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A Bill

SENATE BILL 19

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

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
12 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTOR
17 GENERAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027
18 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. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
24 established for the Department of Inspector General for the 2026-2027 fiscal
25 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
31	(1) ESE09A	SECRETARY OF INSPECTOR GENERAL	1	GRADE EXE04
32	(2) EEX09A	CHIEF OF STAFF I	1	GRADE EXE01
33	(3) LAT08C	CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
34	(4) FAC08C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09
35	(5) PAS08I	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
36	(6) FFS05P	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07



1	(7) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE SGS05
2	(8) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
3	(9) IIV05P INVESTIGATOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
4	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	11	

6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is
 7 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable
 8 from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 9 State with transfers from the State Central Services Fund, for personal
 10 services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General -
 11 Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$976,041
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	318,712
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	58,350
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
20	(C) PROF. FEES	0
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,353,103</u>

25 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR
 26 GENERAL. There is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General
 27 - Office of Medicaid Inspector General for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 28 following maximum number of regular employees.

31		Maximum	Maximum Annual
32	Item Class	No. of	Salary Rate
33	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2026-2027</u>
34	(1) EEX24A MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL	1	GRADE SPC10
35	(2) LAT04P ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE SPC05
36	(3) PCA03P CLAIMS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	4	GRADE SGS08

1	(4) PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
2	(5) PCA01P CLAIMS COORDINATOR	10	GRADE SGS07
3	(6) IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	1	GRADE SGS06
4	(7) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE SGS05
5	(8) MNU08P REG. NURSE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE MED06
6	(9) MNU06P REGISTERED NURSE	<u>2</u>	GRADE MED05
7	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25	

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9 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR
 10 GENERAL. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Inspector General
 11 - Office of Medicaid Inspector General for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 12 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 13 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two
 14 (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 15 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 16 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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18 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID
 19 INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 20 Inspector General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
 21 Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 22 Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector General - State Operations
 23 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$701,304
28	(02) EXTRA HELP	4,999
29	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	253,106
30	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	187,962
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,400
33	(C) PROF. FEES	2,800
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,153,571</u></u>

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SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector General - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,009,874
(02) EXTRA HELP	5,001
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	348,059
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	209,489
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,800
(C) PROF. FEES	2,800
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,579,023</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM - STATE - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Enterprise Fraud Program of the Department of Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector General - Enterprise Fraud Program - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM	<u><u>\$900,000</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM - FEDERAL - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the

1 Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the federal funds as
 2 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
 3 and operating expenses of the Enterprise Fraud Program of the Department of
 4 Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector General - Enterprise Fraud
 5 Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:
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7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM	<u>\$3,600,000</u>

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11 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID
 12 INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 13 Inspector General, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State
 14 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 15 services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General -
 16 Office of Medicaid Inspector General - Cash Operations for the fiscal year
 17 ending June 30, 2027, the following:
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19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$247,164
22 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	75,190
23 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,645
25 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,710
26 (C) PROF. FEES	1,200
27 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
28 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
29 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$345,909</u>

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31 SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION. There
 32 is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair
 33 Housing Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum
 34 number of regular employees.
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Maximum Annual

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
4	(1)	SSP05C FAIR HOUSING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC06
5	(2)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE SPC05
6	(3)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
7	(4)	IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	2	GRADE SGS06
8	(5)	IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II	5	GRADE SGS05
9	(6)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
10	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		11	

SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair Housing Commission 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: two (2) 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 12. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair Housing Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$637,197
(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	240,503
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	191,573
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	58,000
(C) PROF. FEES	57,007

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(05) PUBLIC EDUCATION	<u>899</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,225,179</u></u>

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6 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - EDUCATION - TRUST - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING
7 COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector
8 General, to be payable from the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission Trust Fund,
9 for operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair
10 Housing Commission - Education - Trust for the fiscal year ending June 30,
11 2027, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
15	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$50,000
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	45,000
18	(C) PROF. FEES	0
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
21	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$95,000</u></u>

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23 SECTION 14. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT. There is
24 hereby established for the Department of Inspector General - Office of
25 Internal Audit for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
26 regular employees.

28			Maximum Annual
29		Maximum	Salary Rate
30	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
31	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32	(1) EEX47A STATE INTERNAL AUDIT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
33	(2) FAU06C INTERNAL AUDIT DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
34	(3) FAU07P INTERNAL AUDIT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SPC06
35	(4) FAU08P INTERNAL AUDITOR	7	GRADE SPC05
36	(5) FAU02P AUDIT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC04

1	(6)	FAU04P AUDITOR II	10	GRADE SPC02
2	(7)	FAU03P AUDITOR I	1	GRADE SPC01
3	(8)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
4		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25	

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6 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT - OPERATIONS.

7 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be

8 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and

9 operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Office of

10 Internal Audit - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

11 following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,926,800
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	636,180
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	702,719
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	44,600
20	(C) PROF. FEES	51,500
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,361,799</u>

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25 SECTION 16. REGULAR SALARIES - INDEPENDENT TAX APPEALS COMMISSION.

26 There is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General -

27 Independent Tax Appeals Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the

28 following maximum number of regular employees.

30		Maximum Annual
31		Salary Rate
32	Item Class	Fiscal Year
33	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34	(1) EEX50A TAX APPEALS COMMISSIONER	3 GRADE EXE02
35	(2) LAT05P ATTORNEY III	1 GRADE SPC08
36	(3) FAC03P ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1 GRADE SPC03

1	(4) PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
2	(5) ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
3	(6) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<u>2</u>	GRADE SGS05
4	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	9	

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 6 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - INDEPENDENT TAX APPEALS COMMISSION. There
 7 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable
 8 from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating
 9 expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Independent Tax Appeals
 10 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$912,118
15	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	278,809
16	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	400,000
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
19	(C) PROF. FEES	0
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,610,927</u></u>

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 24 SECTION 18. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF THE CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN.
 25 There is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General - Office
 26 of the Child Welfare Ombudsman for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following
 27 maximum number of regular employees.

29		Maximum Annual
30		Salary Rate
31	Item Class	Fiscal Year
32	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
33	(1) SSP06I OMBUDSMAN	<u>2</u> GRADE SGS08
34	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2

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 36 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN.

1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be
 2 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services
 3 and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Office of the
 4 Child Welfare Ombudsman for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 5 following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$147,360
10 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	50,000
11 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	55,000
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,000
14 (C) PROF. FEES	18,000
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
16 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
17 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$279,360</u></u>

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 19 SECTION 20. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF THE JUVENILE OMBUDSMAN. There
 20 is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General - Office of the
 21 Juvenile Ombudsman for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum
 22 number of regular employees.

24	25	26	27	Maximum Annual
Item	Class	Maximum	No. of	Salary Rate
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
				<u>2026-2027</u>
28 (1)	SSP06I	OMBUDSMAN	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS08
29		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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 31 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE JUVENILE OMBUDSMAN. There is
 32 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable
 33 from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services of the Department
 34 of Inspector General - Office of the Juvenile Ombudsman for the fiscal year
 35 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$58,972
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>21,519</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$80,491</u></u>

SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the Department of Inspector General.

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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

SECTION 24. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

1 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
2 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
3 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
4 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
5 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
6 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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8 SECTION 25. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
9 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
10 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
11 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
12 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
13 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
14 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
15 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
16 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
17 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
18 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.
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