

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

December 18, 2009

Mr. Chairmen:

Your Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on December 16, 2009, and after having reviewed the following items, reports that the Committee's review and/or approval is complete with the exception of those noted by as asterisk(*):

A. Cash Fund Appropriation Increase Requests - FY10

1. Southern Arkansas University - Tech - \$750,000
2. U of A Community College at Batesville - \$505,000
3. Ouachita Technical College - \$400,000
4. Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas - \$500,000
5. *Department of Education - Arkansas State Library - \$408,754 - **HELD**
6. Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - \$420,200

B. Budget Classification Transfer Requests - FY10

1. Administrative Office of the Courts - District Judges Continuing Education - \$10,000 from Professional Fees to Operating Expenses
2. State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers - Operations - \$8,000 from Operating Expenses to Conference and Travel Expense
3. Social Work Licensing Board - Operations - \$1,700 to Conference and Travel Expense from Operating Expenses in the amount of \$500 and from Professional Fees in the amount of \$1,200
4. Oil and Gas Commission - Operations - \$40,000 from Operating Expenses to Professional Fees
5. Department of Higher Education - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) - \$110,000 from Operating Expenses to Conference and Travel Expense in the amount of \$10,000, to Professional Fees in the amount of \$85,000 and to Capital Outlay in the amount of \$15,000

C. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Request - FY10

1. Crime Information Center - State Criminal Repository Enhancement Program - \$310,000
2. State Military Department - Fort Chaffee Training Site - \$150,000
3. Game and Fish Commission - Beaver Tailwater Habitat Improvement - \$110,000
4. Game and Fish Commission - Fish Migration Barrier Removal - \$250,000
5. Arkansas Agriculture Department - Forestry Commission - Recovery Act Domestic Grant - \$3,600,000

D. Contracts Between State Agencies

1. Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations and Ouachita Technical College - \$28,799

E. Items for Approval

1. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer - FY10
 - a) Arkansas State Police - \$31,098 Fund Transfer from the Court Awards Fund to the State Police Fund and \$31,098 Appropriation Transfer from the Confiscated Funds to the State Police Operations Appropriation Capital Outlay line item

F. Pay Plan Holding Account - FY10

1. State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board - \$6,000

G. Held from November Meeting

1. Emergency Transfer Request - FY10
 - a) Miscellaneous Federal Grant
 1. Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Child Support Enforcement - Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement - \$8,105,313

H. The Committee Also Reviewed:

1. A Request for Review from the Department of Higher Education on the distribution of \$1,000,000 from the Research Development Fund to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Steve Bryles, Co-Chair

Rep. Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair