



STATE OF ARKANSAS  
MIKE BEEBE  
GOVERNOR

February 1, 2012

Senator Gilbert Baker, Co-Chair  
Representative Kathy Webb, Co-Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request introduction of the attached FY2012 supplemental appropriation bill for the Arkansas Agriculture Department as a Joint Budget Committee Bill.

This bill will provide funding for the State Forestry Commission to offset losses in timber severance taxes and timber sales resulting from a downturn in the forest products market, and to reimburse federal grant programs. The Commission has instituted austerity measures to ensure restoration of a balanced budget for the remainder of this fiscal year and beyond.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MBE", written over the word "Sincerely,".  
Mike Beebe

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Attachment

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 88th General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 88th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2012  
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# A Bill

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 OF THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT - STATE  
10 FORESTRY COMMISSION WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND  
11 IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 1076  
12 OF 2011; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE  
15 DEPARTMENT - STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION  
16 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
22 appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the  
23 State Forestry Fund, for personal services of the Arkansas Agriculture  
24 Department - State Forestry Commission - Operations which shall be  
25 supplemental in addition to those funds appropriated in Section 29 of Act  
26 1076 of 2011, the following:  
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Item	Class		Fiscal Year
No.	Code	Title	2011-2012
(01)		REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,234,107
(02)		PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	<u>252,117</u>
		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,486,224</u>

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34 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPERATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING

1 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal  
2 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the  
3 State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of two million six  
4 hundred sixty-six thousand three hundred twenty-four dollars (\$2,666,324)  
5 from the unobligated funds in the General Improvement Fund to the State  
6 Forestry Fund to provide funds for personal services and reimbursement of  
7 federal grant program funds of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State  
8 Forestry Commission - Operations.

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10 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
11 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
12 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
13 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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20 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
21 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
22 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
23 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
24 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
25 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
26 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
27 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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29 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the Eighty-  
30 Eighth General Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the  
31 operations of the Arkansas Agriculture Department are, due to unforeseen  
32 circumstances, insufficient to continue to provide essential governmental  
33 services; that the provisions of this act will provide the necessary monies  
34 for the Arkansas Agriculture Department to continue such services; and that a  
35 delay in the effective date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the  
36 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.

1 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
2 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and  
3 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its  
4 passage and approval.

5 If this bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall  
6 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the  
7 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the  
8 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house  
9 overrides the veto.