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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 39

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 COMMERCE  
11 - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -  
16 DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
18 YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
25 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the 2025-2026  
26 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
32	(1) G323C	DIR OF ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CONNECTION	1	GRADE SE04
33	(2) U037U	ACOM DWS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE03
34	(3) U065U	ACOM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
35	(4) U070U	ACOM DWS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	2	GRADE SE01
36	(5) U036U	AR APPEALS TRIBUNAL CHAIRMAN	1	GRADE SE01



1	(6)	U076U DWS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
2	(7)	D002N STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR LEAD	2	GRADE IT11
3	(8)	D006N STATE SYSTEMS ARCHITECT	2	GRADE IT10
4	(9)	D001C STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	3	GRADE IT09
5	(10)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	3	GRADE IT08
6	(11)	D017C INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY SPEC	1	GRADE IT07
7	(12)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	12	GRADE IT06
8	(13)	D022C SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT06
9	(14)	D061C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE IT05
10	(15)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	6	GRADE IT05
11	(16)	D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT03
12	(17)	G324C ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, REEMPLOYMENT	1	GRADE GS15
13	(18)	A139C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS15
14	(19)	G349C DWS CHIEF OF LEGAL SERVICES	1	GRADE GS15
15	(20)	G007N ACOM DWS GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
16	(21)	N051N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, EMPLOYMENT ASSIST	1	GRADE GS13
17	(22)	N050N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, FINANCIAL MAN	1	GRADE GS13
18	(23)	N049N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, INFO AND TECH	1	GRADE GS13
19	(24)	N074N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, UNEMPLOYMENT INS	1	GRADE GS13
20	(25)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
21	(26)	G010C ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS12
22	(27)	G016N ACOM DWS ASST DIR GRANTS RESOURCE ADM	1	GRADE GS12
23	(28)	P007N ACOM DWS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	GRADE GS12
24	(29)	G020C ACOM DWS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	3	GRADE GS12
25	(30)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
26	(31)	A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	3	GRADE GS11
27	(32)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS11
28	(33)	G068C ACOM DWS AREA OPERATIONS CHIEF	6	GRADE GS10
29	(34)	E074C ACOM PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS10
30	(35)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
31	(36)	G073C ATTORNEY	11	GRADE GS10
32	<del>(37)</del>	<del>A044C AUDIT COORDINATOR</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE GS10</del>
33	(38)	G288C ACOM DWS DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
34	(39)	R015C ACOM DWS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
35	(40)	G243C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER III	2	GRADE GS09
36	(41)	G110C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	12	GRADE GS09

1	(42)	E075C ACOM PROGRAM ADVISOR	9	GRADE GS09
2	(43)	R019C BUDGET MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
3	(44)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
4	(45)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
5	(46)	G128C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER II	14	GRADE GS08
6	(47)	G127C ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	29	GRADE GS08
7	(48)	G114C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE INVEST REG ADVIS	2	GRADE GS08
8	(49)	R021C BUDGET ANALYST	2	GRADE GS08
9	(50)	A116C BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
10	<del>(51)</del>	<del>A066C INTERNAL AUDITOR</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>GRADE GS08</del>
11	(52)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
12	(53)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
13	(54)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
14	(55)	A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS08
15	(56)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	4	GRADE GS07
16	(57)	G149C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I	10	GRADE GS07
17	(58)	G181C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	52	GRADE GS07
18	(59)	G209C ACOM DWS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	22	GRADE GS07
19	(60)	G196C ACOM DWS SATELLITE OFFICE SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS07
20	(61)	A085C ACOM DWS SR FIELD TAX REPRESENTATIVE	2	GRADE GS07
21	(62)	G138C AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OFFICER	8	GRADE GS07
22	(63)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
23	(64)	A081C AUDITOR	3	GRADE GS07
24	(65)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	3	GRADE GS07
25	(66)	A075C FINANCIAL ANALYST I	2	GRADE GS07
26	(67)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
27	(68)	A065C PAYROLL SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
28	(69)	A073C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
29	(70)	X047C REAL ESTATE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
30	(71)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
31	(72)	A092C ACOM DWS FIELD TAX REP	14	GRADE GS06
32	(73)	C032C ACOM DWS UI CLAIM TECHNICIAN	9	GRADE GS06
33	(74)	X139C ACOM DWS UI INVESTIGATOR	10	GRADE GS06
34	(75)	G217C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	191	GRADE GS06
35	(76)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	11	GRADE GS06
36	(77)	R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06

1	(78)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS06
2	(79)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
3	(80)	G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
4	(81)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS06
5	(82)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
6	(83)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	9	GRADE GS06
7	(84)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	11	GRADE GS06
8	(85)	C050C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
9	(86)	V014C BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
10	(87)	G220C DWS UNIT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
11	(88)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	9	GRADE GS05
12	(89)	S032C PRINT SHOP SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
13	(90)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	1	GRADE GS05
14	(91)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	10	GRADE GS04
15	(92)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	13	GRADE GS04
16	(93)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
17	(94)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	9	GRADE GS04
18	(95)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
19	(96)	X183C ACOM DWS CLAIMS ADJUDICATOR	4	GRADE GS03
20	(97)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	8	GRADE GS03
21	(98)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS02
22		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	619	

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24 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 25 to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce  
 26 Services Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 27 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Operations for the  
 28 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$29,170,849
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	1,000,000
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	11,642,535
35	(04) OVERTIME	360,000
36	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	19,335,741
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	396,990
3	(C) PROF. FEES	1,672,462
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$63,578,577</u>

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8 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND EXPENSES - CASH.

9 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable

10 from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for unemployment

11 benefit payments and other expenses including disaster relief payments,

12 training allowances, payments to participant contractors and Unemployment

13 Insurance Trust Fund loan repayments by the Department of Commerce - Division

14 of Workforce Services - Unemployment Benefits and Expenses - Cash for the

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

17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
19	(01) DISASTER RELIEF PAYMENTS	\$350,000
20	(02) FEDERALLY PAID BENEFITS PAYMENTS	200,000,000
21	(03) U I BENEFITS - REIMBURSABLE EMPLOYERS	1,000,000
22	(04) U I BENEFITS - TAXABLE EMPLOYERS	500,000,000
23	(05) TRAINING ALLOWANCES	500,000
24	(06) PAYMENTS TO PART CONTRACTORS	150,000
25	(07) UI ADVANCE REPAYMENT	<u>1</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$702,000,001</u>

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28 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS. There is hereby

29 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division

30 of Workforce Services Special Fund, for payment of the annual assessment to

31 maintain voting member rights in the National Association of Workforce

32 Agencies by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -

33 Annual Assessments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

1 (01) ANNUAL ASSESSMENT \$26,000

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3 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - EXCESS UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND EXPENSES.

4 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
5 from the Division of Workforce Services Special Fund, for construction,  
6 personal services and matching, maintenance and general operating expenses  
7 for the Administration Building and all other agency owned buildings,  
8 building and land acquisition, rent of buildings, and payment of unemployment  
9 benefits and expenses incurred by the Department of Commerce - Division of  
10 Workforce Services in the administration of the Division of Workforce  
11 Services Law, the Arkansas Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and the  
12 Arkansas Works Act of 2016, or their successor programs and any other  
13 programs transferred under the direction and supervision of the Division of  
14 Workforce Services, when such expenses exceed funds available from other  
15 sources by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -  
16 Excess Unemployment Benefits and Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
17 2026, the following:

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19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
21 (01) CONSTRUCTION	\$0
22 (02) RENT OF BUILDINGS	0
23 (03) PAYMENT/EXPENSES	<u>4,026,000</u>
24 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,026,000</u>

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26 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.

27 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
28 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
29 State, for grant payments of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act by  
30 the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Workforce  
31 Innovation and Opportunity Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
32 following:

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34 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
36 (01) WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY	

1 ACT PAYMENTS \$30,000,000

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3 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - U I TRUST FUND INTEREST/UNEMPLOYMENT

4 INSURANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to  
5 be payable from the Employment Security Advance Interest Trust Fund, for  
6 paying interest incurred by the state on advances from the Federal  
7 Unemployment Trust Fund, making refunds of advance interest taxes or interest  
8 and penalty payments which were erroneously paid, and returning moneys to the  
9 Unemployment Compensation Fund Clearing Account which were incorrectly  
10 identified and erroneously transferred, if needed by the Department of  
11 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - U I Trust Fund  
12 Interest/Unemployment Insurance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
13 following:

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15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
17 (01) U I TRUST FUND INTEREST	\$3,000,000
18 (02) LOAN INTEREST	<u>1</u>
19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,000,001</u>

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21 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - REED ACT FUNDS. There is hereby  
22 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash  
23 funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for construction, improvement of  
24 buildings, rent and lease costs, acquisition of data processing equipment,  
25 acquisition of land, payment of salaries and related benefits, maintenance  
26 and general operation and for the payment of unemployment insurance benefits  
27 or as prescribed by the Social Security Act by the Department of Commerce -  
28 Division of Workforce Services - Reed Act Funds for the fiscal year ending  
29 June 30, 2026, the following:

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31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
33 (01) REED ACT FUNDS	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

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35 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. There is hereby  
36 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying

1 account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal  
 2 services, maintenance and general operations by the Department of Commerce -  
 3 Division of Workforce Services - New Hire Registry for the fiscal year ending  
 4 June 30, 2026, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
8 (01) NEW HIRE REGISTRY-PERSONAL SERVICES, 9 MAINTENANCE & GENERAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$250,000</u>

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11 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - TRAINING  
 12 TRUST FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to  
 13 be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund, for  
 14 personal services, operating expenses, and grants for the Worker Training  
 15 Program of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -  
 16 Training Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20 (01) PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING EXPENSES 21 AND GRANTS	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

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23 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -  
 24 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to  
 25 the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce  
 26 Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund, for personal services  
 27 and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce  
 28 Services - Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund for the fiscal year  
 29 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
33 (01) ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

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35 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. There  
 36 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the



1 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal  
2 Officer of the State, for Payments of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program  
3 by of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Trade  
4 Adjustment Assistance Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
5 following:

6	7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
9	(01) TAA SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	\$200,000
10	(02) TAA VENDOR PAYMENTS	<u>1,000,000</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,200,000</u>

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13 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - ADULT EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION -  
14 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to  
15 be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Fund, for personal  
16 services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of  
17 Workforce Services - Adult Education Administration - Operations for the  
18 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

19	20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,790,388
23	(02) EXTRA HELP	7,000
24	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	639,393
25	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	214,507
27	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,500
28	(C) PROF. FEES	0
29	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
31	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,661,788</u>

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33 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL ADULT BASIC EDUCATION. There is  
34 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
35 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
36 personal services, operating expenses and grants by the Department of

1 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Federal Adult Basic Education for  
2 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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4	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
6	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$423,968
7	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	146,387
8	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	132,467
10	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,200
11	(C) PROF. FEES	9,000
12	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13	(E) DATA PROC.	0
14	(04) ADULT BASIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>10,369,442</u>
15	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$11,131,464</u>

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17 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADULT LITERACY.

18 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
19 from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund  
20 Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants by the  
21 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Governor's  
22 Commission on Adult Literacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
23 following:

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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$28,445
28	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,591
29	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	52,242
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,005
32	(C) PROF. FEES	0
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34	(E) DATA PROC.	0
35	(04) GRANTS TO LITERACY COUNCILS	<u>1,000,000</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,096,283</u>

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SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - ADULT BASIC AND GENERAL EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for Adult Basic and General Adult Education grants and aid by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Basic and General Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) ADULT BASIC & GENERAL ADULT EDUCATION	<u>\$22,770,569</u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - GED TESTING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for the cost of individuals taking the General Education Development (GED) test and official practice test of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - GED Testing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) GED TEST COSTS	<u>\$400,000</u>

SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. Any balance in the funds made available by this Act for the New Hire Registry which remain on June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose.

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

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

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting

1 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or  
2 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name  
3 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the  
4 written request set forth in (1) above;

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

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

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
18 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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20 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA  
22 HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Division of Workforce Services for  
23 the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-  
24 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
25 appropriated herein for such purposes: ~~four hundred thirty three~~ fifty(~~433~~)  
26 (50) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to  
27 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or  
28 its successor, for the appropriate classification. Any of these positions  
29 utilized in a manner which are funded by federal sources are specifically  
30 exempt from limitation of hours, either by Act or Regulation.

31 In order to comply with the timeliness requirements set forth by the  
32 Social Security Act, the Chairman of the Board of Review is authorized to  
33 utilize part-time or temporary employees from the pool of positions provided  
34 to the Division of Workforce Services in any occurrence where the number of  
35 appeals to the Board of Review or Appeal Tribunal increases above a level  
36 that can be resolved by the permanent staff in a timely manner. The Division

1 of Workforce Services will determine the appropriate funding source within  
2 the Department for said positions.

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 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
8 OF APPROPRIATION. Subject to such rules and regulations as may be  
9 implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after having sought  
10 the prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
11 Committee, the Director of the Division of Workforce Services is hereby  
12 authorized to make transfers from any appropriation made by this Act to any  
13 other appropriation made by this Act with the exception of the "Reed Act  
14 Funds" appropriations set forth in the Reed Act Funds appropriation section  
15 of this Act, and of the appropriation made for Regular Salaries or  
16 Maintenance and General Operation. Such transfers may be made whenever it  
17 appears, by projecting the expenditures of any of the appropriations in this  
18 Act, that there will be a deficiency of appropriation in one item and that  
19 there will be a corresponding excess of appropriation in another item or  
20 items which may be transferred. The transfer of appropriation shall be  
21 effected only on approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Provided,  
22 however, that no transfer of appropriations may be authorized to increase the  
23 total amount appropriated for Regular Salaries, or Maintenance and General  
24 Operations, except as may be authorized elsewhere by law.

25 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
26 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
27 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
28 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
29 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
30 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
31 has determined that the Division of Workforce Services may operate more  
32 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Division of Workforce  
33 Services authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both  
34 necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by  
35 requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
36 as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.  
2 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
3 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
4 this entire section is void.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
6 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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8 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING  
10 TRUST FUND TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the  
11 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and  
12 those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of up to  
13 two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the Division of  
14 Workforce Services Training Trust Fund to the Skills Development Fund.

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
16 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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18 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FEDERAL  
20 MATCHING. The funds appropriated in Sections for Adult Basic and General  
21 Adult Education of this Act may also be used to match any available federal  
22 funds from any agency in order to provide the maximum amount of money  
23 possible for the purposes enumerated in such Section.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
25 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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27 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADULT  
29 EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION. All funds that become available for Adult Education  
30 shall be distributed to those administrative units determined to be operating  
31 efficient adult education programs, under criteria established by the  
32 Division of Workforce Services. The criteria shall include the relative  
33 efficiency of administration of the program in the counties served and  
34 achievement of federal performance indicators. The Division of Workforce  
35 Services shall promulgate rules and regulations for the distribution of funds  
36 in accordance with criteria to be determined by the Board. In the

1 distribution of funds to local units the Board shall consider performance in  
2 meeting state and federal performance indicators. Unallocated funds will be  
3 redistributed based upon need as determined by the Division of Workforce  
4 Services.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
6 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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8 SECTION 24. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
9 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
10 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
11 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
14 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
16 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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

1 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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