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A Bill

SENATE BILL 106

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
11 AGRICULTURE 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 AGRICULTURE
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
17 YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
24 established for the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2025-
25 2026 fiscal year, the 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
31	(1) SC001	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE05
32	(2) U072U	DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE02
33	(3) U057U	AGRI LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
34	(4) L104C	AGRI LABORATORY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP04
35	(5) D022N	IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
36	(6) D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08



1	(7)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
2	(8)	D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
3	(9)	D061C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE IT05
4	(10)	D057C	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT05
5	(11)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
6	(12)	D056C	SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
7	(13)	G345C	AGRI GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15
8	(14)	A151C	CFO OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE GS14
9	(15)	A010C	AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
10	(16)	B006C	AGRI CONSERVATION DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS13
11	(17)	A010N	AGRICULTURE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
12	(18)	N001C	DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
13	(19)	G004C	MANAGING ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS13
14	(20)	B002C	AGRI DIRECTOR OF MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
15	(21)	R006C	HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
16	(22)	A027C	ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
17	(23)	B010C	AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
18	(24)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
19	(25)	T110C	AGRI LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEF	1	GRADE GS10
20	(26)	B144C	FARM SCHOOL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
21	(27)	A050C	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
22	(28)	T130C	AGRI LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPUTY CHIEF	1	GRADE GS09
23	(29)	G109C	GRANTS MANAGER	4	GRADE GS09
24	(30)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
25	(31)	T121C	AGRI LAW ENFORCEMENT ASST CHIEF	1	GRADE GS08
26	(32)	B049C	AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
27	(33)	G126C	FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
28	(34)	X109C	AGRI INVESTIGATOR	3	GRADE GS07
29	(35)	B072C	AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
30	(36)	R024C	ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS07
31	(37)	V008C	BUYER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
32	(38)	A073C	PROGRAM/FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
33	(39)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
34	(40)	P049C	GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE GS06
35	(41)	G179C	LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
36	(42)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06

1	(43) V014C BUYER	3	GRADE GS05
2	(44) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
3	(45) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
4	(46) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS04
5	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	65	

7 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby authorized,
 8 for the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal
 9 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
 10 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 11 purposes: three (3) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates
 12 of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 13 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 14 classification.

16 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is
 17 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 18 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 19 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 20 Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,311,179
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	21,900
26	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,482,467
27	(04) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	140,000
28	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,162,067
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,500
31	(C) PROF. FEES	704,500
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
33	(E) DATA PROC.	0
34	(06) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,115,613</u>

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SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Agriculture for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	U048U	LIVESTOCK & POULTRY DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	U043U	NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	U044U	PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	U003U	STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE SE01
(5)	B004N	STATE VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE MP05
(6)	L106C	VETERINARY SPECIALIST	5	GRADE MP04
(7)	D040C	GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(8)	G052N	NATURAL RESOURCES DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
(9)	B005C	AGRI WATER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS13
(10)	G344C	AGRI WATER RESOURCES DIV MANAGER	1	GRADE GS13
(11)	B004C	AGRI WATER RESOURCES DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS13
(12)	B001C	DEPUTY STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE GS13
(13)	N058N	LIVESTOCK & POULTRY DIVISION DEPUTY	1	GRADE GS13
(14)	B015C	ENGINEER SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS12
(15)	G036N	PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
(16)	B010C	AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	6	GRADE GS11
(17)	B014C	ASST STATE FORESTER	3	GRADE GS11
(18)	B023C	ENGINEER, P.E.	8	GRADE GS11
(19)	B149C	SR LABORATORY SCIENTIST	2	GRADE GS11
(20)	B022C	DISTRICT FORESTER	7	GRADE GS10
(21)	E013C	EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(22)	X217C	NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN COORD	1	GRADE GS10
(23)	B136C	AGRI LAB QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(24)	S005C	AVIATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(25)	B037C	CHEMIST SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
(26)	B035C	GEOLOGY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
(27)	G109C	GRANTS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
(28)	B034C	MICROBIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS09

1	(29)	B038C STATE FOREST MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
2	(30)	B049C AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	22	GRADE GS08
3	(31)	X148C AIRCRAFT PILOT	2	GRADE GS08
4	(32)	B067C ARCHAEOLOGIST	8	GRADE GS08
5	(33)	B055C ECOLOGIST COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
6	(34)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
7	(35)	B043C PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	2	GRADE GS08
8	(36)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
9	(37)	B127C SENIOR MICROBIOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS08
10	(38)	B058C STAFF FORESTER	5	GRADE GS08
11	(39)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
12	(40)	C015C AGRI ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
13	(41)	X058C AGRI COMMODITY AREA SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
14	(42)	X111C AGRI INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS07
15	(43)	B072C AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR	9	GRADE GS07
16	(44)	B081C CHEMIST	16	GRADE GS07
17	(45)	B065C ECOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS07
18	(46)	X054C ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR	7	GRADE GS07
19	(47)	B080C FORESTER	39	GRADE GS07
20	(48)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
21	(49)	B060C LAND RESOURCE SPECIALIST SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
22	(50)	B077C MICROBIOLOGIST	12	GRADE GS07
23	(51)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
24	(52)	G145C RURAL CONST GRANT/FINANCIAL OFFICER	6	GRADE GS07
25	(53)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
26	(54)	X146C AGRI INSPECTOR III	34	GRADE GS06
27	(55)	B147C AGRI PROGRAM SPECIALIST	14	GRADE GS06
28	(56)	D076C COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
29	(57)	B088C COUNTY FOREST RANGER	60	GRADE GS06
30	(58)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
31	(59)	B078C METROLOGIST	2	GRADE GS06
32	(60)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
33	(61)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
34	(62)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	2	GRADE GS06
35	(63)	X157C AGRI INSPECTOR II	96	GRADE GS05
36	(64)	X097C AGRI SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05

1	(65)	S036C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
2	(66)	X129C CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	1	GRADE GS05
3	(67)	B098C FOREST RANGER II	108	GRADE GS05
4	(68)	S034C INTERSTATE TRUCK DRIVER	2	GRADE GS05
5	(69)	B093C LAND RESOURCE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS05
6	(70)	C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	11	GRADE GS05
7	(71)	D081C TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	7	GRADE GS05
8	(72)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	13	GRADE GS04
9	(73)	X165C AGRI INSPECTOR I	2	GRADE GS04
10	(74)	B096C AGRI SEED ANALYST	5	GRADE GS04
11	(75)	S053C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC	4	GRADE GS04
12	(76)	S040C CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
13	(77)	B101C NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS04
14	(78)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	11	GRADE GS03
15	(79)	S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	<u>3</u>	GRADE GS02
16		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	610	

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 18 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,
 19 for the Department of Agriculture - Operations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
 20 the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known
 21 as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:
 22 one hundred eighty-one (181) temporary or part-time employees, when needed,
 23 at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification
 24 and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 25 classification.

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 27 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 28 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Department of
 29 Agriculture Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 30 Department of Agriculture - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 31 2026, the following:

33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,195,891
36	(02) EXTRA HELP	74,131

1	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,060,189
2	(04)	OVERTIME	21,571
3	(05)	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	3,200
4	(06)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	1,716,272
6	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	33,613
7	(C)	PROF. FEES	33,500
8	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E)	DATA PROC.	0
10	(07)	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	6,148
11	(08)	BOLL WEEVIL PROGRAM	<u>5,000</u>
12		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,149,515</u>

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14 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL DISEASE

15 CONTROL AND ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the

16 Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry

17 Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, for personal services and operating

18 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission

19 - Animal Disease Control and Eradication Program for the fiscal year ending

20 June 30, 2026, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$543,206
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	55,000
26	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	245,853
27	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	213,846
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
30	(C) PROF. FEES	0
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,000
32	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,177,905</u>

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35 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EGG GRADING PROGRAM.

36 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

1 from the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund, for personal services and operating
 2 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission
 3 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

4	5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
7	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,550,361
8	(02) EXTRA HELP	67,500
9	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	745,484
10	(04) OVERTIME	300,000
11	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	252,971
13	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,350
14	(C) PROF. FEES	0
15	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
16	(E) DATA PROC.	0
17	(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	1,594,968
18	(07) EGG PROMOTION EXPENSE	<u>64,500</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,694,134</u>

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21 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - AGRI LABORATORY TESTING. There is hereby
 22 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 23 Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for personal services and
 24 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Agri Laboratory Testing
 25 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

26	27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$265,600
30	(02) EXTRA HELP	34,500
31	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	115,019
32	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,696,745
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
35	(C) PROF. FEES	0
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	310,000

1 (E) DATA PROC. 0

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3 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$2,446,864

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5 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EQUINE INFECTIOUS
6 ANEMIA. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
7 be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control
8 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
9 Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Equine Infectious Anemia for
10 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13 NO.	2025-2026
14 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$76,551
15 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,560
16 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	233,046
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
19 (C) PROF. FEES	0
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
21 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$439,157</u>

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24 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL HEALTH.
25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
26 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
27 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
28 Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Health for the fiscal
29 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 NO.	2025-2026
33 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$389,331
34 (02) EXTRA HELP	8,311
35 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	167,396
36 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,111
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,350
3	(C) PROF. FEES	0
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$688,499</u></u>

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8 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION PLANT BOARD - ADMINISTRATION/PEST CONTROL.

9 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 10 from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 11 the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Administration/Pest
 12 Control for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,374,438
17	(02) EXTRA HELP	800,000
18	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,870,407
19	(04) OVERTIME	250,000
20	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,158,314
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	103,613
23	(C) PROF. FEES	594,510
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,200,000
25	(E) DATA PROC.	0
26	(06) PROJECT PLANNING, EDUCATION, AND	
27	OUTREACH GRANTS AND AID	394,140
28	(07) PEST ERADICATION	<u>1,000,000</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,745,422</u></u>

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31 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PUBLIC GRAIN WAREHOUSE

32 INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 33 Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services
 34 and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board -
 35 Public Grain Warehouse Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 36 2026, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$202,230
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	79,407
6	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,614
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,613
9	(C) PROF. FEES	1,200
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$348,064</u></u>

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14 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE SURVEILLANCE.

15 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

16 from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of

17 the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Pesticide Surveillance

18 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$179,529
23	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	73,932
24	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	40,783
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
27	(C) PROF. FEES	0
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$300,244</u></u>

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32 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - APIARY. There is hereby

33 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant

34 Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of

35 Agriculture - State Plant Board - Apiary for the fiscal year ending June 30,

36 2026, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$112,555
5	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
6	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	43,391
7	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	42,170
9	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
10	(C) PROF. FEES	0
11	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$208,116</u></u>

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15 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - AGRI PRODUCT MARKETING PROGRAM. There is

16 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

17 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

18 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -

19 Agri Product Marketing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,869,935
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
26	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	666,688
27	(04) OVERTIME	13,000
28	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	461,112
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	538,083
31	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33	(E) DATA PROC.	0
34	(06) PRODUCT MARKETING GRANTS & AID	854,899
35	(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>5,000</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,508,717</u></u>

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SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - REFUNDS/TRANSFERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses, refunds, and transfers to the State Treasury by the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Refunds/Transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$50,500</u></u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE/PLANT REGULATORY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide and Plant Regulator Disposal Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Pesticide/Plant Regulatory Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u>

1 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby
 2 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri
 3 Scholarship Program Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships of the
 4 Department of Agriculture - Agri Scholarship Program for the fiscal year
 5 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 NO.	2025-2026
9 (01) AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>\$970,000</u>

11 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 12 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State
 13 Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
 14 of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year
 15 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 NO.	2025-2026
19 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,084,408
20 (02) EXTRA HELP	255,855
21 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,989,693
22 (04) OVERTIME	52,400
23 (05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	0
24 (06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,710,744
26 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
27 (C) PROF. FEES	280,000
28 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,663,000
29 (E) DATA PROC.	0
30 (07) FORESTRY GRANTS AND AID	269,981
31 (08) DISTRICT OFFICE REPLACEMENT	400,000
32 (09) FOREST ACTION PLAN	70,000
33 (10) FEDERAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM	138,512
34 (11) UNDERSERVED LANDOWNER OUTREACH	500,000
35 (12) OUTREACH AND PLANTING AID	<u>225,000</u>
36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,739,593</u>

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SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and federal matching grants to purchase firefighting equipment of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$108,363
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	41,414
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	399,816
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	60,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	270,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) RURAL COMMUNITY MATCH GRANTS	<u>822,563</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,702,156</u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - URBAN FORESTRY SERVICES - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and urban forestry matching grants of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Urban Forestry Services - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$67,500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(02) URBAN FORESTRY MATCHING GRANTS AND AID	82,000
3	(03) URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY	<u>1,875,000</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,074,500</u></u>

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6 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE
7 LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be
8 payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to
9 communities for fire protection by the Department of Agriculture - State
10 Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Service Loans for the fiscal year
11 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
15	(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION LOANS	<u><u>\$1,200,000</u></u>

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17 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - STATE FORESTRY TRUST PROGRAM.
18 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
19 from the State Forestry Trust Fund, for management and operating expenses,
20 fire control, communications, contracting for assistance, and other services
21 of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - State Forestry
22 Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
26	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$200,000
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
29	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,250,000
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0
32	(02) FIRE CONTROL/COMMUNICATE	900,000
33	(03) MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS	<u>300,000</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,750,000</u></u>

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36 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PREVENTION.

1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 2 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 3 State, for grants by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry
 4 Commission - Southern Pine Beetle Prevention for the fiscal year ending June
 5 30, 2026, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
9 (01) SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$230,000</u>

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11 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - FOREST LEGACY. There is hereby
 12 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 13 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 14 operating expenses, grants and aid by the Department of Agriculture - State
 15 Forestry Commission - Forest Legacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,
 16 the following:

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18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,599
22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,800
23 (C) PROF. FEES	5,000
24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25 (E) DATA PROC.	0
26 (02) FOREST LEGACY ADMINISTRATION	157,000
27 (03) WHITE RIVER HEADWATERS PROJECT	1,455,000
28 (04) FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM	<u>6,000,000</u>
29 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$7,625,399</u>

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31 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SILVICULTURAL NON-POINT PROGRAM.
 32 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 33 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 34 State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State
 35 Forestry Commission - Silvicultural Non-Point Program for the fiscal year
 36 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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2 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

3 NO. 2025-2026

4 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION

5 (A) OPER. EXPENSE \$36,000

6 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL 4,000

7 (C) PROF. FEES 0

8 (D) CAP. OUTLAY 0

9 (E) DATA PROC. 0

10 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$40,000

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12 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE CASH OPERATING FUND. There is

13 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

14 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal

15 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture

16 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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18 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

19 NO. 2025-2026

20 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION

21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE \$40,000

22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL 200,000

23 (C) PROF. FEES 0

24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY 0

25 (E) DATA PROC. 0

26 (02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS 2,000

27 (03) BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED GRANTS &

28 PROJECTS 160,682

29 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$402,682

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31 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM. There is

32 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

33 Arkansas Industrial Hemp Program Fund, for personal services and operating

34 expenses to administer the Industrial Hemp Program of the Department of

35 Agriculture - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

36 following:

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2 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3 NO.	2025-2026
4 (01) INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM	<u>\$99,500</u>

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6 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - REGISTERED FORESTERS. There

7 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from

8 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

9 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of

10 the Department of Agriculture - Registered Foresters for the fiscal year

11 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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13 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14 NO.	2025-2026
15 (01) EXTRA HELP	\$37,000
16 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,064
17 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,329
19 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
20 (C) PROF. FEES	0
21 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$46,393</u>

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25 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - VETERINARY MEDICINE. There is

26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

27 Veterinary Examiners Board Fund, for personal services, operating expenses

28 and scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Veterinary Medicine for

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

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31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 NO.	2025-2026
33 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$61,131
34 (02) EXTRA HELP	21,000
35 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	23,830
36 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,996
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	281
3	(C) PROF. FEES	16,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(05) RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP	
7	PROGRAM	<u>30,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$168,238</u>

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10 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM.

11 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

12 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the

13 Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection

14 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
18	(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM	<u>\$70,000</u>

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20 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby

21 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State

22 Meat Inspection Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of

23 the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection Program for the fiscal

24 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
28	(01) STATE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM	<u>\$606,083</u>

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30 SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM - GENERAL REVENUE.

31 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

32 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and

33 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection

34 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$150,000
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	85,000
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,000
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$250,000</u></u>

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12 SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - FERAL HOG ERADICATION. There is hereby

13 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Feral

14 Hog Eradication Fund, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to

15 eliminate feral hogs by the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year

16 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20	(01) FERAL HOG ERADICATION	<u><u>\$200,000</u></u>

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22 SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - AGRI FAIR FUNDING PROGRAM. There is hereby

23 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri

24 Fair Fund, for personal services, fair funding and operating expenses of the

25 Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

26 following:

28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
30	(01) ARKANSAS STATE FAIR	\$84,000
31	(02) ARKANSAS YOUTH EXPO	48,000
32	(03) ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA FAIR	54,000
33	(04) COUNTY FAIRS	959,272
34	(05) DISTRICT JR LIVESTOCK SHOWS	27,000
35	(06) DISTRICT FAIRS	270,000
36	(07) FOUR STATES FAIR	54,000

1	(08) PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES	<u>23,000</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,519,272</u></u>

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4 SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE FUTURE

5 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

6 Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Foresters for the Future

7 Scholarship Fund, for scholarships of the Department of Agriculture -

8 Arkansas Foresters For The Future Scholarship Program for the fiscal year

9 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
13	(01) SCHOLARSHIPS	<u><u>\$40,000</u></u>

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16 SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - NRC - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby

17 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

18 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating

19 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources

20 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,237,928
25	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	448,479
26	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	193,182
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,165
29	(C) PROF. FEES	0
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0
32	(04) SURVEYS & INVESTIGATIONS	3,900
33	(05) WATER PLANNING	<u>130,981</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,024,635</u></u>

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36 SECTION 39. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CASH. There is hereby appropriated,

1 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash fund deposited
 2 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
 3 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture
 4 - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 5 2026, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 NO.	2025-2026
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,403,559
10 (02) EXTRA HELP	30,800
11 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	510,876
12 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	377,298
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,000
15 (C) PROF. FEES	910,002
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	225,000
17 (E) DATA PROC.	0
18 (05) SOIL & WATER GRANTS & LOANS	<u>6,202,017</u>
19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$9,686,552</u>

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 21 SECTION 40. APPROPRIATION - NRC - DAM INVENTORY. There is hereby
 22 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 23 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 24 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 25 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Dam Inventory for the fiscal year
 26 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 NO.	2025-2026
30 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$89,358
31 (02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
32 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,211
33 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	49,216
35 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,000
36 (C) PROF. FEES	130,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,000
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(05) GRANTS & AID DAM - SAFETY PROJECTS	76,997
4	(06) HIGH HAZARD DAMS REHAB	<u>226,803</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$638,585</u></u>

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7 SECTION 41. APPROPRIATION - NRC - FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is
 8 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 9 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 10 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 11 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Flood Insurance Program for the
 12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$160,867
17	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
18	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	65,508
19	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	268,504
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	32,571
22	(C) PROF. FEES	1,700,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
24	(E) DATA PROC.	0
25	(05) GRANTS & AID - FLOOD HAZARD	
26	MITIGATION GRANTS	<u>3,000,000</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,262,450</u></u>

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29 SECTION 42. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER QUALITY PLAN IMPLEMENTAITON.
 30 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 31 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
 32 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural
 33 Resources Commission - Water Quality Plan Implementation for the fiscal year
 34 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$317,076
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	104,333
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,089
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,000
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(04) WATER QUALITY MATCH GRANTS	500,000
11	(05) WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN	<u>750,000</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,675,498</u></u>

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14 SECTION 43. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND POLLUTION
 15 ABATEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 16 Agriculture, to be payable from the Water, Waste Disposal, Pollution
 17 Abatement, Administrative and Research Facilities Construction Fund, for
 18 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 19 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution
 20 Abatement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$137,764
25	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,731
26	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,400
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
29	(C) PROF. FEES	0
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0
32	(04) PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS	<u>90,000,000</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$90,187,895</u></u>

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35 SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION - NRC - NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL
 36 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to

1 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 2 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
 3 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Nonpoint Source
 4 Pollution Control Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 5 following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$294,446
10 (02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
11 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	113,166
12 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	282,774
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
15 (C) PROF. FEES	706,630
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
17 (E) DATA PROC.	0
18 (05) NON POINT SOURCE POLLUTION GRANTS	5,642,276
19 (06) HYPOXIA NUTRIENT REDUCTION	200,000
20 (07) SMALL/ DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES	637,000
21 (08) SEWER OVERFLOW AND STORMWATER REUSE	<u>1,606,373</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,607,665</u></u>

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 24 SECTION 45. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE REVOLVING
 25 LOAN FUND PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 26 Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief
 27 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
 28 the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission -
 29 Construction Assistance Revolving Loan Fund Program for the fiscal year
 30 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
34 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$631,141
35 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	233,934
36 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	111,841
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	12,219
3	(C) PROF. FEES	13,500
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,002,635</u></u>

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8 SECTION 46. APPROPRIATION - NRC - BEAVER ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is
 9 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 10 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants to the conservation districts
 11 for beaver control programs within the districts of the Department of
 12 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Beaver Eradication
 13 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
17	(01) GRANTS FOR BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAMS	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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19 SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - NRC - GRANTS & ATTORNEY SERVICES. There is
 20 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 21 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department
 22 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Grants and Attorney
 23 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
27	(01) RIVER BASIN COMPACT	\$42,820
28	(02) LEGAL COUNSEL	5,871
29	(03) COMMITTEE/COMMISSION EXPENSES	10,000
30	(04) CONSERVATION PROJECTS	3,500
31	(05) ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT	17,800
32	(06) RED RIVER COMPACT	<u>11,720</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$91,711</u></u>

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35 SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAM GRANTS.
 36 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

1 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services matching
 2 and grants to conservation districts of the Department of Agriculture -
 3 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation District Program Grants
 4 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
8 (01) GRANTS TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS	\$250,000
9 (02) CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANTS & 10 ASSISTANCE	<u>1,522,672</u>
11 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,772,672</u></u>

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 13 SECTION 49. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER RESEARCH. There is hereby
 14 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 15 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department
 16 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water Research for
 17 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
21 (01) WATER RESEARCH/CONTRACT	<u>\$42,800</u>

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 23 SECTION 50. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE -
 24 REVOLVING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture,
 25 to be payable from the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund, for
 26 water, sewer, and solid waste grants of the Department of Agriculture -
 27 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste -
 28 Revolving for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
32 (01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS & 33 AID	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

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 35 SECTION 51. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE -
 36 STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be

1 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for water, sewer, and
 2 solid waste grants or loans that will be repaid to the water, sewer and solid
 3 waste revolving appropriation of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas
 4 Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste - State for the
 5 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
9 (01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS	<u>\$84,296</u>

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11 SECTION 52. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER USE PROGRAM. There is hereby
 12 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 13 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 14 reporting expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural
 15 Resources Commission - Water Use Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 16 2026, the following:

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18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20 (01) WATER USE DATA REPORTING	<u>\$125,000</u>

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22 SECTION 53. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
 23 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 24 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 25 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 26 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation Technical
 27 Assistance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
31 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$164,013
32 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	61,434
33 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	120,246
35 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
36 (C) PROF. FEES	0

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(04) RESOURCE GRANTS	<u>906,637</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,292,330</u></u>

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 6 SECTION 54. APPROPRIATION - NRC - UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM. There is
 7 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 8 Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses of the
 9 Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Unpaved
 10 Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
14	(01) UNPAVED ROADS GRANTS & AID OR	
15	OPERATING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$600,000</u></u>
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17 SECTION 55. APPROPRIATION NRC - FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL -
 18 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
 19 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 20 of the State, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to
 21 eliminate feral swine by the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural
 22 Resources Commission - Feral Swine Eradication and Control - Federal for the
 23 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
27	(01) FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL	<u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u>
28		

29 SECTION 56. APPROPRIATION - NRC - OPERATIONS - SOIL CLASSIFIERS. There
 30 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from
 31 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 32 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of
 33 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Soil Classifiers for
 34 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR

1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
2	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,296
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,296</u></u>

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10 SECTION 57. APPROPRIATION - NRC - ALLIANCE LANDOWNER CONSERVATION

11 PRACTICES - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

12 Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief

13 Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses associated with Alliance Landowner

14 Conservation Practices of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural

15 Resources Commission - Alliance Landowner Conservation Practices - Federal

16 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20	(01) ALLIANCE LANDOWNER CONSERVATION	
21	PRACTICES	<u><u>\$2,445,538</u></u>

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23 SECTION 58. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

25 FAIR FUND TRANSFER. On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as is

26 practical, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer the amount

27 needed for distribution by the Department of Agriculture to fund fairs from

28 the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Agri Fair Fund.

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

30 ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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32 SECTION 59. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

34 SHARED SERVICES.

35 (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create paying accounts

36 on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of the State and

1 Auditor of State for the payment of all personal services and operating
2 expenses of the Department of Agriculture.

3 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer
4 of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account
5 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
6 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

7 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision
8 (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the
9 department's appropriation act or between other appropriations acts
10 authorized for the department.

11 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of
12 passage through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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14 SECTION 60. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

16 FUND TRANSFER. The Deputy Director of the Livestock and Poultry Commission,
17 with prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget
18 Committee, the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and for the
19 reimbursing of documented expenditures designated by law to be made from the
20 transferred special revenue, may transfer funds among the Livestock and
21 Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry
22 Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry Special
23 Revenue Fund, Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, and the
24 Poultry and Egg Grading Fund or from these funds to the Livestock and Poultry
25 Fund Account. The purpose of these transfers shall only be for accurate
26 allocation of incurred costs between the funds. Requests for fund transfer
27 will at least include the total amount to be transferred, to and from which
28 funds, the nature, purpose, and time period of the expenditures being
29 reimbursed, and any other information requested by the Legislative Council or
30 the Joint Budget Committee.

31 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
32 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
33 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
34 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
35 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
36 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly

1 has determined that the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and
2 Poultry Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is
3 provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry
4 Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is
5 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight
6 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
7 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the
8 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this
9 section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
10 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
11 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
13 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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15 SECTION 61. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

17 TRANSFER PROVISION - PEST ERADICATION. If the State Plant Board determines
18 that the demands of pest eradication efforts require additional personnel
19 expenses, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and
20 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, appropriations
21 may be transferred from the Pest Eradication Program special line item to the
22 line items for Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Overtime, and Personal Services
23 Matching.

24 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
25 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
26 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
27 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
28 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
29 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
30 has determined that the State Plant Board may operate more efficiently if
31 some flexibility is provided to the State Plant Board authorizing broad
32 powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate
33 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of
34 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this
35 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
36 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement

1 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
2 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is
3 void.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
5 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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7 SECTION 62. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

9 TRANSFER PROVISION. If the State Forestry Commission determines that
10 temporary firefighters, dispatchers, or pilots are required to meet the
11 demands of a wildfire season, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer
12 of the State, appropriations may be transferred from either Extra Help or
13 Professional Fees and Services to the proper character code for the
14 employment of such personnel.

15 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the deployment of air
16 tankers for fighting wildfires requires additional Professional Fees and
17 Services, and upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
18 excess appropriation in Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching may be
19 transferred to Professional Fees and Services in the Operations and Forestry
20 - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

21 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the most effective way for
22 it to cooperate in the growing and distribution of forest planting stock is
23 by contracting work with private vendors and/or hiring temporary employees
24 for seasonal work, the Commission is hereby authorized, upon approval by the
25 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to transfer the necessary appropriation
26 authorized for Extra Help and Maintenance and General Operation in the
27 Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal
28 appropriation sections.

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

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32 SECTION 63. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

34 REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is authorized to
35 charge fees to federal agencies and other states to reimburse the Commission
36 for expenditures made on behalf of these governmental units. These fees

1 shall be deposited into the State Forestry Fund in the State Treasury as a
2 refund to expenditure.

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

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6 SECTION 64. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
8 FORWARD. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to the transfer of year-end fund
9 balances or any law to the contrary, any funds up to \$500,000 which remain in
10 the Department of Agriculture Fund Account at the end of a fiscal year shall
11 remain in the Department of Agriculture Fund Account and be made available to
12 fund appropriation(s) authorized by law to be made for maintenance and
13 operating costs associated with wildfire suppression, as well as the purchase
14 of fire suppression equipment for the Forestry Division and made payable from
15 the Department of Agriculture Fund Account for the following fiscal year.
16 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding up to \$500,000 as
17 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:
18 (1) Prior to June 30, 2026, the Agency shall by written statement set forth
19 its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of
20 Finance and Administration Office of Budget;
21 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
22 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee all
23 amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or
24 Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the
25 Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding
26 carried forward, from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the
27 program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a
28 copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;
29 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
30 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
31 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
32 statement as so the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
33 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
34 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
35 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
36 Committee; and

1 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
2 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
3 statement of noncompliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.
4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025
5 through June 30, 2026.

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7 SECTION 65. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
9 TRANSFER. (A)(1) If the Arkansas Department of Agriculture determines
10 additional funding is required to support the purchase of firefighting
11 equipment and forest fire suppression activities, to include the maintenance
12 and operations costs associated with fire suppression, the Department of
13 Agriculture with prior approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, may
14 transfer the sum of one million one hundred eighty thousand one hundred
15 dollars (\$1,180,100) of the amount authorized for transfer by Act 154 of
16 2012, to the State Forestry Fund.

17 (2) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (A)(1)
18 of this section may be used in furtherance of the State Forestry Trust
19 Program.

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

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23 SECTION 66. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
25 REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. The Department of Agriculture provides a wide
26 range of services to all Arkansans. The specific service needs, along with
27 staffing required to meet them, can vary significantly due to factors such as
28 natural disasters, changing federal mandates, and job market variations like
29 wildland firefighters, dispatchers, foresters, engineers, and
30 microbiologists' shortages. These factors make it challenging for the
31 Department to accurately predict the exact needs for positions across its
32 different appropriations throughout any fiscal year. To respond swiftly to
33 changing needs and to utilize resources effectively, the Department of
34 Agriculture is authorized to reallocate resources as necessary. Upon
35 determining that a reallocation is essential for the efficient and effective
36 operation of the department, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture,

1 with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Legislative
 2 Council or the Joint Budget Committee, if meeting in Legislative Session, may
 3 request to transfer positions between existing business areas of the
 4 department. Transfer authority shall be limited to no more than 5% of the
 5 total authorized department positions in any fiscal year.

6 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
 7 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
 8 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
 9 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
 10 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
 11 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has
 12 determined that the Department of Agriculture may operate more efficiently if
 13 some flexibility is provided to the Department of Agriculture authorizing
 14 broad powers under the Reallocation of Resources provisions herein.

15 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
 16 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
 17 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of
 18 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
 19 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
 20 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
 21 court jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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

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 25 SECTION 67. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

27 TRANSFER PROVISION- NRC. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal
 28 Officer of the State shall authorize the transfer of obligated water, sewer,
 29 and solid waste funds, as provided in the appropriation act for the Natural
 30 Resources Commission in the appropriation entitled "Water, Sewer and Solid
 31 Waste - State", from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, to the Water,
 32 Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
 34 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.

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 36 SECTION 68. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
2 FORWARD - NRC. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of
3 the State shall authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of
4 obligated grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for
5 Matching Grants in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan
6 Implementation".

7 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may
8 be carried forward under the following conditions:

9 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set
10 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
11 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

12 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
13 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
14 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
15 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
16 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward from the first
17 fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item, the
18 funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set
19 forth in (1) above;

20 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
21 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
22 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
23 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
24 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
25 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
26 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
27 Committee; and

28 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
29 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
30 statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
32 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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34 SECTION 69. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
36 FORWARD - NRC.

1 At the end of the fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
2 authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of obligated
3 grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for Water
4 Quality Technicians in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan
5 Implementation".

6 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may
7 be carried forward under the following conditions:

8 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set
9 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
10 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

11 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
12 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
13 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
14 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
15 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward from the first
16 fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item, the
17 funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set
18 forth in (1) above;

19 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
20 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
21 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
22 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
23 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
24 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
25 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
26 Committee; and

27 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
28 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
29 statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
31 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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33 SECTION 70. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
34 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
35 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
36 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

1 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
2 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
3 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
4 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
5 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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7 SECTION 71. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
8 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
9 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
10 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
11 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
12 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
13 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
14 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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16 SECTION 72. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
17 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
18 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
19 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
20 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
21 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
22 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
23 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
24 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
25 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
26 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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