shall not be authorized to receive state funding under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section until he or she completes any training required by the division that is related to state funding;

(3) Established accounts at a financial institution that is eligible to receive state funds;

(4) Been assigned a local education agency number by the division;

(5) Taken the steps necessary to begin to enroll students as determined by the division; and

(6) Established a school calendar that sets a date for the new isolated school district to begin the school year in the initial year of operation.

(d)(1) Certification under this section shall be made by submitting to the following entities a signed statement attested to under penalty of perjury that the requirements of this section have been satisfied:

(A) The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

(B) The superintendent of the existing district.

(2) If the certification under subdivision (d)(1) of this section is filed:

(A) On or before July 15 of each year, then the isolated school district shall begin operations in the fiscal year beginning on July 1 of each year; and

(B) After July 15 of each year, then the isolated school

district shall begin operations in the following fiscal year.

(e) The funding allocated under § 6-13-1804(e) shall be transferred from an existing district to a newly created isolated school district in accordance with the following schedule until all allocated funds under § 6-13-1804(e) have been transferred:

(1) Twenty-five percent (25%) shall be transferred within ten (10) business days of notice that the isolated school district:

(A) Selects an isolated school district superintendent or other official authorized under this subchapter who has the authority to act on behalf of the isolated school district; and

(B) Establishes accounts at a financial institution that is eligible to receive state funds;

(2) An additional twenty-five percent (25%) shall be transferred on December 31 of the year in which a detachment election under this subchapter is held if the isolated school district has not yet begun operations; and

(3) The remaining amount of the isolated school district's funds awarded under this subchapter shall be transferred when the isolated school district certifies it is ready to begin operations as specified under this section.

6-13-1807. Time period to begin operations.

(a) An isolated school district shall have up to sixteen (16) months from the date of a detachment election held under this subchapter to certify under § 6-13-1806 that the isolated school district is ready to begin operations.

(b) If an isolated school district has not certified that it is ready to begin operations under § 6-13-1806 within the time required under subsection (a) of this section, then the isolated school district board of directors may:

(1) Seek to voluntarily consolidate with another public school district; or

(2) Dissolve the newly created isolated school district and return to the existing district under which it previously operated.

(c) If no action is taken under subsection (b) of this section within twenty-four (24) months from the date of a detachment election held under

this subchapter, then the isolated school district shall be dissolved by operation of law, and all property held by and geographic area comprising the isolated school district shall return to the existing district.

6-13-1808. First year of operation – Enrollment of students.

(a) An isolated school district may begin enrolling students following its establishment under this subchapter.

(b) If an isolated school district has not yet begun to operate as indicated under § 6-13-1806, then the enrollment of a student in the isolated school district shall:

(1) Be prospective;

(2) Not be construed to remove the student from enrollment in the student's current public school district; and

(3) Not relieve the student's current school district from its obligation to educate the student.

(c) A student is a resident of an existing district under this subchapter for purposes of funding and all relevant applicable law if the student:

(1) Is eligible to attend public school in Arkansas; and

(2) Establishes residency inside the boundary of the isolated school district before the isolated school district begins operations under this subchapter.

(d) A student may continue to attend an existing district until the student graduates or establishes residency in another public school district if the student:

(1) Resides in the boundaries of the isolated school district; and

(2) Attends the existing district at the time the isolated school district begins operations under this subchapter.

6-13-1809. Terms of office for members of an existing district board of directors.

(a) The creation of an isolated school district under this subchapter does not create an immediate vacancy on the board of directors of an existing district when a member of the board of directors of the existing district resides in the newly created isolated school district.

(b) To ensure all students of an existing district are represented, a member of a board of directors of the existing district who resides in a newly created isolated school district shall continue to be qualified to hold his or her office until the isolated school district:

(1) Begins operations;

(2) Consolidates with another public school district; or

(3) Dissolves.

(c) A member of a board of directors of an existing district shall remain qualified to hold his or her seat if he or she establishes residency inside the boundary of an existing district and within the appropriate zone if he or she is elected by zone before an isolated school district begins operations or consolidates with another public school district."

AND

Page 17, delete SECTION 28 in its entirety and substitute the following:

" SECTION 28. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

(a) 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 all Sections of this act, except Sections 26-31 of this act, on July 1, 2026, 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 for all Sections, except Sections 26-31 of this act, beyond July 1, 2026, could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and all Sections, except Sections 26-31 of this act, 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, 2026.

(b) It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that without further statutory clarity, isolated school districts that have recently detached from existing districts will be without administrative and financial guidance; that newly formed isolated school districts need enough time to establish contracts and administrative

requirements in order to begin the upcoming school year; that the Department of Education needs statutory clarity on how funds should be distributed based on the formation of new school districts; and that this act is immediately necessary to provide newly formed isolated school districts with the statutory direction that is needed to proceed with standard operations following recent detachments from existing districts and to give the department guidance necessary to correctly disburse funds to newly formed school districts. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and Sections 26 through 31 of this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

AND

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The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Senator Irvin

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Subtitle of House Bill 1036

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

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1036

Amend House Bill 1036 as originally introduced:

Page 13, immediately after SECTION 19, insert the following SECTIONS:

" SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 5-27-205(c), concerning an affirmative defense to prosecution for the crime of endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this section that a parent voluntarily delivered a child to and left the child with or in, or voluntarily arranged for another person to deliver a child to and leave the child with or in, a medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or a newborn safety device as provided in § 9-34-201 et seq.

(2)(A) Subdivision (c)(1) of this section does not create a defense to any prosecution arising from any conduct other than the act of delivering a child as described in subdivision (c)(1) of this section.

(B) Subdivision (c)(1) of this section specifically does not constitute a defense to any prosecution arising from an act of abuse or neglect committed before the delivery of a child to a medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or a newborn safety device as provided in § 9-34-201 et seq.

SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 9-34-201, concerning definitions regarding the voluntary delivery of a child to a medical provider, law enforcement

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agency, fire department, or newborn safety device, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(4) "Emergency medical services provider" means:

(A) An entity or individual licensed to provide emergency medical services, including without limitation an ambulance service provider;
and

(B) That is staffed twenty-four (24) hours per day.

SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 9-34-202 is amended to read as follows:

9-34-202. Delivery to medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or in newborn safety device.

(a) Any medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department shall take possession of a child who is thirty (30) days old or younger without a court order if the parent of the child, without expressing an intent to return for the child, leaves the child:

(1) With or voluntarily delivers the child to the medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department, including without limitation when a parent leaves a newborn child with a medical provider staff member after delivery of the newborn child; or

(2) In a newborn safety device that is:

(A) Voluntarily installed by the medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department;

(B) Physically located on a structured wall of or inside a hospital, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider station, or fire department; and

(C) Located in an area that is conspicuous and visible to the employees of the hospital, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department.

(b)(1) A medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department that takes possession of a child under subsection (a) of this section shall perform any act necessary to protect the physical health and safety of the child.

(2) A medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department shall:

(A) Keep the identity of a parent who relinquishes a child under this section confidential; and

(B) Not release or otherwise make the identity of the parent available except to a:

(i) Law enforcement agency investigating abuse or neglect of the child that was committed before the child was delivered to the medical provider or, law enforcement agency, or emergency medical services provider; or

(ii) Prosecuting attorney pursuing charges against a parent for abuse or neglect of the child that was committed before the child was delivered to the medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department.

(3)(A) If the identity of a parent or child is released or made known to the Department of Human Services in violation of subdivision (b)(2) of this section, the case shall proceed as a dependency-neglect action as defined under § 9-35-102, but with the same protections from liability as if an anonymous surrender was made under this section.

(B)(i) If the child is relinquished at a location defined in § 9-34-201, the parent shall not be held criminally liable for the relinquishment or have a true finding of maltreatment or abandonment entered against the parent if the parent's identity is known and the Department of Human Services proceeds under § 9-35-325.

(ii) The Department of Human Services shall not subsequently use a resulting termination of parental rights against a parent who surrendered his or her child under this section.

(c) A medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department shall:

(1) Not be held criminally or civilly liable for any good faith acts or omissions performed under this section; and

(2) Have an affirmative defense against any civil or criminal claim arising out of any act or omission performed under this section.

(d)(1) A medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department other than a volunteer fire department that voluntarily installs a newborn safety device shall:

(A) Be responsible for the cost of the installation; and
(B) Install an adequate dual alarm system connected to the physical location of the newborn safety device that is:

(i) Tested at least one (1) time per week to ensure the alarm system is in working order; and

(ii) Visually checked at least two (2) times per day to ensure the alarm system is in working order.

(2) A volunteer fire department may install a newborn safety device if:

(A) The volunteer fire department complies with subdivision (d)(1) of this section;

(B) The first responders at the volunteer fire department are able to respond to the placement of an infant in the newborn safety device within the shorter of the following:

(i) The response time established by the county in which the volunteer fire department is located; or

(ii) A time frame not to exceed four (4) minutes;
and

(C) The newborn safety device is:

(i) Located within one (1) mile of a medical provider or law enforcement agency; and

(ii) Equipped with:

(a) An alert system that, when the newborn safety device is opened, automatically connects to the 911 system and transmits a request for immediate dispatch of an emergency medical services provider to the location of the newborn safety device; and

(b) A video surveillance system that allows members of the volunteer fire department to monitor the inside of the newborn safety device twenty-four (24) hours per day and that:

(1) Has at least two (2) firefighters who are responsible for monitoring the inside of the newborn safety device twenty-four (24) hours per day; and

(2) Is a surveillance system independent from the alert system described in subdivision (d)(2)(C)(ii)(a) of this section.

SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 9-34-203(a), concerning the care and permanency plan of a child voluntarily delivered to a medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or newborn safety device, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon delivery of the child to a medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department, the law enforcement officer, an appropriate employee of the fire department, an appropriate employee of the emergency medical services provider, or an appropriate employee of the hospital shall take the child into protective custody for seventy-two (72) hours under the Child Maltreatment Act, § 12-18-101 et seq.

SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 9-34-203(b)(1), concerning the care and permanency plan of a child voluntarily delivered to a medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or newborn safety device, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The law enforcement officer, employee of the fire department, employee of the emergency medical services provider, or employee of the hospital shall immediately notify the Division of Children and Family Services, which shall initiate a dependency-neglect petition under the Arkansas Juvenile Code, § 9-35-101 et seq., and shall proceed under § 9-35-325."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator Irvin
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Subtitle of Senate Bill 7

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 7

Amend Senate Bill 7 as engrossed S4/15/26 (version: 4/15/26 01:51:51 PM):

Page 13, immediately following SECTION 27, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 23-86-119(a)(1), concerning information required to be disclosed to policyholders, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Upon request from a policyholder with more than ~~fifty (50)~~ twenty-five (25) insured employees under a comprehensive group health insurance policy, an insurer issuing or delivering a group accident and health insurance policy in this state shall provide to the policyholder the following information for the most recent twelve-month period or for the entire period of coverage, whichever is shorter:

(A)(i) A monthly premium, claims, and enrollment report.

(ii) A monthly premium, claims, and enrollment report required under subdivision (a)(1)(A)(i) of this section shall include without limitation:

- (a) Medical claims on a paid basis by month;
- (b) Pharmacy claims on a paid basis by month;
- (c) Premiums paid by month; and
- (d) Total number of enrolled members,

including dependents by month; and

(B)(i) A high-cost claimant report that is applicable to an enrolled member with claims exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

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(ii) A high-cost claimant report required under subdivision (a)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall include for each enrolled member:

(a) Current coverage status, either active or terminated;

(b) Total medical claims on a paid basis by month; and

(c) Total pharmacy claims on a paid basis by month."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

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

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Representative Perry

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Secretary

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 15

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS
AND TOURISM DIVISIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 15

Amend Senate Bill 15 as originally introduced:

Page 15, immediately following SECTION 25, insert the following SECTIONS to read as follows:

"SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. Abolition of Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission.

(a) The Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission is abolished, and its authority, duties, function, records, contracts, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds, including the functions of budgeting or purchasing are transferred to the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful.

(b)(1) The administrative functions of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission are transferred to the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful.

(2) As used in subdivision (b)(1) of this section, "administrative functions" includes without limitation the day-to-day business operations of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission, including without limitation employment, payroll, property management, benefit management, human resource operations, and accounting operations of the commission.

(c)(1) The abolition of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission does not affect the orders, rules, directives, registration, licensing, or

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standards made or promulgated by the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission before the effective date of this act.

(2) The orders, rules, directives, registration, licensing, or standards under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall continue to be in effect until amended or repealed under authority given by law.

(d)(1) An employee of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission who is now a member of a retirement system shall not lose retirement benefits accrued in the retirement system by the abolition of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission.

(2)(A) An employee affected by the abolition of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission shall have the option of continuing as a member of the retirement system of which the employee is a member at the time of the abolition or to join the retirement system for which the abolition makes the employee eligible.

(B) An employee under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section shall make his or her election of a retirement system within six (6) months from the date of abolition.

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-6-404(2), concerning fines collected under the Litter Control Act, is amended to read as follows:

(2) If the municipality or county where the offense occurs is not a certified affiliate of Keep Arkansas Beautiful or Keep America Beautiful, ~~Inc.~~, or does not participate in litter-control programs conducted by these organizations, then the moneys from fines collected for offenses in those jurisdictions shall be remitted by the tenth day of each month to the Administration of Justice Funds Section, on a form provided by the Office of Administrative Services of the Department of Finance and Administration, for deposit into the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Fund Account to be used by the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~, as appropriated by the General Assembly, for the purposes of encouraging litter prevention and anti-litter education and increasing awareness of litter law enforcement statewide.

SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-6-606(e), concerning landfill disposal fees, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Solid waste collected during the annual Keep Arkansas Beautiful

and Keep America Beautiful campaigns that are sponsored by the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission is exempt from the landfill disposal fee under this section.

SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-6-1003(c), concerning landfill disposal fees, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Solid waste collected during the annual Keep Arkansas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful campaigns that are sponsored by the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission is exempt from the landfill disposal fee under this section.

SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-11-601 is amended to read as follows:

15-11-601. Keep Arkansas Beautiful Advisory Board – Creation – Membership.

(a)(1) There is created the “Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission Advisory Board”, which shall advise the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful, to be composed of ~~nine (9)~~ five (5) members appointed by the ~~Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate~~ Director of State Highways and Transportation.

(2) ~~Two (2) members~~ One (1) member shall be appointed from each Arkansas congressional district and the remaining member shall be appointed from the state at large.

(b)(1) The term of office of the initial members of the ~~commission~~ board shall be determined by lot as follows:

(A) The term of office of ~~two (2)~~ one (1) of the initial members shall expire on ~~January 14, 2003~~ June 30, 2027;

(B) The term of office of ~~two (2)~~ one (1) of the initial members shall expire on ~~January 14, 2002~~ June 30, 2028;

(C) The term of office of ~~two (2)~~ one (1) of the initial members of the ~~commission~~ board shall expire on ~~January 14, 2001~~ June 30, 2029;

(D) The term of office of one (1) of the initial members of the ~~commission~~ board shall expire on ~~January 14, 2000~~ June 30, 2030; and

(E) The term of office of one (1) of the initial members of the ~~commission~~ board shall expire on ~~January 14, 1999~~ June 30, 2031; and

~~(F) The term of office of one (1) of the initial members~~

~~of the commission shall expire on January 14, 1998.~~

(2) All successor members, other than those appointed to fill unexpired terms, shall serve ~~six-year~~ five-year terms to expire on ~~January 14 June 30~~ of the ~~sixth~~ fifth year.

(c) All vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the ~~Governor and each appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate~~ director.

(d)(1) The ~~Governor~~ director shall designate the member to chair the organizational meeting of the ~~commission~~ board, at which meeting the ~~commission~~ board shall select from its membership a chair, a vice chair, and such other officers as it determines appropriate.

(2) The officers shall serve as such for such period of time as determined by the ~~commission~~ board.

(e) ~~Before entering upon his or her duties as a member of the commission, each member shall take and subscribe and file in the office of the Secretary of State an oath to support the United States Constitution and the Arkansas Constitution and to perform faithfully the duties of the office upon which he or she is about to enter.~~

~~(f)~~ Members of the ~~commission~~ board shall serve without compensation for their service but may receive expense reimbursement ~~and a stipend of eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) per day in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.~~

~~(g)~~(f) The ~~Director~~ Administrator of the ~~Administrative~~ Office of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~ shall serve as ex officio ~~Secretary~~ secretary of the ~~Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission~~ board and shall have no vote on matters coming before the ~~commission~~ board.

SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW.

Transition provisions – Commission members.

Upon the effective date of this section:

(1) The members of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission shall serve as members of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Advisory Board;

(2) A member under subdivision (1) of this section shall serve until his or her term expires; and

(3) Upon the expiration of the term of a member under subdivision (1) of this section, the Director of State Highways and Transportation shall appoint a new member as provided under § 15-11-601.

SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-11-602 is amended to read as follows:

15-11-602. ~~Administrative office~~ Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful – Director ~~Duties~~ Creation.

(a) ~~The Administrative~~ There is established the Office of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission shall~~ to be located within the ~~State Parks Division~~ Arkansas Department of Transportation.

(b) The ~~Director~~ Administrator of the ~~Administrative~~ Office of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~ shall be employed by the Director of the ~~State Parks Division with the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism~~ State Highways and Transportation.

(c) The ~~Director of the Administrative Office of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission~~ administrator shall develop and administer all programs and projects of the ~~Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission~~ office and perform such other duties that the ~~Director of the State Parks Division~~ director deems necessary and appropriate to foster and promote the awareness of all Arkansans as to the need to protect Arkansas's natural environment.

SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-11-603 is amended to read as follows:

15-11-603. Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful – Powers and duties of ~~commission~~.

The Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~ shall:

(1) Be ~~an official agency of the State of Arkansas~~ authorized to accept and receive grants, moneys, equipment, material, and services and real and personal property donated, bequeathed, or devised for any purposes relating to the programs of the ~~commission~~ office and not expressly designated for any other agency and to disburse and utilize such moneys and property for the purposes of this subchapter;

(2) Implement a statewide litter prevention program through the voluntary action of local communities and state and local governmental agencies;

(3) Educate Arkansas's citizens and community leaders as to the problem of litter and the need for recycling the state's resources;

(4) Encourage litter prevention;

- (5) Encourage beautification projects;
- (6) Increase awareness of litter law enforcement;
- (7) Promote consumer awareness of recycling benefits;
- (8) Assist communities in establishing the Keep Arkansas

Beautiful system;

(9) Encourage educational programs in schools and elsewhere that support the goals of the ~~commission~~ office; and

~~(10) Serve in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Administrative Office of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission and the State Parks Division; and~~

~~(11)~~ Cooperate with and support existing recycling, beautification, and litter control programs in the state.

SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-43-266(b)(3)(D)(i), concerning the Conservation Tax Fund, is amended to read as follows:

(D)(i) One percent (1%) to the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Fund Account to be used exclusively by the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful ~~Commission~~ as appropriated by the General Assembly.

SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 24-5-101(6), concerning the definition of "current service" under the Arkansas State Highway Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

(6)(A) "Current service" means service as an employee of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department or the Arkansas Department of Transportation after the date of establishment of the system and may include the period of time during which the employee's service may have been interrupted by service in the United States Armed Forces. The annual earnings for a military service period shall be computed in the manner set forth for prior service in subdivision (12) of this section~~+~~.

(B) "Current service" includes service as an employee of the Office of Keep Arkansas Beautiful after the effective date of this act;

SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 25-43-1302(a)(17), concerning state entities transferred to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, is repealed.

~~(17) The Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission, created under § 15-11-601;~~"

AND

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

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Senator M. Johnson

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 41

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FAYETTEVILLE APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 41

Amend Senate Bill 41 as originally introduced:

Page 18, immediately following SECTION 6, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6,
Chapter 64, Subchapter 10, is amended to add an additional section to read as
follows:

6-64-1014. Transfer of institutional funds to athletic department
prohibited.

The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville shall not transfer
institutional funding to the athletics department."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent sections of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Representative B. McKenzie
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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 13, line 33, delete "GRANT." and substitute "GRANT - STATE MATCHING."

AND

Page 13, line 35, delete "a" and substitute "a state matching"

AND

Page 14, line 3, delete "Grant" and substitute "Grant - State Matching"

AND

Page 14, line 8, delete "GRANTS" and substitute "GRANTS STATE MATCHING"

AND

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

" SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE
ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW.
SAVE THE CHILDREN GRANT – STATE MATCHING FUNDS.

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(a) The funds appropriated in this act for the payment of state matching grants to Save the Children shall be paid on a one-to-one, state-to-private-donation matching basis.

(b) Upon certification by the Department of Education, a private cash donation received by Save the Children for the purpose of funding Save the Children programs for children and families in Arkansas is eligible for the payment of a one-to-one, state-to-private-donation match under subsection (a) of this section.

(c)(1)(A) Beginning July 1, 2026, and throughout the fiscal year, Save the Children may submit documentation authenticating the amount of any private cash donations for Save the Children programs in Arkansas to the Secretary of the Department of Education.

(B) The department shall specify the documentation required to submit a request for a payment by Save the Children under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section.

(2) The payments under subsection (a) of this section shall not be disbursed by the department until the amount of private cash donations is certified by the department under subdivision (c)(1) of this section.

(d) Within sixty (60) days of receiving the documentation of private cash donations from Save the Children under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the department shall expend the corresponding state matching funds for any certified Save the Children private cash donations up to the amount appropriated in this act for the Save the Children Grant – State Matching.

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

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Walker
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Subtitle of House Bill 1051

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - REGULATORY
DIVISION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1051

Amend House Bill 1051 as engrossed H4/15/26 (version: 4/15/26 02:37:01 PM):

Page 9, immediately following SECTION 18 insert a new section to read as follows:

" SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW.

Limitation on use of sports promotions in calculating net casino gaming receipts tax.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Casino" means the same as defined in Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 2;

(2) "Casino licensee" means the same as defined in Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 2;

(3) "Net casino gaming receipts" means the same as defined in Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 2;

(4) "Net casino gaming receipts tax" means the same as defined in Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100, § 2;

(5) "Online sports pool" means an operation of a casino licensee in which wagers on sports events are made over the internet on websites or mobile applications through computers, mobile devices, or other approved interactive devices accepted through a gaming system approved by the Arkansas Racing Commission; and

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(6) "Promotional coupons or promotional electronic credits" means offers provided by a casino licensee to a patron that:

(A) Are used by the patron to fund or otherwise make a wager; or

(B) Provide promotional odds or similar benefits to the patron.

(b) For purposes of an online sports pool, promotional coupons or promotional electronic credits that exceed five percent (5%) of net casino gaming receipts applicable to an online sports pool shall be disregarded in calculating the net casino gaming receipts tax.

(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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By: Senator Hester
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Subtitle of House Bill 1068

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

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1068

Amend House Bill 1068 as originally introduced:

Page 21, immediately following SECTION 38 insert the following new SECTION:

" SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 52, Subchapter 4, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

26-52-460. Fencing materials.

The gross receipts or gross proceeds derived from the sale of material used to construct fencing for livestock, including without limitation wire, posts, and electric fence wire, are exempt from the gross receipts tax levied by this chapter and the compensating use tax levied by the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, § 26-53-101 et seq.

26-52-461. Certain tractor parts and labor.

The gross receipts or gross proceeds derived from the sale of the following are exempt from the gross receipts tax levied by this chapter and the compensating use tax levied by the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, § 26-53-101 et seq.:

(1) Parts to be installed on a tractor before the installation of a diesel exhaust fluid system; and

(2) Services relating to the installation of parts described in subdivision (1) of this section."

AND

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Appropriately renumber the subsequent section numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Vaught

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 4

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - LICENSING AND REGULATION
BOARDS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 4

Amend Senate Bill 4 as originally introduced:

On Page 26, immediately following SECTION 56, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 57. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 17-95-403(b)(3)(A)(iii)(c), concerning the qualifications for a license to practice medicine in this state, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If he or she has been offered full-time employment as a physician from a healthcare provider that operates in a medically underserved population or a federally designated area that is a medically underserved area, medically partially underserved area, or a primary care health professional shortage area in this state, he or she shall:

(1) Hold an active, unencumbered license to practice medicine in a foreign country;

(2) Have actively practiced medicine during the four-year period preceding the date of an application under this section;

(3) Have the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates evaluate his or her medical credentials;

(4) Hold an active, valid certificate issued by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates; and

(5) Pass the examination used by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

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

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Representative L. Johnson

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 77

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

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 77

Amend Senate Bill 77 as originally introduced:

Page 2, delete SECTION 2 in its entirety

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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

By: Senator C. Tucker

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SENATE BILL 77

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION - STATE
12 MATCHING FUNDS FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE
13 MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
14 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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18 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
19 EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
21 YEAR.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE MEMBERSHIP DUES
27 STATE MATCHING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
28 Education, to be payable from the Educational Television Fund Account, for
29 state matching funds to provide for the payment of annual membership dues to
30 the Public Broadcasting Service of the Department of Education - Educational
31 Television Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) PAYMENT OF ANNUAL PBS MEMBERSHIP DUES	<u>\$550,000</u>



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2 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
4 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal
5 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
6 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State the sum of five hundred fifty
7 thousand dollars (\$550,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund
8 to a subfund of the Educational Television Fund Account to be used
9 exclusively for state matching funds for the payment of annual membership
10 dues to the Public Broadcasting Service as a one-to-one state-to-private-
11 donation match.

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13 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PUBLIC
15 BROADCASTING SERVICE MEMBERSHIP DUES - MATCHING FUNDS.

16 (a) The funds appropriated in this act for state matching of private
17 donations to the Educational Television Division or the Arkansas TV
18 Foundation for the payment of membership dues to the Public Broadcasting
19 Service shall be paid on a one-to-one state-to-private-donation matching
20 basis.

21 (b)(1) Before the matching funds described under subsection (a) of this
22 section are disbursed to the Public Broadcasting Service, the division shall
23 certify to the Secretary of the Department of Education the amount of the
24 private donations.

25 (2) Private donations received by the division or the Arkansas TV
26 Foundation for the purpose of paying the Public Broadcasting Service
27 membership dues are eligible for certification under subdivision (b)(1).

28 (c)(1) The division shall certify private donations under subsection (b) of
29 this section on December 31, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

30 (2) A state matching payment shall be paid on each of the dates in
31 subdivision (c)(1) of this section following the certification of eligible
32 private donations up to the amount appropriated in this act.

33 (d) Any balance remaining in the subfund of the Educational Television Fund
34 Account for state matching funds for the payment of membership dues for the
35 Public Broadcasting Service at the end of the fiscal year shall be returned
36 to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.

1 (e) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2027.

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3 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
4 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
5 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
6 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
7 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
8 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
9 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
10 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
11 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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13 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
14 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
15 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
16 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
17 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
18 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
19 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
20 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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22 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
23 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
24 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
25 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
26 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
27 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
28 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
29 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
30 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
31 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
32 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.
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