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SENATE BILL 10

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, 2027; 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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027
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 2026-2027
32	(1) LAT06C	ATTORNEY IV	1	GRADE SPC09
33	(2) LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	2	GRADE SPC08
34	(3) FAC11C	DIVISION FISCAL ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC07
35	(4) FAC04C	ACCOUNTING MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC06
36	(5) FAC10C	CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC06



1	(6)	FIN03P FINANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC06
2	(7)	FAC06C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	3	GRADE SPC05
3	(8)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE SPC05
4	(9)	FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE SPC02
5	(10)	FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I	5	GRADE SPC01
6	(11)	FAU03P AUDITOR I	1	GRADE SPC01
7	(12)	FFS01C FISCAL SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SGS10
8	(13)	FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS09
9	(14)	PCO04P COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
10	(15)	PPR05P PROCUREMENT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
11	(16)	FBU01P BUDGET ANALYST	4	GRADE SGS07
12	(17)	PCO01P COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
13	(18)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS07
14	(19)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS07
15	(20)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS07
16	(21)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
17	(22)	PCO03P COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
18	(23)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	5	GRADE SGS06
19	(24)	FGM04P GRANTS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS06
20	(25)	TMA04P MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06
21	(26)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
22	(27)	FBU03P BUDGET SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS05
23	(28)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	5	GRADE SGS05
24	(29)	PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS05
25	(30)	PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	4	GRADE SGS05
26	(31)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS04
27	(32)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	20	GRADE SGS04
28	(33)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
29	(34)	TMA03P MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS04
30	(35)	TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE SGS03
31	(36)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
32	(37)	MRE02P REHABILITATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MED02
33	(38)	IIE04C IT SECURITY EXPERT	1	GRADE IST10
34	(39)	IIP03P IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
35	(40)	IAS03P APPLICATIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IST09
36	(41)	IAS05P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER II	5	GRADE IST08

1	(42)	IAS01P APPLICATIONS ANALYST I	2	GRADE IST07
2	(43)	IDM02P DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE IST07
3	(44)	IAS04P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER I	6	GRADE IST06
4	(45)	IIE02P IT SECURITY ANALYST I	3	GRADE IST06
5	(46)	IUS02P USER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE IST05
6	(47)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE IST04
7	(48)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	10	GRADE IST02
8	(49)	IAS07C STATE APPLICATIONS ADMINISTRATOR	<u>3</u>	GRADE IST11
9		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	136	

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11 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 12 to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as
 13 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
 14 and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce
 15 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$8,165,436
20	(02) EXTRA HELP	200,000
21	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,042,896
22	(04) OVERTIME	100,000
23	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,200,000
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
26	(C) PROF. FEES	250,000
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	250,000
28	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,258,332</u>

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31 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - TRUST FUND. There is hereby
 32 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division
 33 of Workforce Services Trust Fund, for personal services and operating
 34 expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 35 Operations - Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 36 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$29,196,349
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,000,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	11,648,479
(04) OVERTIME	360,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	19,335,741
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	396,990
(C) PROF. FEES	1,672,462
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$63,610,021</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND EXPENSES - CASH.
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for unemployment benefit payments and other expenses including disaster relief payments, training allowances, payments to participant contractors and Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund loan repayments by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Unemployment Benefits and Expenses - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) DISASTER RELIEF PAYMENTS	\$350,000
(02) FEDERALLY PAID BENEFITS PAYMENTS	200,000,000
(03) U I BENEFITS - REIMBURSABLE EMPLOYERS	1,000,000
(04) U I BENEFITS - TAXABLE EMPLOYERS	500,000,000
(05) TRAINING ALLOWANCES	500,000
(06) PAYMENTS TO PART CONTRACTORS	150,000
(07) UI ADVANCE REPAYMENT	<u>1</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$702,000,001</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division
 2 of Workforce Services Special Fund, for payment of the annual assessment to
 3 maintain voting member rights in the National Association of Workforce
 4 Agencies by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 5 Annual Assessments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) ANNUAL ASSESSMENT	<u>\$26,000</u>

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 11 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - EXCESS UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND EXPENSES.
 12 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 13 from the Division of Workforce Services Special Fund, for construction,
 14 personal services and matching, maintenance and general operating expenses
 15 for the Administration Building and all other agency owned buildings,
 16 building and land acquisition, rent of buildings, and payment of unemployment
 17 benefits and expenses incurred by the Department of Commerce - Division of
 18 Workforce Services in the administration of the Division of Workforce
 19 Services Law, the Arkansas Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and the
 20 Arkansas Works Act of 2016, or their successor programs and any other
 21 programs transferred under the direction and supervision of the Division of
 22 Workforce Services, when such expenses exceed funds available from other
 23 sources by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 24 Excess Unemployment Benefits and Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 25 2027, the following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29 (01) CONSTRUCTION	\$0
30 (02) RENT OF BUILDINGS	0
31 (03) PAYMENT/EXPENSES	<u>10,000,000</u>
32 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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 34 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.
 35 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 36 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the

1 State, for grant payments of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act by
 2 the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Workforce
 3 Innovation and Opportunity Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 4 following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
8 (01) WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY	
9 ACT PAYMENTS	<u>\$30,000,000</u>

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11 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - U I TRUST FUND INTEREST/UNEMPLOYMENT

12 INSURANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 13 be payable from the Employment Security Advance Interest Trust Fund, for
 14 paying interest incurred by the state on advances from the Federal
 15 Unemployment Trust Fund, making refunds of advance interest taxes or interest
 16 and penalty payments which were erroneously paid, and returning moneys to the
 17 Unemployment Compensation Fund Clearing Account which were incorrectly
 18 identified and erroneously transferred, if needed by the Department of
 19 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - U I Trust Fund
 20 Interest/Unemployment Insurance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 21 following:

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23 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
25 (01) U I TRUST FUND INTEREST	\$3,000,000
26 (02) LOAN INTEREST	<u>1</u>
27 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,000,001</u>

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29 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - REED ACT FUNDS. There is hereby
 30 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash
 31 funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for construction, improvement of
 32 buildings, rent and lease costs, acquisition of data processing equipment,
 33 acquisition of land, payment of salaries and related benefits, maintenance
 34 and general operation and for the payment of unemployment insurance benefits
 35 or as prescribed by the Social Security Act by the Department of Commerce -
 36 Division of Workforce Services - Reed Act Funds for the fiscal year ending

1 June 30, 2027, the following:

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3	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
5	(01) REED ACT FUNDS	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

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7 SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -
 8 REEMPLOYMENT. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce -
 9 Division of Workforce Services - Reemployment for the 2026-2027 fiscal year,
 10 the following maximum number of regular employees.

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				Maximum	Maximum Annual
				No. of	Salary Rate
14	Item	Class		Employees	Fiscal Year
15	<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>		<u>2026-2027</u>
16	(1)	EEX55A	WORKFORCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC10
17	(2)	LAT02C	APPEALS TRIBUNAL CHAIRMAN	1	GRADE SPC10
18	(3)	FAC04C	ACCOUNTING MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC06
19	(4)	PCO02C	COMMERCE PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE SPC05
20	(5)	LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	7	GRADE SPC05
21	(6)	FAC05P	ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC04
22	(7)	FAU04P	AUDITOR II	2	GRADE SPC02
23	(8)	FAC01P	ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE SPC01
24	(9)	FAU03P	AUDITOR I	12	GRADE SPC01
25	(10)	PQA02C	QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS09
26	(11)	PCA03P	CLAIMS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
27	(12)	PCO04P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	19	GRADE SGS08
28	(13)	PCO01P	COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	5	GRADE SGS07
29	(14)	ILS02I	HEARING OFFICER	10	GRADE SGS06
30	(15)	PCR03P	CLAIMS REVIEW SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	7	GRADE SGS06
31	(16)	PCO03P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	22	GRADE SGS06
32	(17)	FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS06
33	(18)	PPE03P	PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE SGS06
34	(19)	PAS01P	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	19	GRADE SGS05
35	(20)	PCR01P	CLAIMS REVIEW ANALYST	8	GRADE SGS05
36	(21)	IIV03P	INVESTIGATOR II	12	GRADE SGS05

1	(22)	PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	118	GRADE SGS05
2	(23)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	5	GRADE SGS04
3	(24)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	11	GRADE SGS04
4	(25)	PCO05P TAX SPECIALIST	29	GRADE SGS04
5	(26)	PCR02P CLAIMS REVIEW SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS03
6	(27)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	<u>21</u>	GRADE SGS02
7		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	325	

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9 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - REEMPLOYMENT - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 10 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal
 11 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 12 services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of
 13 Workforce Services - Reemployment - Federal for the fiscal year ending June
 14 30, 2027, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,050,500
19	(02) EXTRA HELP	500,000
20	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,685,817
21	(04) OVERTIME	260,000
22	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,000,000
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	75,000
25	(C) PROF. FEES	775,000
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
27	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$21,346,317</u></u>

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30 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. There is hereby
 31 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying
 32 account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 33 services, maintenance and general operations by the Department of Commerce -
 34 Division of Workforce Services - New Hire Registry for the fiscal year ending
 35 June 30, 2027, the following:

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1 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
3 (01) NEW HIRE REGISTRY-PERSONAL SERVICES,	
4 MAINTENANCE & GENERAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$250,000</u>

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6 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - TRAINING
7 TRUST FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
8 be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund, for
9 personal services, operating expenses, and grants for the Worker Training
10 Program of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
11 Training Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

13 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
15 (01) PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING EXPENSES	
16 AND GRANTS	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

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18 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -
19 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to
20 the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce
21 Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund, for personal services
22 and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce
23 Services - Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund for the fiscal year
24 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

26 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
28 (01) ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

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30 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. There
31 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
32 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
33 Officer of the State, for Payments of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program
34 by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Trade
35 Adjustment Assistance Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
36 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) TAA SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	\$200,000
(02) TAA VENDOR PAYMENTS	<u>1,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,200,000</u></u>

SECTION 16. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Workforce Connections for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX56A	WORKFORCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	PPE14C	WORKFORCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(3)	PWD04P	WORKFORCE DEVELOP SUPERVISOR/EXP	1	GRADE SPC06
(4)	PCO02C	COMMERCE PROGRAM MANAGER	3	GRADE SPC05
(5)	PWD02P	WORKFORCE DEVELOP PROJECT CONSULT	1	GRADE SPC05
(6)	PWD01P	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SPC03
(7)	PCO04P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	7	GRADE SGS08
(8)	PCO01P	COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	12	GRADE SGS07
(9)	PPE01P	FIELD OFFICE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	14	GRADE SGS07
(10)	PCO03P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	23	GRADE SGS06
(11)	FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
(12)	PAS01P	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	6	GRADE SGS05
(13)	FGM02P	GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
(14)	PPE02P	PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	59	GRADE SGS05
(15)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
(16)	PAS03P	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS02
(17)	HDH05P	HR COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	137	

1 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS. There is
 2 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 3 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 4 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -
 5 Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Workforce Connections 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) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,000,000
11 (02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
12 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	789,450
13 (04) OVERTIME	10,000
14 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,310,000
16 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
17 (C) PROF. FEES	1,000,000
18 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
19 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,384,450</u></u>

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 22 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - WAGNER PEYSER - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 23 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal
 24 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 25 services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of
 26 Workforce Services - Wagner Peyser - Federal for the fiscal year ending June
 27 30, 2027, the following:

29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31 (01) WAGNER PEYSER - FEDERAL	<u><u>\$7,000,000</u></u>

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 33 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - JOBS FOR VETERANS - FEDERAL. 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 and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce -

1 Division of Workforce Services - Jobs for Veterans - Federal 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) JOBS FOR VETERANS - FEDERAL	<u>\$1,750,000</u>

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8 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM -
 9 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be
 10 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 11 the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of
 12 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Foreign Labor Certification
 13 Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17 (01) FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	<u>\$450,000</u>

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19 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT - FEDERAL.
 20 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 21 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 22 State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of
 23 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Work Opportunity Tax Credit -
 24 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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26 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
28 (01) WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM	<u>\$450,000</u>

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30 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM -
 31 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be
 32 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 33 the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of
 34 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Trade Adjustment Assistance
 35 Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM - FEDERAL	<u>\$350,000</u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - REIMAGINE - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Reimagine - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REIMAGINE PROGRAM	<u>\$600,000</u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

SECTION 25. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK/EXISTING BUSINESS. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network/Existing Business for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Maximum Annual

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1) PPE14C WORKFORCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(2) PED04P ECONOMIC DEVELOP SUPERVISOR/EXP	4	GRADE SPC07
(3) PCO02C COMMERCE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC05
(4) PWD02P WORKFORCE DEVELOP PROJECT CONSULT	1	GRADE SPC05
(5) FBU01P BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS07
(6) PWD03P WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	<u>3</u>	GRADE SPC01
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	11	

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK/EXISTING BUSINESS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network/Existing Business for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$448,600
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	144,950
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$638,550</u></u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - State for the fiscal

1 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
5 (01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u>\$257,182</u>

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7 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK -
 8 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be
 9 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 10 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and
 11 field services by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services
 12 - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal for the fiscal year
 13 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

14

15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$764,198
18 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	252,048
19 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	269,550
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
22 (C) PROF. FEES	0
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0
25 (04) FIELD SERVICES	<u>800,000</u>
26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,085,796</u>

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28 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK -
 29 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be
 30 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 31 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating
 32 expenses, and grants and aid by the Department of Commerce - Division of
 33 Workforce Services - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for the
 34 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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36 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$345,963
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	117,821
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
7	(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
11	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>13,270</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,162,614</u></u>

13

14 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION AND INTELLIGENCE

15 NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

16 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services, to be payable from the federal

17 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal

18 services and operating expenses to support the creation of a National Supply

19 Chain Optimization and Intelligence Network (S-COIN) of the Department of

20 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the fiscal year ending June 30,

21 2027, the following:

22		
23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
25	(01) SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION AND	
26	INTELLIGENCE NETWORK	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

27

28 SECTION 31. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is

29 hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce

30 Services - Office of Skills Development for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the

31 following maximum number of regular employees.

32			
33			Maximum Annual
34		Maximum	Salary Rate
35	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
36	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

1	(1) PPE14C WORKFORCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
2	(2) PWD02P WORKFORCE DEVELOP PROJECT CONSULT	1	GRADE SPC05
3	(3) PWD01P WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SPC03
4	(4) FAU04P AUDITOR II	1	GRADE SPC02
5	(5) PWD03P WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	9	GRADE SPC01
6	(6) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
7	(7) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
8	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	17	

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10 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is

11 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

12 Skills Development Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, grants

13 and expenses of the Apprenticeship and Industry Training programs by the

14 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Office of Skills

15 Development for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

16

17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$870,966
20	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	290,541
21	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	353,000
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
24	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	0
27	(04) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	8,000,000
28	(05) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	15,000,000
29	(06) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM	<u>1,611,456</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$26,210,963</u></u>

31

32 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT TRAINING

33 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be

34 payable from the Arkansas Construction Industry Craft Training Trust Fund,

35 for personal services, operating expenses and grants by the Department of

36 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Construction Industry Craft

1 Training Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$54,061
6 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	20,338
7 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	32,000
9 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
10 (C) PROF. FEES	0
11 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12 (E) DATA PROC.	0
13 (04) GRANTS TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT	<u>800,000</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$916,399</u></u>

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16 SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION. There is

17 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

18 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

19 personal services and operating expenses, and to expand opportunities

20 relating to apprenticeship programs registered under the National

21 Apprenticeship Act through grants, cooperative agreements, contracts and

22 other arrangements, with states and other appropriate entities by the

23 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - State

24 Apprenticeship Expansion for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

25 following:

26

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29 (01) STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION FORMULA	<u><u>\$1,130,150</u></u>

30

31 SECTION 35. REGULAR SALARIES - ADULT EDUCATION. There is hereby

32 established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -

33 Adult Education for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number

34 of regular employees.

35

36 Maximum Annual

Item	Class	Maximum	Salary Rate
No.	Code Title	No. of	Fiscal Year
		Employees	2026-2027
(1)	PPE14C WORKFORCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(2)	PWD04P WORKFORCE DEVELOP SUPERVISOR/EXP	1	GRADE SPC06
(3)	PWD01P WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC03
(4)	PCO04P COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	4	GRADE SGS08
(5)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	2	GRADE SGS07
(6)	PCO01P COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	6	GRADE SGS07
(7)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE SGS05
(8)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	21	

SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - ADULT EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Education Administration - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,792,288
(02) EXTRA HELP	7,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	639,837
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	214,507
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,500
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,664,132</u></u>

SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL ADULT BASIC EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

1 personal services, operating expenses and grants by the Department of
 2 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Federal Adult Basic Education for
 3 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

4

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$423,968
8 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	146,387
9 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	132,467
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,200
12 (C) PROF. FEES	9,000
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (04) ADULT BASIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>10,369,442</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,131,464</u></u>

17

18 SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADULT LITERACY.
 19 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 20 from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund
 21 Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants by the
 22 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Governor's
 23 Commission on Adult Literacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 24 following:

25

26 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
28 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$28,445
29 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,591
30 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	52,242
32 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,005
33 (C) PROF. FEES	0
34 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35 (E) DATA PROC.	0
36 (04) GRANTS TO LITERACY COUNCILS	<u>1,000,000</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$1,096,283

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 3 SECTION 39. APPROPRIATION - ADULT BASIC AND GENERAL EDUCATION. There
 4 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 5 Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for
 6 Adult Basic and General Adult Education grants and aid by the Department of
 7 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Basic and General Education
 8 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
12	(01) ADULT BASIC & GENERAL ADULT EDUCATION	<u>\$22,770,569</u>

13
 14 SECTION 40. APPROPRIATION - GED TESTING. There is hereby appropriated,
 15 to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Career and
 16 Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for the cost of individuals
 17 taking the General Education Development (GED) test and official practice
 18 test of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - GED
 19 Testing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
23	(01) GED TEST COSTS	<u>\$400,000</u>

24
 25 SECTION 41. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
 26 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas
 27 Rehabilitation Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum
 28 number of regular employees.

30				Maximum Annual
31				Salary Rate
32	Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
33	<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34	(1)	PPE14C	WORKFORCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SPC08
35	(2)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	1 GRADE SPC08
36	(3)	PCO02C	COMMERCE PROGRAM MANAGER	3 GRADE SPC05

1	(4)	FAC03P ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC03
2	(5)	SCM03P LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE SPC03
3	(6)	PCO04P COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	7	GRADE SGS08
4	(7)	PQA04P QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVIS/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS08
5	(8)	ETF07P VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE SGS08
6	(9)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
7	(10)	CPR04I INTERPRETER	1	GRADE SGS07
8	(11)	PQA01P QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	4	GRADE SGS07
9	(12)	TST05P SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
10	(13)	CTR02P TRAINER	1	GRADE SGS07
11	(14)	TMA04P MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS06
12	(15)	PQA03P QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS06
13	(16)	SSE03P SECURITY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06
14	(17)	ETF05P TEACHER I	1	GRADE SGS06
15	(18)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE SGS05
16	(19)	TIW04P INVENTORY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS05
17	(20)	CME04P MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
18	(21)	PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS05
19	(22)	PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	14	GRADE SGS05
20	(23)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	16	GRADE SGS04
21	(24)	TFM01P FACILITY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
22	(25)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
23	(26)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	2	GRADE SGS04
24	(27)	TST07P TRADES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
25	(28)	TIW03P INVENTORY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS03
26	(29)	TFS05P KITCHEN SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS03
27	(30)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	77	GRADE SGS02
28	(31)	TFS01P COOK	1	GRADE SGS01
29	(32)	THO01P HOUSEKEEPER	1	GRADE SGS01
30	(33)	PRC04P RESIDENTIAL CARE SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS01
31	(34)	MPH03P PHYSICIAN	1	GRADE MED10
32	(35)	MNU04P NURSE PRACTITIONER	1	GRADE MED08
33	(36)	MPS03P PSYCHOLOGIST I	2	GRADE MED08
34	(37)	MLM03C OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	3	GRADE MED07
35	(38)	MRE01C REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATOR	6	GRADE MED06
36	(39)	MRE04C REHABILITATION MANAGER	20	GRADE MED05

1	(40)	MRE06P VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	53	GRADE MED04
2	(41)	MPS02P PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	7	GRADE MED03
3	(42)	MNU01P LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	1	GRADE MED02
4	(43)	MRE02P REHABILITATION COORDINATOR	52	GRADE MED02
5	(44)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IST02
6	(45)	PWD01P WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORD	1	GRADE SPC03
7	(46)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
8	(47)	PCO03P COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
9	(48)	IDN02P DATA ANALYST SUPERVIS/EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST09
10		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	316	

11
 12 SECTION 42. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 13 of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation
 14 Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
 15 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 16 appropriated herein for such purposes: nineteen (19) temporary or part-time
 17 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 18 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 19 for the appropriate classification.

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 21 SECTION 43. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES. There is
 22 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 23 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 24 personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid and purchase of
 25 services by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 26 Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
 27 the following:

29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$15,437,231
32	(02) EXTRA HELP	252,000
33	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	6,022,724
34	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,401,096
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	175,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	844,903
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(05) GRANTS AND AID/PURCHASE OF SERVICES	<u>30,000,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$60,132,954</u></u>

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7 SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION - INCREASING CAPABILITIES ACCESS NETWORK -
 8 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be
 9 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 10 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 11 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services
 12 - Increasing Capabilities Access Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending
 13 June 30, 2027, the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$200,707
18	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	77,783
19	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	400,000
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,402
22	(C) PROF. FEES	20,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
24	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$818,892</u></u>

26

27 SECTION 45. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE DISABILITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
 28 EQUIPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 29 Commerce, to be payable from the Telecommunications Equipment Fund, for
 30 personal services and operating expenses and grants of the Department of
 31 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services
 32 - Statewide Disability Telecommunications Equipment Program for the fiscal
 33 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$174,003
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	71,648
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	80,000
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,000
6	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(04) ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE GRANTS	<u>310,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$647,651</u></u>

11
 12 SECTION 46. APPROPRIATION - PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM - SPECIAL.

13 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 14 from the Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities Fund, for
 15 operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce
 16 Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - People with Disabilities
 17 Program - Special for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$30,000
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
24	(C) PROF. FEES	0
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$30,000</u></u>

28
 29 SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
 30 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be
 31 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 32 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for providing loans to individuals
 33 with disabilities for essential assistive technology, adaptive equipment, and
 34 for loan administration/servicing by the Department of Commerce - Division of
 35 Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Technology Equipment
 36 Revolving Loan Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

1 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) LOANS	<u>\$750,000</u>

7 SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 8 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund
 9 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 10 the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of
 11 Workforce Services - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Cash Operations for
 12 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$356,542
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$356,542</u>

24 SECTION 49. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE
 25 BLIND. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division
 26 of Workforce Services - Division of State Services for the Blind for the
 27 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	No. of	Salary Rate
Title		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
(1)	PPE14C	1	GRADE SPC08
(2)	PCO02C	1	GRADE SPC05
(3)	PCO04P	3	GRADE SGS08
(4)	EEP03P	1	GRADE SGS07

1	(5) CTR02P TRAINER	2	GRADE SGS07
2	(6) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	6	GRADE SGS05
3	(7) PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE SGS05
4	(8) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	8	GRADE SGS04
5	(9) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	12	GRADE SGS02
6	(10) MRE04C REHABILITATION MANAGER	7	GRADE MED05
7	(11) MRE06P VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	8	GRADE MED04
8	(12) MRE02P REHABILITATION COORDINATOR	18	GRADE MED02
9	(13) PSO01P COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
10	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	69	

11
 12 SECTION 50. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 13 of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Division of State Services for
 14 the Blind for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 15 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from
 16 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: thirty (30) temporary or part-
 17 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in
 18 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this
 19 act for the appropriate classification.

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 21 SECTION 51. APPROPRIATION - STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND. There is
 22 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 23 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 24 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -
 25 Division of Workforce Services - Division of State Services for the Blind for
 26 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,179,453
31	(02) EXTRA HELP	384,174
32	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,298,688
33	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,222,186
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	155,000
36	(C) PROF. FEES	195,259

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,534,760</u></u>

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 5 SECTION 52. APPROPRIATION - BLIND SERVICES GRANTS. There is hereby
 6 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying
 7 account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants
 8 and aid and purchase of services by the Department of Commerce - Division of
 9 Workforce Services - Blind Services Grants for the fiscal year ending June
 10 30, 2027, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(01) GRANTS AND AID/PURCHASE OF SERVICES	<u><u>\$6,000,000</u></u>

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 16 SECTION 53. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -
 17 WORKFORCE POLICY & INNOVATION. There is hereby established for the
 18 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Workforce Policy &
 19 Innovation for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 20 regular employees.

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22			Maximum Annual
23		Maximum	Salary Rate
24	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
25	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
26	(1) EEX55A WORKFORCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC10
27	(2) PCO04P COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS08
28	(3) PCO03P COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	11	GRADE SGS06
29	(4) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE SGS05
30	(5) PWD01P WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SPC03
31	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	18	

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 33 SECTION 54. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - WORKFORCE
 34 POLICY & INNOVATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 35 Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Trust Fund,
 36 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -

1 Division of Workforce Services - Workforce Policy & Innovation for the fiscal
 2 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,285,000
7 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	428,792
8 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	250,000
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
11 (C) PROF. FEES	15,000
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,993,792</u></u>

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16 SECTION 55. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
 18 FORWARD - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. Any balance in the funds made available by this
 19 Act for the New Hire Registry which remain on June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, may be
 20 carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose.

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

23 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement
 24 set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
 25 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

26 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
 27 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
 28 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
 29 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
 30 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
 31 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
 32 written request set forth in (1) above;

33 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a
 34 written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
 35 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
 36 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for

1 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
 2 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
 3 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
 4 Committee; and

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

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
 10 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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 12 SECTION 56. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA
 14 HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Division of Workforce Services for
 15 the ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
 16 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 17 appropriated herein for such purposes: fifty (50) temporary or part-time
 18 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 19 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the
 20 appropriate classification. Any of these positions utilized in a manner
 21 which are funded by federal sources are specifically exempt from limitation
 22 of hours, either by Act or Regulation.

23 In order to comply with the timeliness requirements set forth by the
 24 Social Security Act, the Chairman of the Board of Review is authorized to
 25 utilize part-time or temporary employees from the pool of positions provided
 26 to the Division of Workforce Services in any occurrence where the number of
 27 appeals to the Board of Review or Appeal Tribunal increases above a level
 28 that can be resolved by the permanent staff in a timely manner. The Division
 29 of Workforce Services will determine the appropriate funding source within
 30 the Department for said positions.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
 32 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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 34 SECTION 57. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 36 OF APPROPRIATION. Subject to such rules and regulations as may be

1 implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after having sought
2 the prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
3 Committee, the Director of the Division of Workforce Services is hereby
4 authorized to make transfers from any appropriation made by this Act to any
5 other appropriation made by this Act with the exception of the "Reed Act
6 Funds" appropriations set forth in the Reed Act Funds appropriation section
7 of this Act, and of the appropriation made for Regular Salaries or
8 Maintenance and General Operation. Such transfers may be made whenever it
9 appears, by projecting the expenditures of any of the appropriations in this
10 Act, that there will be a deficiency of appropriation in one item and that
11 there will be a corresponding excess of appropriation in another item or
12 items which may be transferred. The transfer of appropriation shall be
13 effected only on approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Provided,
14 however, that no transfer of appropriations may be authorized to increase the
15 total amount appropriated for Regular Salaries, or Maintenance and General
16 Operations, except as may be authorized elsewhere by law.

17 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
18 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
19 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
20 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
21 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
22 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
23 has determined that the Division of Workforce Services may operate more
24 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Division of Workforce
25 Services authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both
26 necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by
27 requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
28 as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative
29 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.
30 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
31 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,
32 this entire section is void.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
34 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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36 SECTION 58. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING
2 TRUST FUND TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the
3 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and
4 those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of up to
5 two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the Division of
6 Workforce Services Training Trust Fund to the Skills Development Fund.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
8 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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10 SECTION 59. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FEDERAL
12 MATCHING. The funds appropriated in Sections for Adult Basic and General
13 Adult Education of this Act may also be used to match any available federal
14 funds from any agency in order to provide the maximum amount of money
15 possible for the purposes enumerated in such Section.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
17 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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19 SECTION 60. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADULT
21 EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION. All funds that become available for Adult Education
22 shall be distributed to those administrative units determined to be operating
23 efficient adult education programs, under criteria established by the
24 Division of Workforce Services. The criteria shall include the relative
25 efficiency of administration of the program in the counties served and
26 achievement of federal performance indicators. The Division of Workforce
27 Services shall promulgate rules and regulations for the distribution of funds
28 in accordance with criteria to be determined by the Board. In the
29 distribution of funds to local units the Board shall consider performance in
30 meeting state and federal performance indicators. Unallocated funds will be
31 redistributed based upon need as determined by the Division of Workforce
32 Services.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
34 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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36 SECTION 61. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
 2 FORWARD - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES. Any balance in the funds made
 3 available by this Act for the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services which remain
 4 on June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to
 5 be used for the same purpose.

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

8 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set
 9 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
 10 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

11 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
 12 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
 13 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
 14 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
 15 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
 16 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
 17 written request set forth in (1) above;

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

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

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
 30 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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32 SECTION 62. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
 34 FORWARD - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND. Any balance in the funds
 35 made available by this Act for the Division of State Services for the Blind
 36 which remain on June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, may be carried forward into the next

1 fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose.

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

4 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set
5 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
6 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

7 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
8 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
9 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
10 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
11 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
12 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
13 written request set forth in (1) above;

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

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

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
26 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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28 SECTION 63. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
29 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
30 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
31 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
32 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
33 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
34 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
35 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
36 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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2 SECTION 64. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
3 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
4 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
5 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
6 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
7 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
8 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
9 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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11 SECTION 65. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
12 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
13 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
14 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
15 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
16 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
17 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
18 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
19 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
20 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
21 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.
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