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A Bill

SENATE BILL 36

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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 AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
18 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 Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2026-
25 2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
31	(1) ESE01A	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	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) SLA01C	LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC09
36	(6) CPR01C	CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS I	1	GRADE SPC06



1	(7)	FAC10C CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC06
2	(8)	HDH02C HR ADMINISTRATOR I	1	GRADE SPC05
3	(9)	SLA02C LABORATORY MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC05
4	(10)	CMA02C MARKETING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC05
5	(11)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	3	GRADE SPC05
6	(12)	FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II	3	GRADE SPC02
7	(13)	FFS01C FISCAL SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SGS10
8	(14)	FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	2	GRADE SGS09
9	(15)	PAG05P AGRICULTURE PROGRAM SUPV/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
10	(16)	PAG08P FARM SCHOOL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
11	(17)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
12	(18)	CME03P GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE SGS07
13	(19)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
14	(20)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
15	(21)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
16	(22)	PAG04P AGRICULTURE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS06
17	(23)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS06
18	(24)	CPR07P PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
19	(25)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
20	(26)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS05
21	(27)	PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
22	(28)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	6	GRADE SGS04
23	(29)	CMA03P MARKETING SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
24	(30)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
25	(31)	MVE03P VETERINARY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE MED09
26	(32)	SAL03C AGRICULTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEF	1	GRADE LES08
27	(33)	SAL02P AGRICULTURE ENFORCEMENT AGENT II	2	GRADE LES04
28	(34)	SAL01P AGRICULTURE ENFORCEMENT AGENT I	3	GRADE LES03
29	(35)	IIA01C CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER I	1	GRADE IST10
30	(36)	IDM01P DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IST09
31	(37)	IAS05P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER II	1	GRADE IST08
32	(38)	IAS01P APPLICATIONS ANALYST I	1	GRADE IST07
33	(39)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	4	GRADE IST06
34	(40)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IST04
35	(41)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
36	(42)	FGM04P GRANTS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06

1	(43) EEX02A AGRICULTURE DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE01
2	(44) IDN01P DATA ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST07
3	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	67	

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 5 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby authorized,
 6 for the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal
 7 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
 8 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 9 purposes: three (3) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates
 10 of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 11 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 12 classification.

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 14 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is
 15 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 16 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 17 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 18 Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,316,379
23	(02) EXTRA HELP	21,900
24	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,483,662
25	(04) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	140,000
26	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,162,067
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,500
29	(C) PROF. FEES	704,500
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0
32	(06) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,122,008</u>

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 35 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
 36 for the Department of Agriculture for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the

1 following maximum number of regular employees.
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4			Maximum	Maximum Annual
5	Item	Class	No. of	Salary Rate
6	No.	Code Title	Employees	Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
7	(1)	EEX02A AGRICULTURE DIVISION DIRECTOR	4	GRADE EXE01
8	(2)	PAV02P PILOT	2	GRADE SPC08
9	(3)	PAG01C AGRICULTURE DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC07
10	(4)	PAV01P AVIATION MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC07
11	(5)	PAG02C AGRICULTURE DIVISION MANAGER	12	GRADE SPC06
12	(6)	SEN02P ENGINEER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SPC06
13	(7)	PAG10C FORESTER MANAGER	2	GRADE SPC05
14	(8)	SLA02C LABORATORY MANAGER	2	GRADE SPC05
15	(9)	SGE02P GEOLOGIST SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC04
16	(10)	PAG03C AGRICULTURE DIV SUPV/EXPERT	2	GRADE SPC03
17	(11)	PAG07C DISTRICT FORESTER	7	GRADE SPC03
18	(12)	SEN01P ENGINEER	5	GRADE SPC03
19	(13)	SLA03P LABORATORY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	9	GRADE SPC03
20	(14)	SGE05P PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE SPC03
21	(15)	FAU04P AUDITOR II	1	GRADE SPC02
22	(16)	SBI02P BIOLOGIST II	18	GRADE SPC02
23	(17)	SCH02P CHEMIST II	11	GRADE SPC02
24	(18)	SCN01I ARCHAEOLOGIST	8	GRADE SPC01
25	(19)	SCN02P ECOLOGIST	1	GRADE SPC01
26	(20)	PAG09P FORESTER	44	GRADE SPC01
27	(21)	SGE01P GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE SPC01
28	(22)	SLA06P LABORATORY TECHNICIAN III	2	GRADE SGS08
29	(23)	PAG05P AGRICULTURE PROGRAM SUPV/EXPERT	24	GRADE SGS07
30	(24)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS07
31	(25)	SAL06P FOREST RANGER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	59	GRADE SGS07
32	(26)	IIN05P INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	5	GRADE SGS07
33	(27)	SLA05P LABORATORY TECHNICIAN II	6	GRADE SGS07
34	(28)	CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
35	(29)	CTR02P TRAINER	2	GRADE SGS07
36	(30)	PAS04C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SGS06

1	(31)	TAT11I TRUCK DRIVER	2	GRADE SGS06
2	(32)	PAG04P AGRICULTURE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	33	GRADE SGS06
3	(33)	SIA13P DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06
4	(34)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
5	(35)	SAL05P FOREST RANGER II	64	GRADE SGS06
6	(36)	IIN03P INSPECTOR III	31	GRADE SGS06
7	(37)	SLA04P LABORATORY TECHNICIAN I	1	GRADE SGS06
8	(38)	TAT06P MECHANIC	4	GRADE SGS06
9	(39)	CPR07P PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
10	(40)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	29	GRADE SGS05
11	(41)	SIA12P DISPATCHER	9	GRADE SGS05
12	(42)	SAL04P FOREST RANGER I	44	GRADE SGS05
13	(43)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	11	GRADE SGS05
14	(44)	IIN02P INSPECTOR II	54	GRADE SGS05
15	(45)	CME04P MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
16	(46)	TAT02I CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE SGS04
17	(47)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS04
18	(48)	PEP01P CONSERVATION SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
19	(49)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS04
20	(50)	IIN01P INSPECTOR I	47	GRADE SGS04
21	(51)	TST07P TRADES SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
22	(52)	TIW03P INVENTORY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS03
23	(53)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	10	GRADE SGS02
24	(54)	PAG11P FORESTRY TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE SGS02
25	(55)	MVE01C STATE VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE MED10
26	(56)	MVE03P VETERINARY SPECIALIST	5	GRADE MED09
27	(57)	IGI01P GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IST05
28	(58)	SBI03P BIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE SPC04
29		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	607	

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31 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 32 the Department of Agriculture - Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 33 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 34 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one
 35 hundred eighty-one (181) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
 36 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and

1 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 2 classification.

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 4 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 5 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Department of
 6 Agriculture Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 7 Department of Agriculture - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 8 2027, the following:

10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
12	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,204,491
13	(02) EXTRA HELP	74,131
14	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,062,221
15	(04) OVERTIME	21,571
16	(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	3,200
17	(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,716,272
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,613
20	(C) PROF. FEES	33,500
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(07) PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	6,148
24	(08) BOLL WEEVIL PROGRAM	<u>5,000</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,160,147</u>

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 27 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL HEALTH - DISEASE CONTROL AND
 28 ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 29 Agriculture, to be payable from the Animal Health Disease and Pest Control
 30 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 31 Agriculture - Animal Health - Animal Disease Control and Eradication Program
 32 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$543,206

1	(02)	EXTRA HELP	55,000
2	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	245,853
3	(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4		(A) OPER. EXPENSE	213,846
5		(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
6		(C) PROF. FEES	0
7		(D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,000
8		(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,177,905</u></u>

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11 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL HEALTH - EGG GRADING PROGRAM. There
 12 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from
 13 the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund, for personal services and operating
 14 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Animal Health for the fiscal year
 15 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	\$1,550,361	
20	(02) EXTRA HELP	67,500	
21	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	745,484	
22	(04) OVERTIME	300,000	
23	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
24		(A) OPER. EXPENSE	252,971
25		(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,350
26		(C) PROF. FEES	0
27		(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
28		(E) DATA PROC.	0
29	(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	1,594,968	
30	(07) EGG PROMOTION EXPENSE	<u>64,500</u>	
31	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,694,134</u></u>	

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33 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - AGRI LABORATORY TESTING. There is hereby
 34 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Animal
 35 Health Special Revenue Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 36 the Department of Agriculture - Agri Laboratory Testing for the fiscal year

1 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 NO.	2026-2027
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$265,600
6 (02) EXTRA HELP	34,500
7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	115,019
8 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,696,745
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
11 (C) PROF. FEES	0
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	310,000
13 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,446,864</u></u>

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16 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL HEALTH - EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA.

17 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
18 from the Animal Health Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, for personal
19 services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Animal
20 Health - Equine Infectious Anemia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
21 the following:

23 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24 NO.	2026-2027
25 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$76,551
26 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,560
27 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	233,046
29 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
30 (C) PROF. FEES	0
31 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
32 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
33 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$439,157</u></u>

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35 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL HEALTH. There is hereby
36 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

1 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 2 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 3 Animal Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

4	5 ITEM	6 FISCAL YEAR
7	8 NO.	9 2026-2027
10	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$389,331
11	(02) EXTRA HELP	8,311
12	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	167,396
13	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,111
15	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,350
16	(C) PROF. FEES	0
17	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18	(E) DATA PROC.	0
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$688,499</u>

20 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - ADMINISTRATION/PEST CONTROL.
 21 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 22 from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 23 the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Administration/Pest
 24 Control for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

25	26 ITEM	27 FISCAL YEAR
28	29 NO.	30 2026-2027
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,379,338
32	(02) EXTRA HELP	800,000
33	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,871,563
34	(04) OVERTIME	250,000
35	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,158,314
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	103,613
	(C) PROF. FEES	594,510
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,200,000
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
	(06) PROJECT PLANNING, EDUCATION, AND	

1	OUTREACH GRANTS AND AID	394,140
2	(07) PEST ERADICATION	<u>1,000,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$11,751,478</u>

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5 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PUBLIC GRAIN WAREHOUSE

6 INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

7 Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services

8 and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board -

9 Public Grain Warehouse Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,

10 2027, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12		
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$202,230
15	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	79,407
16	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,614
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,613
19	(C) PROF. FEES	1,200
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$348,064</u>

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24 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE SURVEILLANCE.

25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

26 from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of

27 the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Pesticide Surveillance

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

29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30		
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$179,529
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	73,932
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	40,783
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$300,244</u></u>

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6 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - APIARY. There is hereby
7 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant
8 Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
9 Agriculture - State Plant Board - Apiary for the fiscal year ending June 30,
10 2027, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$112,555
15	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
16	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	43,391
17	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	42,170
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><u>\$208,116</u></u>

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25 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - AGRI PRODUCT MARKETING PROGRAM. There is
26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
27 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
28 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
29 Agri Product Marketing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
30 following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,869,935
35	(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
36	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	666,688

1	(04) OVERTIME	13,000
2	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	461,112
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	538,083
5	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(06) PRODUCT MARKETING GRANTS & AID	854,899
9	(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>5,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,508,717</u></u>

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 12 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - REFUNDS/TRANSFERS. There is
 13 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 14 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses,
 15 refunds, and transfers to the State Treasury by the Department of Agriculture
 16 - State Plant Board - Refunds/Transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 17 2027, the following:

19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$500
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
24	(C) PROF. FEES	0
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	0
27	(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>50,000</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$50,500</u></u>

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 30 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE/PLANT REGULATORY
 31 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
 32 be payable from the Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide and Plant Regulator
 33 Disposal Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture
 34 - State Plant Board - Pesticide/Plant Regulatory Program for the fiscal year
 35 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
3	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,500,000
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
6	(C) PROF. FEES	0
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u>

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11 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby
 12 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri
 13 Scholarship Program Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships of the
 14 Department of Agriculture - Agri Scholarship Program for the fiscal year
 15 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19	(01) AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u><u>\$970,000</u></u>

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21 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 22 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State
 23 Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
 24 of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year
 25 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,084,408
30	(02) EXTRA HELP	255,855
31	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,989,693
32	(04) OVERTIME	52,400
33	(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	0
34	(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,710,744
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	280,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,663,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(07) FORESTRY GRANTS AND AID	269,981
5	(08) DISTRICT OFFICE REPLACEMENT	400,000
6	(09) FOREST ACTION PLAN	70,000
7	(10) FEDERAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM	138,512
8	(11) UNDERSERVED LANDOWNER OUTREACH	500,000
9	(12) OUTREACH AND PLANTING AID	<u>225,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,739,593</u>

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12 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION

13 - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture,

14 to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal

15 Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and federal

16 matching grants to purchase firefighting equipment of the Department of

17 Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Community Fire Protection -

18 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$108,363
23	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	41,414
24	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	399,816
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
27	(C) PROF. FEES	60,000
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	270,000
29	(E) DATA PROC.	0
30	(04) RURAL COMMUNITY MATCH GRANTS	<u>822,563</u>
31	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,702,156</u>

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33 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - URBAN FORESTRY SERVICES -

34 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to

35 be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services, operating

36 expenses and urban forestry matching grants of the Department of Agriculture

1 - State Forestry Commission - Urban Forestry Services - Federal for the
 2 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
6 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$67,500
8 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
9 (C) PROF. FEES	50,000
10 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11 (E) DATA PROC.	0
12 (02) URBAN FORESTRY MATCHING GRANTS AND AID	82,000
13 (03) URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY	<u>1,875,000</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,074,500</u></u>

15
 16 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE
 17 LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be
 18 payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to
 19 communities for fire protection by the Department of Agriculture - State
 20 Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Service Loans for the fiscal year
 21 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

23 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
25 (01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION LOANS	<u><u>\$1,200,000</u></u>

26
 27 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - STATE FORESTRY TRUST PROGRAM.
 28 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 29 from the State Forestry Trust Fund, for management and operating expenses,
 30 fire control, communications, contracting for assistance, and other services
 31 of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - State Forestry
 32 Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

34 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
36 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$200,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
3	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,250,000
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(02) FIRE CONTROL/COMMUNICATE	900,000
7	(03) MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS	<u>300,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,750,000</u></u>

9
10 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PREVENTION.

11 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
12 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
13 State, for grants by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry
14 Commission - Southern Pine Beetle Prevention for the fiscal year ending June
15 30, 2027, the following:

16		
17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19	(01) SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE GRANTS AND AID	<u><u>\$230,000</u></u>

20
21 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - FOREST LEGACY. There is hereby
22 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
23 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
24 operating expenses, grants and aid by the Department of Agriculture - State
25 Forestry Commission - Forest Legacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
26 the following:

27		
28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,599
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,800
33	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	(02) FOREST LEGACY ADMINISTRATION	157,000

1	(03) WHITE RIVER HEADWATERS PROJECT	1,455,000
2	(04) FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM	<u>6,000,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,625,399</u></u>

4
5 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SILVICULTURAL NON-POINT PROGRAM.

6 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
7 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
8 State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State
9 Forestry Commission - Silvicultural Non-Point Program for the fiscal year
10 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	NO.	2026-2027
13	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$36,000
15	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
16	(C) PROF. FEES	0
17	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$40,000</u></u>

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21
22 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE CASH OPERATING FUND. There is
23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
24 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
25 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture
26 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	NO.	2026-2027
29	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$40,000
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
32	(C) PROF. FEES	0
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34	(E) DATA PROC.	0
35	(02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	2,000

1	(03) BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED GRANTS &	
2	PROJECTS	<u>160,682</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$402,682</u></u>

4
 5 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM. There is
 6 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 7 Arkansas Industrial Hemp Program Fund, for personal services and operating
 8 expenses to administer the Industrial Hemp Program of the Department of
 9 Agriculture - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 10 following:

11		
12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(01) INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM	<u><u>\$99,500</u></u>

15
 16 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - REGISTERED FORESTERS. There
 17 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from
 18 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 19 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
 20 the Department of Agriculture - Registered Foresters for the fiscal year
 21 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

22		
23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
25	(01) EXTRA HELP	\$37,000
26	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,064
27	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,329
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
30	(C) PROF. FEES	0
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$46,393</u></u>

34
 35 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - VETERINARY MEDICINE. There is
 36 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

1 Veterinary Examiners Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and
 2 scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Veterinary Medicine for the
 3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

4	5 ITEM	6 FISCAL YEAR
7	8 <u>NO.</u>	9 <u>2026-2027</u>
10	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$61,131
11	(02) EXTRA HELP	21,000
12	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	23,830
13	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,996
15	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	281
16	(C) PROF. FEES	16,000
17	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18	(E) DATA PROC.	0
19	(05) RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP	
20	PROGRAM	<u>30,000</u>
21	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$168,238</u></u>

22 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM.
 23 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 24 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the
 25 Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection
 26 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

27	28 ITEM	29 FISCAL YEAR
30	31 <u>NO.</u>	32 <u>2026-2027</u>
33	(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM	<u>\$70,000</u>

34 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby
 35 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State
 36 Meat Inspection Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection Program for the fiscal
 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

37	38 ITEM	39 FISCAL YEAR
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1	NO.	2026-2027
2	(01) STATE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM	<u>\$606,083</u>

3
 4 SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM - GENERAL REVENUE.
 5 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 6 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
 7 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection
 8 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	NO.	2026-2027
12	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$150,000
13	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	85,000
14	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,000
16	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
17	(C) PROF. FEES	0
18	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$250,000</u>

21
 22 SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - FERAL HOG ERADICATION. There is hereby
 23 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Feral
 24 Hog Eradication Fund, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to
 25 eliminate feral hogs by the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year
 26 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	NO.	2026-2027
30	(01) FERAL HOG ERADICATION	<u>\$200,000</u>

31
 32 SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - AGRI FAIR FUNDING PROGRAM. There is hereby
 33 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri
 34 Fair Fund, for personal services, fair funding and operating expenses of the
 35 Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 36 following:

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2 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

3 NO. 2026-2027

4 (01) ARKANSAS STATE FAIR \$84,000

5 (02) ARKANSAS YOUTH EXPO 48,000

6 (03) ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA FAIR 54,000

7 (04) COUNTY FAIRS 1,095,272

8 (05) DISTRICT JR LIVESTOCK SHOWS 27,000

9 (06) NORTHEAST DISTRICT FAIR 54,000

10 (07) NORTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR 54,000

11 (08) SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR 54,000

12 (09) SOUTHEAST DISTRICT FAIR 54,000

13 (10) NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT FAIR 54,000

14 (11) FOUR STATES FAIR 54,000

15 (12) PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES 23,000

16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$1,655,272

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18 SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE FUTURE

19 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

20 Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Foresters for the Future

21 Scholarship Fund, for scholarships of the Department of Agriculture -

22 Arkansas Foresters For The Future Scholarship Program for the fiscal year

23 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

24

25 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

26 NO. 2026-2027

27 (01) SCHOLARSHIPS \$40,000

28

29 SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - NRC - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby

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

31 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating

32 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources

33 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

34

35 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

36 NO. 2026-2027

1	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,237,928
2	(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	448,479
3	(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	193,182
5	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	10,165
6	(C)	PROF. FEES	0
7	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E)	DATA PROC.	0
9	(04)	SURVEYS & INVESTIGATIONS	3,900
10	(05)	WATER PLANNING	<u>130,981</u>
11		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,024,635</u></u>

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13 SECTION 39. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CASH. There is hereby appropriated,
 14 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash fund deposited
 15 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
 16 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture
 17 - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 18 2027, the following:

19

20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,403,959
23	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,800
24	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	510,968
25	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	377,298
27	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,000
28	(C) PROF. FEES	910,002
29	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	225,000
30	(E) DATA PROC.	0
31	(05) SOIL & WATER GRANTS & LOANS	<u>6,202,017</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,687,044</u></u>

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34 SECTION 40. APPROPRIATION - NRC - DAM INVENTORY. There is hereby
 35 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 36 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

1 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 2 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Dam Inventory for the fiscal year
 3 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$90,158
8 (02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
9 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,394
10 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	49,216
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,000
13 (C) PROF. FEES	130,000
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,000
15 (E) DATA PROC.	0
16 (05) GRANTS & AID DAM - SAFETY PROJECTS	76,997
17 (06) HIGH HAZARD DAMS REHAB	<u>226,803</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$639,568</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 41. APPROPRIATION - NRC - FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is
 21 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 22 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 23 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 24 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Flood Insurance Program for the
 25 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$160,867
30 (02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
31 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	65,508
32 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	268,504
34 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	32,571
35 (C) PROF. FEES	1,700,000
36 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(05) GRANTS & AID - FLOOD HAZARD	
3	MITIGATION GRANTS	<u>3,000,000</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,262,450</u></u>

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6 SECTION 42. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER QUALITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.

7 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

8 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and

9 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural

10 Resources Commission - Water Quality Plan Implementation for the fiscal year

11 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

12		
13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$317,076
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	104,333
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,089
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	0
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(04) WATER QUALITY MATCH GRANTS	500,000
24	(05) WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN	<u>750,000</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,675,498</u></u>

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27 SECTION 43. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND POLLUTION

28 ABATEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

29 Agriculture, to be payable from the Water, Waste Disposal, Pollution

30 Abatement, Administrative and Research Facilities Construction Fund, for

31 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -

32 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution

33 Abatement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

34		
35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

1	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$137,764
2	(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,731
3	(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	4,400
5	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	0
6	(C)	PROF. FEES	0
7	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E)	DATA PROC.	0
9	(04)	PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS	<u>90,000,000</u>
10		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$90,187,895</u></u>

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12 SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION - NRC - NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL

13 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to

14 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer

15 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department

16 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Nonpoint Source

17 Pollution Control Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

18 following:

20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$294,446
23	(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
24	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	113,166
25	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	282,774
27	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
28	(C) PROF. FEES	706,630
29	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
30	(E) DATA PROC.	0
31	(05) NON POINT SOURCE POLLUTION GRANTS	5,642,276
32	(06) HYPOXIA NUTRIENT REDUCTION	200,000
33	(07) SMALL/ DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES	637,000
34	(08) SEWER OVERFLOW AND STORMWATER REUSE	<u>1,606,373</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,607,665</u></u>

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SECTION 45. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, 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 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Construction Assistance Revolving Loan Fund Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$631,141
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	233,934
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	111,841
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	12,219
(C) PROF. FEES	13,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,002,635</u>

SECTION 46. APPROPRIATION - NRC - BEAVER ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants to the conservation districts for beaver control programs within the districts of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Beaver Eradication Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2026-2027
(01) GRANTS FOR BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAMS	<u>\$150,000</u>

SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - NRC - GRANTS & ATTORNEY SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Grants and Attorney Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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2 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3 NO.	2026-2027
4 (01) RIVER BASIN COMPACT	\$42,820
5 (02) LEGAL COUNSEL	5,871
6 (03) COMMITTEE/COMMISSION EXPENSES	10,000
7 (04) CONSERVATION PROJECTS	3,500
8 (05) ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT	17,800
9 (06) RED RIVER COMPACT	<u>11,720</u>
10 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$91,711</u></u>

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12 SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAM GRANTS.

13 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

14 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services matching

15 and grants to conservation districts of the Department of Agriculture -

16 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation District Program Grants

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

18

19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 NO.	2026-2027
21 (01) GRANTS TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS	\$250,000
22 (02) CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANTS &	
23 ASSISTANCE	<u>1,522,672</u>
24 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,772,672</u></u>

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26 SECTION 49. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER RESEARCH. There is hereby

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

28 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department

29 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water Research for

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

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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 NO.	2026-2027
34 (01) WATER RESEARCH/CONTRACT	<u>\$42,800</u>

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36 SECTION 50. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE -

1 REVOLVING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture,
 2 to be payable from the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund, for
 3 water, sewer, and solid waste grants of the Department of Agriculture -
 4 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste -
 5 Revolving for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS &	
10 AID	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

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 12 SECTION 51. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE -
 13 STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be
 14 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for water, sewer, and
 15 solid waste grants or loans that will be repaid to the water, sewer and solid
 16 waste revolving appropriation of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas
 17 Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste - State for the
 18 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
22 (01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS	<u>\$84,296</u>

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 24 SECTION 52. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER USE PROGRAM. There is hereby
 25 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 26 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 27 reporting expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural
 28 Resources Commission - Water Use Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 29 2027, the following:

31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
33 (01) WATER USE DATA REPORTING	<u>\$125,000</u>

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 35 SECTION 53. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
 36 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

1 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 2 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 3 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation Technical
 4 Assistance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$164,013
9 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	61,434
10 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	120,246
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
13 (C) PROF. FEES	0
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000
15 (E) DATA PROC.	0
16 (04) RESOURCE GRANTS	<u>906,637</u>
17 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,292,330</u></u>

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 19 SECTION 54. APPROPRIATION - NRC - UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM. There is
 20 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 21 Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses of the
 22 Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Unpaved
 23 Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

25 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
27 (01) UNPAVED ROADS GRANTS & AID OR	
28 OPERATING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$600,000</u></u>

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 30 SECTION 55. APPROPRIATION - NRC - FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL -
 31 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
 32 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 33 of the State, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to
 34 eliminate feral swine by the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural
 35 Resources Commission - Feral Swine Eradication and Control - Federal 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) FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

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6 SECTION 56. APPROPRIATION - NRC - OPERATIONS - SOIL CLASSIFIERS. There

7 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from

8 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

9 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of

10 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Soil Classifiers for

11 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
15	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,296
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
18	(C) PROF. FEES	0
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
21	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,296</u>

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23 SECTION 57. APPROPRIATION - NRC - ALLIANCE LANDOWNER CONSERVATION

24 PRACTICES - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

25 Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief

26 Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses associated with Alliance Landowner

27 Conservation Practices of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural

28 Resources Commission - Alliance Landowner Conservation Practices - Federal

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

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
33	(01) ALLIANCE LANDOWNER CONSERVATION	
34	PRACTICES	<u>\$2,445,538</u>

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36 SECTION 58. APPROPRIATION - WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES

1 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
2 be payable from the Water and Sewer Treatment Facilities Grant Program Fund,
3 for water and sewer treatment facilities grants of the Department of
4 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year
5 ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$50,000,000.
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7 SECTION 59. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

9 FAIR FUND TRANSFER. On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as is
10 practical, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer the amount
11 needed for distribution by the Department of Agriculture to fund fairs from
12 the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Agri Fair Fund.

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
14 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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16 SECTION 60. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

18 SHARED SERVICES.

19 (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create paying accounts
20 on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of the State and
21 Auditor of State for the payment of all personal services and operating
22 expenses of the Department of Agriculture.

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

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

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

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34 SECTION 61. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

36 FUND TRANSFER. The Deputy Director of the Board of Animal Health, with prior

1 approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee,
2 the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and for the
3 reimbursing of documented expenditures designated by law to be made from the
4 transferred special revenue, may transfer funds among the Animal Health
5 Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, Animal Health Disease and Pest Control
6 Fund, Animal Health Special Revenue Fund, Animal Health Commission Swine
7 Testing Fund, and the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund or from these funds to the
8 Animal Health Fund Account. The purpose of these transfers shall only be for
9 accurate allocation of incurred costs between the funds. Requests for fund
10 transfer will at least include the total amount to be transferred, to and
11 from which funds, the nature, purpose, and time period of the expenditures
12 being reimbursed, and any other information requested by the Legislative
13 Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

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

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

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33 SECTION 62. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
35 TRANSFER PROVISION - PEST ERADICATION. If the State Plant Board determines
36 that the demands of pest eradication efforts require additional personnel

1 expenses, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and
2 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, appropriations
3 may be transferred from the Pest Eradication Program special line item to the
4 line items for Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Overtime, and Personal Services
5 Matching.

6 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
7 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
8 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
9 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
10 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
11 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
12 has determined that the State Plant Board may operate more efficiently if
13 some flexibility is provided to the State Plant Board authorizing broad
14 powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate
15 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of
16 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this
17 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
18 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement
19 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
20 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is
21 void.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
23 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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25 SECTION 63. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
27 PROVISION. If the State Forestry Commission determines that temporary
28 firefighters, dispatchers, or pilots are required to meet the demands of a
29 wildfire season, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
30 appropriations may be transferred from either Extra Help or Professional Fees
31 and Services to the proper character code for the employment of such
32 personnel.

33 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the deployment of air
34 tankers for fighting wildfires requires additional Professional Fees and
35 Services, and upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
36 excess appropriation in Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching may be

1 transferred to Professional Fees and Services in the Operations and Forestry
2 - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

3 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the most effective way for
4 it to cooperate in the growing and distribution of forest planting stock is
5 by contracting work with private vendors and/or hiring temporary employees
6 for seasonal work, the Commission is hereby authorized, upon approval by the
7 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to transfer the necessary appropriation
8 authorized for Extra Help and Maintenance and General Operation in the
9 Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal
10 appropriation sections.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
12 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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14 SECTION 64. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

16 REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is authorized to
17 charge fees to federal agencies and other states to reimburse the Commission
18 for expenditures made on behalf of these governmental units. These fees
19 shall be deposited into the State Forestry Fund in the State Treasury as a
20 refund to expenditure.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
22 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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24 SECTION 65. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
26 FORWARD. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to the transfer of year-end fund
27 balances or any law to the contrary, any funds up to \$500,000 which remain in
28 the Department of Agriculture Fund Account at the end of a fiscal year shall
29 remain in the Department of Agriculture Fund Account and be made available to
30 fund appropriation(s) authorized by law to be made for maintenance and
31 operating costs associated with wildfire suppression, as well as the purchase
32 of fire suppression equipment for the Forestry Division and made payable from
33 the Department of Agriculture Fund Account for the following fiscal year.

34 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding up to \$500,000 as
35 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

36 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, the Agency shall by written statement set

1 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
 2 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

19 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
 20 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
 21 statement of noncompliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.
 22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026
 23 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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25 SECTION 66. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
 27 TRANSFER. (A)(1) If the Arkansas Department of Agriculture determines
 28 additional funding is required to support the purchase of firefighting
 29 equipment and forest fire suppression activities, to include the maintenance
 30 and operations costs associated with fire suppression, the Department of
 31 Agriculture with prior approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, may
 32 transfer the sum of one million one hundred eighty thousand one hundred
 33 dollars (\$1,180,100) of the amount authorized for transfer by Act 154 of
 34 2012, to the State Forestry Fund.

35 (2) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (A)(1)
 36 of this section may be used in furtherance of the State Forestry Trust

1 Program.

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

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5 SECTION 67. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
7 REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. The Department of Agriculture provides a wide
8 range of services to all Arkansans. The specific service needs, along with
9 staffing required to meet them, can vary significantly due to factors such as
10 natural disasters, changing federal mandates, and job market variations like
11 wildland firefighters, dispatchers, foresters, engineers, and
12 microbiologists' shortages. These factors make it challenging for the
13 Department to accurately predict the exact needs for positions across its
14 different appropriations throughout any fiscal year. To respond swiftly to
15 changing needs and to utilize resources effectively, the Department of
16 Agriculture is authorized to reallocate resources as necessary. Upon
17 determining that a reallocation is essential for the efficient and effective
18 operation of the department, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture,
19 with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Legislative
20 Council or the Joint Budget Committee, if meeting in Legislative Session, may
21 request to transfer positions between existing business areas of the
22 department. Transfer authority shall be limited to no more than 5% of the
23 total authorized department positions in any fiscal year.

24 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
25 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
26 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
27 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
28 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
29 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has
30 determined that the Department of Agriculture may operate more efficiently if
31 some flexibility is provided to the Department of Agriculture authorizing
32 broad powers under the Reallocation of Resources provisions herein.
33 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
34 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
35 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of
36 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a

1 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
 2 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
 3 court jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 5 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

7 SECTION 68. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

9 TRANSFER PROVISION - NRC. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal
 10 Officer of the State shall authorize the transfer of obligated water, sewer,
 11 and solid waste funds, as provided in the appropriation act for the Natural
 12 Resources Commission in the appropriation entitled "Water, Sewer and Solid
 13 Waste - State", from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, to the Water,
 14 Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund.

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

18 SECTION 69. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY

20 FORWARD - NRC. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 21 the State shall authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of
 22 obligated grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for
 23 Matching Grants in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan
 24 Implementation".

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

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

30 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
 31 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
 32 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
 33 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
 34 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward from the first
 35 fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item, the
 36 funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set

1 forth in (1) above;

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

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

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
14 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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16 SECTION 70. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
18 FORWARD - NRC. At the end of the fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
19 State shall authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of
20 obligated grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for
21 Water Quality Technicians in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan
22 Implementation".

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

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

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

36 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written

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

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

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
12 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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14 SECTION 71. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
15 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
16 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
17 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
18 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
19 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
20 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
22 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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24 SECTION 72. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
25 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
26 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
27 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
28 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
29 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
30 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
31 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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33 SECTION 73. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
34 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
35 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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