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As Engrossed: S3/3/25

A Bill

SENATE BILL 132

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION WHICH SHALL BE
10 SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO OTHER APPROPRIATIONS
11 MADE BY THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PAY
12 APPROVED CLAIMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
17 PAYMENT OF APPROVED CLAIMS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
23 Department of Finance and Administration - Revenue Services Division, to be
24 payable from the Individual Income Tax Withholding Fund, for the purpose of
25 paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:
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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
29 (01) G&C THARALDSON DYNASTY TRUST FBO	
30 BOBBI JO THARALDSON	<u>\$19,204.34</u>

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32 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
33 Department of Finance and Administration - Revenue Services Division, to be
34 payable from the Corporate Income Tax Withholding Fund, for the purpose of
35 paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:
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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
3	(01) BIOMAT USA, INC	\$15,649.00
4	(02) SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY	6,024,594.00
5	(03) SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY	2,106,556.61
6	(04) BARCLAYS BANK PLS	447,267.00
7	(05) COX PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS, INC.	<u>19,917.00</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,613,983.61</u></u>

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10 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 11 Department of Finance and Administration - Management Services Division, to
 12 be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for the purpose of paying
 13 claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

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15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
17	(01) HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE COMPANY	<u><u>\$71,947.47</u></u>

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19 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 20 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the
 21 University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for the purpose of paying claims
 22 against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
26	(01) ALYSSA KRISTINE BURNS	<u><u>\$20,030.05</u></u>

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28 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 29 Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities
 30 Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief
 31 Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the
 32 State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
36	(01) CHRISTINE MCAULIFFE, AS SPECIAL	

1 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID
 2 CAINS \$400,000.00

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 4 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 5 Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as
 6 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of
 7 paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

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 9 ITEM FISCAL YEAR
 10 NO. 2024-2025
 11 (01) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL
 12 SCIENCES \$115,639.89

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 14 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 15 Department of Veterans Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies
 16 Fund Account, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas
 17 to the payee set out herein:

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 19 ITEM FISCAL YEAR
 20 NO. 2024-2025
 21 (01) MARY ANN JONES, AS SPECIAL
 22 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF OSCAR
 23 ODELL "BILL" JONES, DECEASED, AND ON
 24 BEHALF OF THE WRONGFUL DEATH
 25 BENEFICIARIES OF OSCAR ODELL "BILL" JONES \$300,000.00

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 27 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 28 Arkansas Department of Transportation, to be payable from the State Highway
 29 and Transportation Department Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against
 30 the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

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 32 ITEM FISCAL YEAR
 33 NO. 2024-2025
 34 (01) KENENA PELFREY \$343,000.00
 35 (02) MILTON HOLLIMAN 53,035.08
 36 (03) KATELYN SPICER 95,000.00

1	(04) STERLING DODSON	<u>900,000.00</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,391,035.08</u>

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4 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the

5 Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the paying account as

6 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of

7 paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

9	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
11	(01) VERIZON (CELLCO)	<u>\$17,720.16</u>

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13 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office

14 of the Treasurer of State, to be payable from the Municipal Aid Fund, for the

15 purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out

16 herein:

18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
20	(01) CITY OF SHERIDAN	<u>\$20,859.95</u>

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22 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the

23 Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central

24 Services Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas

25 to the payee set out herein:

27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
29	(01) SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	<u>\$ 9,907.96</u>

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31 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the

32 Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as

33 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of

34 paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
2	(01) SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	<u>\$2,157.44</u>

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4 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
5 Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund
6 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
7 the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to
8 the payee set out herein:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
12	(01) SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	<u>\$6,607.16</u>

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14 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
15 Department of Finance and Administration - Revenue Services Division, to be
16 payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for the purpose of paying
17 claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
21	(01) EXCEL FITNESS BEB IV	<u>\$19,000.00</u>

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23 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
25 REIMBURSEMENT AND REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. Funds allocated and expended by any
26 Agency, Authority, Board, Commission, Council, Department, Division, Office,
27 or Subdivision of any state agency for the payment of approved claims
28 adjudicated through the State Claims Commission and approved by the Arkansas
29 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee when the General Assembly is in
30 session, shall be reimbursed from the funds from which the Agency, Authority,
31 Board, Commission, Council, Department, Division, Office, or Subdivision
32 draws its support.

33 The monies shall be deposited no later than June 30 of the following
34 fiscal year from which the original payment of claim expense was incurred by
35 the state agency, as a refund to expenditure, to the credit of the fund from
36 which the original expenditure was made.

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SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRYOVER OF CLAIMS. Any state agency which is affected by the allowed claim(s) provided for in this Act, and whose fund for the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year are insufficient to allow for the payment of said claim(s) before June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, is hereby authorized, upon certification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to make payment of said claim(s) after July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, from funds appropriated for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year.

SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DISBURSING OFFICER. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission is hereby made the disbursing officer for the purpose of paying the claims appropriated by this Act. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission is hereby authorized to receive all warrants prepared under the provisions of this Act from the Auditor of State and to distribute same to the claimants.

SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CLAIMS. For any claims in this Act appropriated to the Department of Human Services, the Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall consult with the Department of Human Services and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to determine the division and funds to which liability should be assigned and from which the warrants shall be drawn. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall initiate the appropriate transfers as may be required and as approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CLAIMS. For any claims in this Act appropriated to the Department of Health, the Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall consult with the Department of Health and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to determine the division and funds to which liability should be assigned and from which the warrants shall be drawn. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall initiate the appropriate transfers as may be required and as

1 approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

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3 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CLAIMS
5 FROM CASH FUNDS. In the event that any claim authorized herein is determined
6 to be a valid claim against the State and the claim is to be paid from funds
7 not in the State Treasury, the Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall
8 notify the agency against which the claim is to be charged of the amount of
9 such claims. Upon receipt of such notification, the state agency shall
10 forth-with deliver a check to the Clerk of the State Claims Commission who
11 shall deposit the same as a nonrevenue receipt into the Miscellaneous
12 Revolving Fund from which he shall disburse the amount of the claim to the
13 claimant.

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15 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
17 EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission
18 shall not distribute any warrants prepared under the provisions of this Act
19 for awards made by the Arkansas State Claims Commission for employment
20 compensation claims. Upon the award by the State Claims Commission of an
21 employment compensation claim, the Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall
22 notify the affected state agency and the Department of Finance and
23 Administration - Office of Personnel Management of such amounts that are due
24 and payable. The affected state agency shall then process the award through
25 the State Mechanized Payroll System.

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27 SECTION 22. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
28 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
29 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
30 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
31 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
32 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
33 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
34 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
35 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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10 SECTION 24. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
11 General Assembly, that payees listed in this Act may be entitled to the sums
12 appropriated and transferred to herein, and that they have been deprived of
13 the use of these funds for a long period of time, and that further delay in
14 paying these just debts of the state would do harm to the reputation of the
15 State of Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and
16 this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
17 health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date
18 of its passage and approval.
19 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
20 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
21 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
22 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides
23 the veto.

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25 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*
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