

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

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 61

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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 REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL  
10 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 AGRICULTURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
16 REAPPROPRIATION.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - NCRC GRANT. There is hereby appropriated,  
22 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and  
23 Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the Department of Agriculture -  
24 Forestry the following:

25 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided  
26 in Section 24 of Act 297 of 2025, for the acquisition, management,  
27 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,  
28 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed .....\$950,889.

29 (B) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided  
30 in Section 24 of Act 297 of 2025, for the acquisition, management,  
31 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,  
32 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed .....\$415,000.  
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34 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
35 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
36 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available



1 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
2 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
3 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
4 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
5 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
6 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
7 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
8 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
9 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

10 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State  
11 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the  
12 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
13 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
14 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
15 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided  
16 otherwise by law.

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18 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
19 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
20 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
21 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
22 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
23 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
24 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
25 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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27 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
29 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of  
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
32 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
33 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm  
34 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
35 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
36 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

1 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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