

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

February 19, 2016

Mr. Chairmen:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on February 16, 2016, and after having reviewed the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete.

A. Cash Fund Appropriation Increase Requests

1. Arkansas Teacher Retirement System - \$16,000,000
2. Department of Veterans Affairs - \$170,000

B. Items Approved

1. Set-Aside Funding Release Request
 - a. Parole Board - \$122,084

C. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request

- a. Department of Higher Education - \$1,545,000 from Academic Challenge to:
 - Military Dependents - \$500,000
 - SREB Minority Doctoral - \$25,000
 - Governor Scholars - \$500,000
 - Higher Education Opportunities - \$500,000
 - Washington Center - \$20,000

D. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Higher Education - \$577,662
2. Arkansas School for the Blind - \$67,053
3. Department of Health - \$450,000

E. Contracts Between State Agencies

1. Workforce Services with Department of Human Services - \$1,000,000

F. Pay Plan Holding Account

1. Department of Arkansas Heritage - \$82,249

The Subcommittee also received the Quarterly Report of Inter-Agency and Inter-Divisional Match Fund Transfers from the Department of Human Services and the Office of the Attorney General Cash Settlement Fund Report.

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Bruce Maloch and Representative David Meeks.