

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026
4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1017

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING,
10 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF AGRICULTURE - PROMOTION BOARDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
16 - PROMOTION BOARDS APPROPRIATION FOR THE
17 2026-2027 FISCAL 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. APPROPRIATION - BEEF COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated,
24 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Beef Council Fund,
25 for operating, research and development expenses of the Department of
26 Agriculture - Arkansas Beef Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
27 the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$22,076
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
(C) PROF. FEES	3,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0



1	(02) RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	<u>1,037,000</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,067,076</u></u>

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 4 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - CATFISH PROMOTION BOARD. There is hereby
 5 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 6 Arkansas Catfish Promotion Fund, for operating expenses, research, promotion
 7 and consumer activities of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Catfish
 8 Promotion Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
12	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,000
14	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
15	(C) PROF. FEES	0
16	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17	(E) DATA PROC.	0
18	(02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	25,000
19	(03) RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT	<u>94,000</u>
20	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$120,000</u></u>

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 22 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CORN AND GRAIN SORGHUM PROMOTION BOARD.
 23 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 24 from the Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board Fund, for operating,
 25 research and development expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas
 26 Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 27 2027, the following:

29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
34	(C) PROF. FEES	0
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36	(E) DATA PROC.	0

1	(02) RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	<u>1,975,000</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,000,000</u></u>

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 4 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - RICE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD. There is
 5 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 6 Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Fund, for operating, research and
 7 development expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Rice
 8 Research and Promotion Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 9 following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$14,200
15	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
16	(C) PROF. FEES	0
17	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18	(E) DATA PROC.	0
19	(02) RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	<u>6,966,496</u>
20	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,980,696</u></u>

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 22 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - RICE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD- CASH.
 23 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 24 from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for rice research
 25 and development of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Rice Research and
 26 Promotion Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30	(01) RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	<u><u>\$15,000,000</u></u>

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 32 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - SOYBEAN PROMOTION BOARD. There is hereby
 33 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 34 Soybean Promotion Fund, for operating, research and development expenses of
 35 the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board for the
 36 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
4	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,500
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
7	(C) PROF. FEES	2,000
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(02) RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	<u>8,537,500</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,600,000</u></u>

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13 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD. There is hereby

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

15 Arkansas Wheat Promotion Fund, for operating, research and development

16 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board

17 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$3,599
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
24	(C) PROF. FEES	0
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	0
27	(02) RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	<u>440,895</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$444,494</u></u>

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30 SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

31 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

33 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal

36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
2 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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4 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
5 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
6 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
7 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
8 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
9 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
10 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
11 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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13 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
14 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
15 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
16 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
17 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
18 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
19 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
20 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
21 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
22 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
23 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.
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