

**REPORT
OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW
(PEER)
OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

December 19, 2014

Mr. Chairmen:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on December 4, 2014, and after having reviewed the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete (with the exception of those noted by an asterisk).

A. Cash Fund Appropriation Increase Requests - FY15

1. Law Enforcement Standards and Training - \$225,000
2. Auctioneers Licensing Board - \$20,000

B. Items Approved

1. Set-aside Funding Release Request – FY15
 - a. Arkansas Department of Health - \$1,000,000 Transfer from the Rainy-Day Set-Aside Funds in the 89th Session Projects Account of the General Improvement Fund
 - b. Department of Human Services – Behavioral Health - \$1,750,000 Transfer from the Rainy-Day Set-Aside Funds in the 89th Session Projects Account of the General Improvement Fund
 - c. Arkansas Economic Development Commission - \$4,221,586 Transfer from the Rainy-Day Set-Aside Funds in the 89th Session Projects Account of the General Improvement Fund
2. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request – FY15
 - a. Department of Education - \$25,313,643 Transfer From School Funding Contingency (\$24,313,643) and Declining Enrollment (\$1,000,000) to Alternative Learning Environment (\$600,000); At-Risk (\$100,000); State Foundation Funding Aid (\$14,504,485); and Student Growth (\$10,109,158) - \$86,550 Transfer From Education Renewal Zones Professional Fees to Education Renewal Zones Grants & Aids - \$500,000 Transfer From Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Professional Fees to Federal Grants Administration Professional Fees

C. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request

1. *Secretary of State – **Deferred Action to Full Council** – Total \$803,136 to Operating Expenses for completing, in a timely manner, several facilities and security updates before the Legislative session – (From Building Insurance in the amount of \$53,136; From Legal Notices in the amount of \$350,000; From Mandatory Publications in the amount of \$110,000; From Petition Verification in the amount of \$240,000; From Flags in the amount of \$50,000)

D. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Requests

1. Department of Education – Child Nutrition Meal Grant - \$10,000,000
2. Office of Prosecutor Coordinator – BJA John R. Justice Program - \$31,908
3. Arkansas State Police – Criminal Investigation Division - \$41,051
4. Arkansas State Police – Criminal Investigation Division - \$177,353
5. Arkansas State Police – Highway Patrol Division - \$379,410
6. *Arkansas Insurance Department – Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers 3 - \$161,675 – **Deferred Action to Full Council**

Miscellaneous Federal Grant Requests (continued)

7. *Arkansas Insurance Department – Rate Review Cycle IV - \$1,179,000 – **Deferred Action to Full Council**
8. *Arkansas Insurance Department – Level One “B” Coop Agreement - \$315,796 – **Deferred Action to Full Council**
9. Arkansas Geological Survey – WPA Mineral Survey Preservation Project - \$17,295

E. Contracts Between State Agencies

1. Human Services Department Division of Children and Family with University of Arkansas at Little Rock in the amount of \$1,229,802

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair

Rep. Stephen Meeks, Co-Chair