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HOUSE BILL 1232

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
11 MILITARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
16 MILITARY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026
17 FISCAL YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
23 for the Department of the Military for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
30	(1) SC011	SECRETARY OF THE MILITARY	1	GRADE SE05
31	(2) U132U	ARK DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL	1	GRADE SE03
32	(3) N253N	DOM CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE02
33	(4) L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE MP01
34	(5) D022N	IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	2	GRADE IT09
35	(6) D040C	GIS ANALYST	4	GRADE IT06
36	(7) D039C	NETWORK SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT06



1	(8)	D022C SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT06
2	(9)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
3	(10)	D058C COMPUTER OPERATIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT04
4	(11)	D082C NETWORK ANALYST	2	GRADE IT04
5	(12)	D064C WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE IT04
6	(13)	D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT03
7	(14)	G319C DOM CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
8	(15)	R055C DOM CHIEF OF HUMAN RESOURCES	1	GRADE GS13
9	(16)	A023N MILITARY CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
10	(17)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
11	(18)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
12	(19)	A141C MILITARY FEDERAL BUDGET MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
13	(20)	V036C AGENCY PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS10
14	(21)	S111C ASSET MAINTENANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
15	(22)	T125C DOM CHIEF OF POLICE	2	GRADE GS10
16	(23)	R056C DOM SENIOR BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE GS10
17	(24)	X013C ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
18	(25)	M097C MILITARY YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM DIR	1	GRADE GS10
19	(26)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
20	(27)	A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
21	(28)	S112C ITAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
22	(29)	M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE GS09
23	(30)	S113C LRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
24	(31)	R050C MILITARY ASSISTANT HR ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS09
25	(32)	M096C MILITARY YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
26	(33)	X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
27	(34)	X225C SECURITY SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
28	(35)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	2	GRADE GS08
29	(36)	B067C ARCHAEOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS08
30	(37)	R021C BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE GS08
31	(38)	B024C CONSERVATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
32	(39)	B055C ECOLOGIST COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08
33	(40)	E026C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
34	(41)	S004C MAINTENANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
35	(42)	P014C MUSEUM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
36	(43)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	3	GRADE GS07

1	(44)	B082C BIOLOGIST	2	GRADE GS07
2	(45)	B054C CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
3	(46)	B065C ECOLOGIST	5	GRADE GS07
4	(47)	E048C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS07
5	(48)	G148C ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
6	(49)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
7	(50)	B080C FORESTER	1	GRADE GS07
8	(51)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS07
9	(52)	T043C MILITARY DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	2	GRADE GS07
10	(53)	T036C MILITARY FACILITIES SUPERVISOR	8	GRADE GS07
11	(54)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
12	(55)	T124C PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE OFFICER SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS07
13	(56)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
14	(57)	T111C TRAINING SUPPORT CENTER MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
15	(58)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	9	GRADE GS06
16	(59)	R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
17	(60)	G172C CAREER PLANNING & PLAC COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
18	(61)	E044C CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	4	GRADE GS06
19	(62)	S024C CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE COORD	5	GRADE GS06
20	(63)	E037C EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
21	(64)	R030C EEO/GRIEVANCE OFFICER	1	GRADE GS06
22	(65)	T068C FIRE DESK OPERATOR	6	GRADE GS06
23	(66)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
24	(67)	B086C LAND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
25	(68)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	1	GRADE GS06
26	(69)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS06
27	(70)	T049C MILITARY FIREFIGHTER SHIFT LEADER	11	GRADE GS06
28	(71)	B148C MILITARY NATURAL RESOURCE PROG COORD	1	GRADE GS06
29	(72)	G166C MILITARY PROGRAM COORDINATOR	12	GRADE GS06
30	(73)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
31	(74)	T123C PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE OFFICER	13	GRADE GS06
32	(75)	S114C RTLA COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
33	(76)	X226C SECURITY SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
34	(77)	S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	10	GRADE GS06
35	(78)	D074C TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS06
36	(79)	S021C WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT SUPV	1	GRADE GS06

1	(80)	M101C YOUTH PROGRAM TRAINING OFFICER II	5	GRADE GS06
2	(81)	A088C ASSETS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS05
3	(82)	S025C BUILDING AND GROUNDS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS05
4	(83)	V014C BUYER	3	GRADE GS05
5	(84)	G215C CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT SPEC	4	GRADE GS05
6	(85)	T064C CIVIL AIR PATROL SVCS COORD	1	GRADE GS05
7	(86)	T122C DOM SECURITY OFFICER	40	GRADE GS05
8	(87)	B090C ENGINEER TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS05
9	(88)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	4	GRADE GS05
10	(89)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REP	2	GRADE GS05
11	(90)	C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
12	(91)	M056C MILITARY HOUSING MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
13	(92)	A090C PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
14	(93)	S069C RADIO DISPATCH OPERATOR	12	GRADE GS05
15	(94)	T060C SENIOR MILITARY FIREFIGHTER	25	GRADE GS05
16	(95)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	33	GRADE GS05
17	(96)	S038C TRANSIT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
18	(97)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	3	GRADE GS05
19	(98)	S030C WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT OPER	1	GRADE GS05
20	(99)	M060C YOUTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS05
21	(100)	M102C YOUTH PROGRAM TRAINING OFFICER I	28	GRADE GS05
22	(101)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	9	GRADE GS04
23	(102)	S040C CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
24	(103)	S110C CUSTODIAN PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS04
25	(104)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS04
26	(105)	S047C LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
27	(106)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	36	GRADE GS04
28	(107)	T066C MILITARY FIREFIGHTER	31	GRADE GS04
29	(108)	P048C MULTI-MEDIA SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
30	(109)	X152C REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
31	(110)	T072C SECURITY OFFICER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
32	(111)	V025C WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
33	(112)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE GS03
34	(113)	S109C CUSTODIAN PROFESSIONAL	27	GRADE GS03
35	(114)	C070C DUPLICATION ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS03
36	(115)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03

1	(116)	S050C MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS03
2	(117)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS02
3	(118)	S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	8	GRADE GS02
4	(119)	S084C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS02
5	(120)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	2	GRADE GS01
6	(121)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	<u>4</u>	GRADE GS01
7		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	499	

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9 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department

10 of the Military for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number

11 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable

12 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred twenty-seven

13 (127) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to

14 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or

15 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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17 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby

18 appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from the

19 Department of the Military Fund Account, for personal services and operating

20 expenses of the Department of the Military for the fiscal year ending June

21 30, 2026, the following:

23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
25	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,561,053
26	(02) EXTRA HELP	56,500
27	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,332,041
28	(04) OVERTIME	100
29	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,370,314
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
32	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	225,000
34	(E) DATA PROC.	0
35	(06) CIVIL AIR PATROL PERSONAL SERVICES	
36	AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>75,000</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$8,745,008

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3 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY CALL-UP AND COURT MARTIAL. There
 4 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from
 5 the Department of the Military Fund Account, for emergency Military Call-Up
 6 and Military Court Marital Expenses for the Department of the Military for
 7 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
11 (01) EMERGENCY CALL UP	\$2,500,000
12 (02) COURT MARTIAL EXPENSES	<u>20,000</u>
13 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,520,000</u>

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15 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - NATIONAL GUARD MUSEUM. There is hereby
 16 appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from the
 17 Department of the Military Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 18 expenses of the Department of the Military - National Guard Museum for the
 19 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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21 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
23 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$107,004
24 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	40,815
25 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	18,014
27 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,163
28 (C) PROF. FEES	0
29 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$166,996</u>

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33 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - FORT CHAFFEE. There is hereby appropriated,
 34 to the Department of the Military, to be payable from the federal funds as
 35 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
 36 and operating expenses of the Department of the Military - Fort Chaffee for

1 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,042,082
(02) EXTRA HELP	159,408
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,762,046
(04) OVERTIME	125,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,025,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
(C) PROF. FEES	4,000,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	4,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$39,143,536</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL TRAINING SITE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of the Military - Federal Training Site Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,250,351
(02) EXTRA HELP	720,928
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,832,302
(04) OVERTIME	300,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	28,800,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	3,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$54,003,581

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3 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 4 appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from the cash
 5 fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 6 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of the
 7 Military for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
11 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$337,810
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,500
14 (C) PROF. FEES	20,500
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	320,000
16 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
17 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$685,810</u>

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19 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - COUNTER DRUG ASSET FORFEITURE PROGRAM -
 20 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be
 21 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 22 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for counter drug program expenses of
 23 the Department of the Military for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 24 following:

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26 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
28 (01) COUNTER DRUG ASSET FORFEITURE	<u>\$160,311</u>

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30 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY SUPPORT REVOLVING. There is
 31 hereby appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from
 32 the Military Support Revolving Fund, for vehicle insurance, supplies,
 33 rations, fuel, personnel services, allowances, equipment leases, various
 34 active duty status, operational support and related operating expenses of the
 35 Department of the Military for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 36 following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) NON-EMERGENCY CALL-UP EXPENSES	<u>\$219,632</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF TRUST FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from the Military Family Relief Trust Fund, for Military Family Relief Grant Program of the Department of the Military - Military Family Relief Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM	<u>\$72,757</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - FT. CHAFFEE READINESS CENTER. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of the Military, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for construction expenses of the Department of the Military - Ft. Chaffee Readiness Center for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CONSTRUCTION	<u>\$3,135,470</u>

SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GENERALS SALARY. The line item maximums for the State of Arkansas Adjutant General and Deputy Adjutant General are based on the salary grid by the United States Department of Defense. Incumbents in these positions shall be compensated in accordance with the Department of Defense Advisory Service Pay Plan and are not guaranteed placement at the maximum level. The line item maximum salaries may be adjusted on July 1 of each fiscal year to incorporate salary rate changes that have been implemented by the U.S. Department of Defense.

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

1 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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3 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
5 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The State Military Department is hereby authorized to
6 transfer appropriation from Operating Expenses to Promotional Items in the
7 General Operations Appropriation and/or Cash Operations Appropriation
8 provided by this Act in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars
9 (\$10,000) each fiscal year, as authorized by the Director of State Resources,
10 and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
12 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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14 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
16 CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS.

17 (a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred
18 on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the
19 balance of funds remaining in the Department of Military Fund Account on June
20 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 into a sub-fund created within the Department of Military Fund
21 to be used exclusively for construction, maintenance and operating expenses
22 or for future construction projects of the State Military Department.

23 (b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized
24 herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

25 (1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and
26 Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried
27 forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint
28 Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency,
29 board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward,
30 the program name or line item and the funding source; and

31 (2) The State Military Department shall provide a written report
32 to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all
33 information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this section no later than
34 thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget request
35 to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both; and

36 (3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall

1 include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the
2 budget manuals.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July
4 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

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

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25 SECTION 18. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
26 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
27 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
30 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
31 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
32 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
33 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
34 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
35 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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