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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1008

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 PUBLIC
11 SAFETY - DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE
12 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
17 SAFETY - DIVISION OF EMERGENCY
18 MANAGEMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-
19 2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
26 Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management for the 2026-
27 2027 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 2026-2027
33	(1) EEX18A	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE01
34	(2) SPS05C	PUBLIC SAFETY DEPUTY DIRECTOR	3	GRADE SPC06
35	(3) LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE SPC05
36	(4) FFS03C	FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	2	GRADE SGS09



1	(5)	SEM04P EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUPVR/EXPERT	7	GRADE SGS08
2	(6)	TFM02C FACILITY MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS07
3	(7)	FGM03C GRANTS MANAGER	2	GRADE SGS07
4	(8)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
5	(9)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
6	(10)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
7	(11)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
8	(12)	CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
9	(13)	CTR02P TRAINER	1	GRADE SGS07
10	(14)	TAT11I TRUCK DRIVER	3	GRADE SGS06
11	(15)	SIA10P CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS06
12	(16)	SEM01P EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	13	GRADE SGS06
13	(17)	FGM04P GRANTS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06
14	(18)	TIW07P SURPLUS PROPERTY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS06
15	(19)	SEM03P EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	13	GRADE SGS05
16	(20)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	8	GRADE SGS05
17	(21)	PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
18	(22)	TIW06P SURPLUS PROPERTY AGENT	5	GRADE SGS05
19	(23)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	7	GRADE SGS04
20	(24)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	6	GRADE SGS04
21	(25)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	3	GRADE SGS04
22	(26)	TIW01P INVENTORY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
23	(27)	TMA03P MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
24	(28)	SEM05P EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WATCH OFFICER	9	GRADE SGS03
25	(29)	TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE SGS03
26	(30)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
27	(31)	IIA06C IT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
28	(32)	IIS11P IT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE IST09
29	(33)	IIS01P IT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IST08
30	(34)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	2	GRADE IST06
31	(35)	IUS05P USER SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE IST06
32	(36)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IST04
33	(37)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE IST02
34	(38)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS06
35		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	112	

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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: twenty-eight (28) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,773,472
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,103,566
(03) OVERTIME	10,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	490,306
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,377,344</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and First Responder and Homeland Security Grants and Aid of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$539,171
(02) EXTRA HELP	156,438
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	226,696
(04) OVERTIME	5,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,155,207
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) GRANTS/AID - FIRST RESPONDER & HOMELAND SECURITY	<u>10,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$12,282,512</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DISASTER RELIEF GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and Disaster Relief Grants and Aid of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Disaster Relief Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$537,563
(02) EXTRA HELP	625,751
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	305,431
(04) OVERTIME	175,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	120,850
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
(C) PROF. FEES	234,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0

1	(06) GRANTS/AID DISASTER RELIEF	<u>436,491,222</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$438,520,317</u></u>

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4 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. There is hereby

5 appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the

6 Office of Hazardous Materials Emergency Management Revolving Fund, for

7 personal services, operating expenses and Hazardous Materials Management

8 Grants and Aid of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency

9 Management - Hazardous Materials for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,

10 the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$176,152
15	(02) EXTRA HELP	32,176
16	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	79,014
17	(04) OVERTIME	5,000
18	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	280,438
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	82,792
21	(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	0
24	(06) GRANTS/AID - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	
25	MANAGEMENT	<u>10,000</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$690,572</u></u>

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28 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - DISASTER RELIEF TRUST. There is hereby

29 appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the

30 Arkansas Disaster Relief Program Trust Fund, for assistance to victims of

31 state or federally declared disasters of the Department of Public Safety -

32 Division of Emergency Management - Disaster Relief Trust for the fiscal year

33 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

1 (01) GRANTS/AID - DISASTER RELIEF \$639,365

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3 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANTS.

4 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be
 5 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 6 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the
 7 Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Radiological
 8 Emergency Response Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 9 following:

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11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$20,500
15 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	19,500
16 (C) PROF. FEES	0
17 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$40,000</u>

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21 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - CASH. There
 22 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable
 23 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 24 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of
 25 Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Emergency Operations
 26 Center - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30 (01) EOC EXPENSES	<u>\$207,440</u>

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32 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is
 33 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from
 34 the Federal Surplus Property Fund, for personal services and operating
 35 expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency
 36 Management - Federal Surplus Property Program for the fiscal year ending June

1 30, 2027, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 NO.	2026-2027
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$670,427
6 (02) EXTRA HELP	6,000
7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	284,385
8 (04) OVERTIME	30,000
9 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,092,031
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
12 (C) PROF. FEES	15,263
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
15 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,113,106</u></u>

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17 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS 911 RURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.

18 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be
 19 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 20 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating
 21 expenses and Enhancement Grants and Aid of the Department of Public Safety -
 22 Division of Emergency Management - Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program for
 23 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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25 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26 NO.	2026-2027
27 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$94,074
28 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	30,237
29 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	937,636
31 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
32 (C) PROF. FEES	0
33 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34 (E) DATA PROC.	0
35 (04) ENHANCEMENT GRANTS	<u>2,000,000</u>
36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,071,947</u></u>

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 2 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - IMMEDIATE DISASTER RESPONSE. There is
 3 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety - Division of
 4 Emergency Management, to be payable from the Immediate Disaster Response
 5 Fund, for immediate expenses related to disaster response requests for the
 6 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
10 (01) IMMEDIATE DISASTER RESPONSE	<u>\$200,000</u>

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 12 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS PUBLIC SAFETY TRUST. There is
 13 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety - Division of
 14 Emergency Management, to be payable from the Arkansas Public Safety Trust
 15 Fund, for disbursements related to costs that enhance, operate, and maintain
 16 911 services in the State of Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 17 2027, the following:

19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21 (01) REFUNDS/INVESTMENTS/TRANSFERS	<u>\$75,000,000</u>

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 23 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS PUBLIC SAFETY TRUST FUND
 24 ADMINISTRATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public
 25 Safety, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 26 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for administrative
 27 expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency
 28 Management - Arkansas Public Safety Trust Fund Administration for the fiscal
 29 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
33 (01) ARKANSAS PUBLIC SAFETY TRUST FUND 34 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	<u>\$168,000</u>

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 36 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK -

1 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to
 2 be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined
 3 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses of the Department of
 4 Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Arkansas Wireless
 5 Information Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 6 following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
10 (01) ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK	
11 EXPENSES	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

13 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK.

14 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be
 15 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services
 16 and operating expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of
 17 Emergency Management - Arkansas Wireless Information Network for the fiscal
 18 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
22 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$479,041
23 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	168,350
24 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,801,925
26 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
27 (C) PROF. FEES	0
28 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
30 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$7,454,316</u>

32 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - LEVEE MITIGATION - CASH. There is hereby
 33 appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from the cash
 34 fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 35 Officer of the State, for expenses related to levee mitigation efforts
 36 throughout the State of Arkansas of the Department of Public Safety -

1 Division of Emergency Management - Levee Mitigation - Cash for the fiscal
 2 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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4	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
6	(01) LEVEE MITIGATION PROGRAM	<u>\$3,246</u>
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8 SECTION 18. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.

9 There is hereby established for the Department of Public Safety - Division of
 10 Emergency Management - Office of Fire Protection Services for the 2026-2027
 11 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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13				Maximum Annual
14			Maximum	Salary Rate
15	Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
16	<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17	(1)	SAS01I ARCHITECT	1	GRADE SPC03
18	(2)	SFI05C STATE FIRE MARSHALL	1	GRADE SGS09
19	(3)	TCO01P CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
20	(4)	IIN02P INSPECTOR II	<u>2</u>	GRADE SGS05
21		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5	
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23 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES. There
 24 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable
 25 from the Fire Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 26 the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Office
 27 of Fire Protection Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 28 following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$261,944
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	131,342
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	29,423
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	150

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(04) FIRE SERVICES TRANSFER	<u>1,600,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,022,859</u></u>

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 7 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD. There is
 8 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from
 9 the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for miscellaneous grants and
 10 expenses of the Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency
 11 Management - Fire Protection Services Board for the fiscal year ending June
 12 30, 2027, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
16	(01) FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	<u><u>\$30,000</u></u>

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 18 SECTION 21. REGULAR SALARIES - NUCLEAR PLANNING AND RESPONSE PROGRAM.
 19 There is hereby established for the Department of Public Safety - Division of
 20 Emergency Management - Nuclear Planning and Response Program for the 2026-
 21 2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

23				Maximum Annual
24				Salary Rate
25	Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
26	<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
26			<u>Employees</u>	
27	(1)	SPH01P PHYSICIST	2	GRADE SPC01
28	(2)	PHS08P HEALTH PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS08
29	(3)	PHS05P HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
30	(4)	CTR02P TRAINER	1	GRADE SGS07
31	(5)	TAT03I ENGINEERING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
32	(6)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS04
33	(7)	TST07P TRADES SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
34		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10	

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 36 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - NUCLEAR PLANNING AND RESPONSE. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, to be payable from
 2 the Arkansas Nuclear Planning and Response Fund, for personal services,
 3 operating expenses and grants and aid of the Department of Public Safety -
 4 Division of Emergency Management - Nuclear Planning and Response for the
 5 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$462,519
10 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	178,677
11 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	750,724
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
14 (C) PROF. FEES	0
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	225,000
16 (E) DATA PROC.	0
17 (04) GRANTS/AIDS	<u>375,000</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,996,920</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 23. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 21 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 22 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 23 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 24 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 25 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 26 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 27 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 28 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 30 SECTION 24. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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3 SECTION 25. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
4 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
5 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
6 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
7 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
8 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
9 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
10 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
11 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
12 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
13 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.