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A Bill

SENATE BILL 132

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

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

15 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
16 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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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2024-2025
(01) G&C THARALDSON DYNASTY TRUST FBO	
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 NO.	<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 PLC	<u>447,267.00</u>
7 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,594,066.61</u>

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9 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the

10 Department of Finance and Administration - Management Services Division, to

11 be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for the purpose of paying

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

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

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

19 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the

20 University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for the purpose of paying claims

21 against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

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

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27 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the

28 Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities

29 Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief

30 Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the

31 State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 NO.	<u>2024-2025</u>
35 (01) CHRISTINE MCAULIFFE, AS SPECIAL	
36 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID	

1 CAINS \$400,000.00

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

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

10 (01) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL
 11 SCIENCES \$115,639.89

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

18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

20 (01) MARY ANN JONES, AS SPECIAL
 21 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF OSCAR
 22 ODELL "BILL" JONES, DECEASED, AND ON
 23 BEHALF OF THE WRONGFUL DEATH
 24 BENEFICIARIES OF OSCAR ODELL "BILL" JONES \$300,000.00

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

31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

33 (01) KENENA PELFREY \$343,000.00
 34 (02) MILTON HOLLIMAN 53,035.08
 35 (03) KATELYN SPICER 95,000.00
 36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$491,035.08

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SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

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

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Treasurer of State, to be payable from the Municipal Aid Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

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

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REIMBURSEMENT AND REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. Funds allocated and expended by any Agency, Authority, Board, Commission, Council, Department, Division, Office, or Subdivision of any state agency for the payment of approved claims adjudicated through the State Claims Commission and approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee when the General Assembly is in session, shall be reimbursed from the funds from which the Agency, Authority, Board, Commission, Council, Department, Division, Office, or Subdivision draws its support.

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

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRYOVER

1 OF CLAIMS. Any state agency which is affected by the allowed claim(s)
2 provided for in this Act, and whose fund for the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal
3 year are insufficient to allow for the payment of said claim(s) before June
4 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, is hereby authorized, upon certification by the Chief Fiscal
5 Officer of the State, to make payment of said claim(s) after July 1, ~~2024~~
6 2025, from funds appropriated for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year.

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8 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
10 DISBURSING OFFICER. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission is hereby made
11 the disbursing officer for the purpose of paying the claims appropriated by
12 this Act. The Clerk of the State Claims Commission is hereby authorized to
13 receive all warrants prepared under the provisions of this Act from the
14 Auditor of State and to distribute same to the claimants.

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16 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
18 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CLAIMS. For any claims in this Act appropriated
19 to the Department of Human Services, the Clerk of the State Claims Commission
20 shall consult with the Department of Human Services and the Chief Fiscal
21 Officer of the State to determine the division and funds to which liability
22 should be assigned and from which the warrants shall be drawn. The Clerk of
23 the State Claims Commission shall initiate the appropriate transfers as may
24 be required and as approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

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26 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
28 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CLAIMS. For any claims in this Act appropriated to the
29 Department of Health, the Clerk of the State Claims Commission shall consult
30 with the Department of Health and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to
31 determine the division and funds to which liability should be assigned and
32 from which the warrants shall be drawn. The Clerk of the State Claims
33 Commission shall initiate the appropriate transfers as may be required and as
34 approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

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36 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

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

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

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24 SECTION 18. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
25 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
26 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
27 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
28 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
29 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
30 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
31 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
32 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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34 SECTION 19. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
35 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
36 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

1 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
2 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
3 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
4 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
5 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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7 SECTION 21. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
8 General Assembly, that payees listed in this Act may be entitled to the sums
9 appropriated and transferred to herein, and that they have been deprived of
10 the use of these funds for a long period of time, and that further delay in
11 paying these just debts of the state would do harm to the reputation of the
12 State of Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and
13 this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
14 health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date
15 of its passage and approval.

16 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
17 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
18 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
19 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides
20 the veto.

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