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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 7

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

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

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -  
16 STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION  
17 FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
24 for the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the 2026-2027  
25 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) EEX23A	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	1	GRADE EXE02
32	(2) PPE06C	INSURANCE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER	4	GRADE SPC10
33	(3) LAT06C	ATTORNEY IV	1	GRADE SPC09
34	(4) PPE10C	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CLAIMS MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC09
35	(5) LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	5	GRADE SPC08
36	(6) PRM02C	RISK MANAGEMENT MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC07



1	(7)	FIF06P	INSURANCE EXAMINER SUPERVISOR/EXP	2	GRADE	SPC07
2	(8)	FIF01P	CERTIFIED FINANCIAL EXAMINER	2	GRADE	SPC06
3	(9)	FIF05P	INSURANCE EXAMINER III	3	GRADE	SPC06
4	(10)	PCO02C	COMMERCE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE	SPC05
5	(11)	LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	6	GRADE	SPC05
6	(12)	PRM03P	RISK MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE	SPC05
7	(13)	FIF04P	INSURANCE EXAMINER II	14	GRADE	SPC03
8	(14)	FIF08P	SECURITIES EXAMINER II	1	GRADE	SPC03
9	(15)	FAU04P	AUDITOR II	3	GRADE	SPC02
10	(16)	FBF03P	BANK EXAMINER II	1	GRADE	SPC02
11	(17)	FAU03P	AUDITOR I	5	GRADE	SPC01
12	(18)	FIF03P	INSURANCE EXAMINER I	1	GRADE	SPC01
13	(19)	FIN04P	INVESTMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE	SPC01
14	(20)	PRM01P	RISK CONSULTANT	10	GRADE	SPC01
15	(21)	PPE02C	BURIAL ASSOCIATION BOARD COORD	1	GRADE	SGS08
16	(22)	PCO04P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	6	GRADE	SGS08
17	(23)	PAS08I	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE	SGS07
18	(24)	PCA01P	CLAIMS COORDINATOR	7	GRADE	SGS07
19	(25)	PCO01P	COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE	SGS07
20	(26)	FFS05P	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE	SGS07
21	(27)	PPE04P	PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR/EXP	2	GRADE	SGS07
22	(28)	PIC01I	INSURANCE COMPLIANCE OFFICER	7	GRADE	SGS06
23	(29)	ILS03I	LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE	SGS06
24	(30)	PCO03P	COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	4	GRADE	SGS06
25	(31)	FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	SGS06
26	(32)	PAS01P	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE	SGS05
27	(33)	IIV03P	INVESTIGATOR II	2	GRADE	SGS05
28	(34)	PPE02P	PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	3	GRADE	SGS05
29	(35)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	16	GRADE	SGS04
30	(36)	FFS04P	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE	SGS04
31	(37)	HDH07P	HR SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	SGS04
32	(38)	IIV02P	INVESTIGATOR I	9	GRADE	SGS04
33	(39)	PCR02P	CLAIMS REVIEW SPECIALIST	10	GRADE	SGS03
34	(40)	PAS03P	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	12	GRADE	SGS02
35	(41)	MPA01P	PHARMACIST	1	GRADE	MED09
36	(42)	SRL03P	ENFORCEMENT AGENT III	1	GRADE	LES05

1	(43)	SRL01P ENFORCEMENT AGENT I	7	GRADE LES03
2	(44)	IDA02C DATA ENGINEER	1	GRADE IST12
3	(45)	IIS06P IT INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IST08
4	(46)	IAS04P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER I	3	GRADE IST06
5	(47)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	2	GRADE IST06
6	(48)	IUS05P USER SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE IST06
7	(49)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE IST02
8	(50)	FAC11C DIVISION FISCAL ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC07
9	(51)	IAS07C STATE APPLICATIONS ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IST11
10	(52)	IIS11P IT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST09
11		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	188	

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13 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department

14 of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the

15 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as

16 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:

17 nineteen (19) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay

18 not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation

19 Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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21 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,

22 to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the State Insurance

23 Department Trust Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, special

24 maintenance and professional services of the Department of Commerce - State

25 Insurance Department - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,

26 the following:

28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$8,187,821
31	(02) EXTRA HELP	140,000
32	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,871,151
33	(04) OVERTIME	27,500
34	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,250,674
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	188,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	161,600
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	150,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(06) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	956,000
5	(07) AHIM EXPENSES	<u>500,000</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$15,432,746</u></u>

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8 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FUNERAL SERVICES. There is hereby

9 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund

10 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

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

12 Commerce - State Insurance Department - Funeral Services for the fiscal year

13 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$326,284
18	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	122,466
19	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	100,000
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,464
22	(C) PROF. FEES	2,950
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	0
25	(04) LOANS	<u>55,000</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$612,164</u></u>

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28 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATION DIVISION.

29 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable

30 from the State Insurance Department Criminal Investigation Division Trust

31 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of

32 Commerce - State Insurance Department - Insurance Fraud Investigation

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

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

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$989,458
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	335,422
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	220,635
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
6	(C) PROF. FEES	4,000
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	60,000
8	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,644,515</u>

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 11           SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PREPAID FUNERAL BENEFITS DIVISION. There is  
 12 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 13 State Insurance Department Prepaid Trust Fund, for personal services and  
 14 operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department  
 15 - Prepaid Funeral Benefits Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,  
 16 the following:

18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$290,809
21	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	106,399
22	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	36,700
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
25	(C) PROF. FEES	0
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	30,000
27	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$467,908</u>

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 30           SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - PREPAID FUNERAL CONTRACTS RECOVERY PROGRAM.  
 31 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 32 from the State Insurance Department Prepaid Trust Fund, for expenses and  
 33 payment of claims of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department  
 34 - Prepaid Contracts Recovery Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 35 2027, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

3	(01) EXPENSES AND CLAIMS FOR PREPAID	
4	FUNERAL CONTRACTS RECOVERY PROGRAM	<u>\$500,000</u>

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6 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS. There is hereby

7 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

8 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payments of miscellaneous tax and fee

9 refunds by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Refunds

10 of Overpayments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$11,000,000</u>

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16 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is

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

18 Insurance Continuing Education Trust Fund, for personal services of the

19 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Continuing Education

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

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$25,268
25	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>5,916</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$31,184</u>

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28 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH INFORMATION COUNSELING. There is

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

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

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

32 State Insurance Department - Health Information Counseling for the fiscal

33 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$318,851
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	137,135
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	317,407
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
6	(C) PROF. FEES	471,552
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>55,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,319,945</u></u>

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 12 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CONSUMER INFORMATION SYSTEM - CASH. There  
 13 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 14 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal  
 15 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -  
 16 State Insurance Department - Consumer Information System - Cash for the  
 17 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$28,005
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
24	(C) PROF. FEES	0
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$28,005</u></u>

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 29 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CLAIMS SECTION. There is  
 30 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 31 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating  
 32 expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public  
 33 Employee Claims Section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the  
 34 following:

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,186,551
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	438,871
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	498,631
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	24,300
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,148,353</u></u>

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 12           SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby  
 13 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Workers'  
 14 Compensation Revolving Fund, for payment of state employee claims by the  
 15 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - State Employee Claims  
 16 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
20	(01) STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u><u>\$15,500,000</u></u>

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 22           SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is  
 23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 24 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of public school employee claims by  
 25 the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public School  
 26 Employee Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

27		
28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30	(01) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

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 32           SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby  
 33 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 34 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of county employee claims by the  
 35 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - County Employee Claims  
 36 for the 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) COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$200,000</u>

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6 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby

7 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

8 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of city employee claims by the

9 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - City Employee Claims

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

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(01) CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$400,000</u>

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16 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNMENTAL BONDING BOARD. There is

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

18 Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Trust Fund, for operating expenses, refunds,

19 reimbursements, claims, and professional services of the Department of

20 Commerce - State Insurance Department - Governmental Bonding Board for the

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

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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
25	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$5,000
27	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
28	(C) PROF. FEES	0
29	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30	(E) DATA PROC.	0
31	(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	150,000
32	(03) CLAIMS	1,500,000
33	(04) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	<u>50,000</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,705,000</u>

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36 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MULTI-AGENCY INSURANCE TRUST FUND.

1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 2 from the Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund, for expenses and payment  
 3 of claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department -  
 4 Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June  
 5 30, 2027, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) FOR EXPENSES AND CLAIMS FROM AMAIT FUND	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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 11 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is  
 12 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 13 Public School Insurance Trust Fund, for expenses and payment of claims by the  
 14 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public School Insurance  
 15 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19 (01) EXPENSES AND CLAIMS	<u>\$8,000,000</u>

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 21 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS - CASH. There  
 22 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 23 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal  
 24 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -  
 25 State Insurance Department - Criminal Background Checks - Cash for the fiscal  
 26 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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

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 2 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE  
 3 DATABASE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be  
 4 payable from the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Fund, for the  
 5 Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Database, maintenance and  
 6 operations, data collection and management, and data request fulfillment of  
 7 the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the fiscal year  
 8 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
12 (01) HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE	
13 DATABASE EXPENSES	<u>\$3,200,000</u>

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 15 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - FIREFIGHTER CANCER RELIEF. There is hereby  
 16 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department, to  
 17 be payable from the Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund,  
 18 for relief to firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer and participating in  
 19 a firefighter cancer relief network for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,  
 20 the following:

22 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
24 (01) FIREFIGHTER CANCER RELIEF	<u>\$250,000</u>

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 26 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND  
 27 PROVIDERS ACT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce,  
 28 to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal  
 29 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 30 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - MIPPA for the fiscal  
 31 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$235,183
36 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	90,005

1	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	266,229
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	47,630
4	(C) PROF. FEES	541,802
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>105,291</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,286,140</u></u>

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10 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SELF-FUNDED CYBER RESPONSE

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

12 payable from the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response Program Trust Fund, for

13 expenses of the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response Program by the Department

14 of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Arkansas Cyber Response Board for

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

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19	(01) EXPENSES OF THE AR CYBER RESPONSE	
20	PROGRAM	<u><u>\$10,000,000</u></u>

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22 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL SMP. There is

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

24 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to

25 empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries to prevent, detect, and report

26 health care fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling and

27 education by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the

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

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$131,177
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	53,891
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	394,432
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,582

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(04) GRANTS AND AID	192,000
4	(05) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>36,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$817,082</u></u>

7 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

9 TRANSFER PROVISION. In the event the State Insurance Department is unable to  
 10 maintain a full roster of examination personnel, and upon approval of the  
 11 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the resulting unused appropriations in  
 12 Regular Salaries, Extra Help, and Personal Services Matching may be  
 13 transferred to the Professional Services special line item for the purpose of  
 14 contracting with qualified individuals or firms for examination assistance.

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

18 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO  
 20 EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the reimbursement of travel expenses received  
 21 by the Arkansas Insurance Department, shall be deposited into the same State  
 22 Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original travel expenditure was  
 23 incurred as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation from  
 24 which the original expenditure was made.

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

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

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2 SECTION 29. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
3 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
4 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
5 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
6 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
7 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
8 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
9 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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11 SECTION 30. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
12 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
13 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
14 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of  
15 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
16 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
17 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm  
18 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
19 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
20 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
21 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.  
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