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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 52

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 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES - BUILDING
11 AUTHORITY DIVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
12 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES -
17 BUILDING AUTHORITY DIVISION APPROPRIATION
18 FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
25 established for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services -
26 Building Authority Division for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following
27 maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2024-2025
33	(1)	U052U TSS ABA DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
34	(2)	B003N TSS STATE ARCHITECT	1	GRADE GS14
35	(3)	B002N TSS STATE ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS14
36	(4)	U080U TSS ABA DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13

1	(5) B023C ENGINEER, P.E.	1	GRADE GS11
2	(6) G036C TSS DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
3	(7) R019C BUDGET MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
4	(8) B042C ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS09
5	(9) B021C LICENSED ARCHITECT	2	GRADE GS09
6	(10) S004C MAINTENANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
7	(11) X047C REAL ESTATE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
8	(12) B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
9	(13) S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
10	(14) S013C TSS BUILDING/PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
11	(15) A088C ASSETS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS05
12	(16) X129C CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	3	GRADE GS05
13	(17) B090C ENGINEER TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS05
14	(18) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
15	(19) X153C REAL ESTATE ANALYST	3	GRADE GS04
16	(20) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
17	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	27	

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19 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 20 appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be
 21 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services
 22 and operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and Shared
 23 Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 24 2025, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,557,780
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	565,477
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	45,955
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,200
33	(C) PROF. FEES	0
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,175,412</u></u>

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - BUILDING MAINTENANCE. There is hereby established for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	G036C	TSS DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(2)	B042C	ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS09
(3)	S107C	TSS BUILDING OPERATIONS ASST MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(4)	S004C	MAINTENANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
(5)	S106C	LICENSED TRADESMAN	3	GRADE GS07
(6)	S017C	MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	6	GRADE GS07
(7)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(8)	S022C	SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS06
(9)	S013C	TSS BUILDING/PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
(10)	V014C	BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
(11)	S031C	SKILLED TRADESMAN	4	GRADE GS05
(12)	S037C	TSS BUILDING MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS05
(13)	S046C	MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
(14)	S065C	MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	34	

SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - BUILDING MAINTENANCE. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: nine (9) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - BUILDING MAINTENANCE. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be
 2 payable from the Building Authority Division Maintenance Fund, for personal
 3 services and operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and
 4 Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June
 5 30, 2025, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,528,323
10 (02) EXTRA HELP	15,000
11 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	622,917
12 (04) OVERTIME	40,000
13 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	13,659,015
15 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
16 (C) PROF. FEES	50,000
17 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18 (E) DATA PROC.	0
19 (06) DEBT SERVICE	5,002,186
20 (07) FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONTINGENCY	125,000
21 (08) RENT OF SPACE	<u>121,000</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$21,178,441</u></u>

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 24 SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - JUSTICE BUILDING OPERATIONS. There is
 25 hereby established for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services -
 26 Building Authority Division for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following
 27 maximum number of regular employees.

30	Maximum	Maximum Annual
31 Item Class	No. of	Salary Rate
32 <u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
		<u>2024-2025</u>
33 (1) S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
34 (2) S037C TSS BUILDING MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS05
35 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

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SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - JUSTICE BUILDING OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the Building Authority Division Maintenance Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$83,257
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	34,479
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	569,453
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$702,189</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - JUSTICE BUILDING MAINTENANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the Justice Building Fund, for maintenance of the Justice Building by the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u><u>\$404,293</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CRITICAL MAINTENANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the Building Authority Division Maintenance Fund, for critical maintenance of various state buildings by the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
3	(01) CRITICAL MAINTENANCE	<u>\$6,500,000</u>

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5 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - ACQUISITION AND MAINTENANCE. There is

6 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services,

7 to be payable from the Building Authority Division Real Estate Fund, for the

8 acquisition and maintenance of facilities and land by the Department of

9 Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the

10 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
14	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$300,000
16	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
17	(C) PROF. FEES	1,506,650
18	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19	(E) DATA PROC.	0
20	(02) CONSTRUCTION/ACQUISITION/MAINTENANCE	<u>2,500,000</u>
21	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,306,650</u>

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23 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - JUSTICE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION - CASH.

24 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared

25 Services, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801,

26 for operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and Shared

27 Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June 30,

28 2025, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
32	(01) CONSTRUCTION	<u>\$8,000,000</u>

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34 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - SUSTAINABLE BUILDING DESIGN PROGRAM. There

35 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared

36 Services, to be payable from the Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan

1 Fund, for transfers or loans to state agencies, boards or commissions for
 2 construction, renovation, maintenance and operating expenses for the
 3 Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority
 4 Division - Sustainable Building Design Program for the fiscal year ending
 5 June 30, 2025, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
9 (01) LOANS	<u>\$10,739,371</u>

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 11 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 12 Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the cash
 13 fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 14 Officer of the State, for building improvements by the Department of
 15 Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the
 16 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
20 (01) BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	<u>\$2,865,890</u>

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 22 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 24 OF FUNDS - JUSTICE BUILDING OPERATIONS ACTUAL EXPENDITURES. Building
 25 Authority Division may from time to time as may be necessary and in such
 26 amounts as may be necessary and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer
 27 of the State, request a transfer of funds from the State Central Services
 28 Fund to the Arkansas Building Authority Maintenance Fund for operation of the
 29 Justice Building for actual expenditures, in an amount not to exceed the
 30 dollar amount appropriated in the Justice Building Operation Section. Upon
 31 his or her approval, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall then
 32 initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect the transfer upon the
 33 fiscal records of the State Auditor, the State Treasurer, the Chief Fiscal
 34 Officer of the State and Building Authority Division.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
 36 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF FUNDS. Building Authority Division is hereby authorized, after seeking the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee to request transfer from the appropriation made in the Building Maintenance Section for Building Maintenance to the Acquisition and Maintenance appropriation in the Acquisition and Maintenance Section and to receive from another state agency that seeks like approvals its authority, appropriation and the transfer of funds to be deposited into the Building Authority Division Real Estate Fund to become part of the Acquisition and Maintenance appropriation, and to be used for any purposes as set forth by law for said Real Estate Fund.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that Building Authority Division may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to Building Authority Division authorizing broad powers under this section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BUILDING AUTHORITY DIVISION CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY. Building Authority Division may transfer appropriation and funds as needed from the

1 Facilities Management Contingency Appropriation in the Building Maintenance
2 Section of this Act to any appropriation authorized for Building Authority
3 Division.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
5 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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7 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
9 TO FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY. (a) In order to
10 provide a more cost effective method to address the emerging infrastructure
11 needs of Arkansas State Government, appropriations and funds transferred to
12 the Facilities Management Contingency Appropriation are to be used in the
13 event that the Building Authority Division executes one or more building
14 contracts or maintenance agreements with State Agencies, and the
15 appropriations or funds otherwise provided for the Building Authority
16 Division are not sufficient to address those needs, and it is more cost
17 effective for Building Authority Division to execute these services. Any
18 State Agency may transfer or deposit funds and appropriations to Building
19 Authority Division - Facilities Management Contingency Appropriation
20 authorized in the Building Maintenance Section of this Act to execute one or
21 more building contracts or maintenance agreements with said State Agencies.
22 Building Authority Division shall provide justification to the Chief Fiscal
23 Officer of the State for the need of such appropriations and funds transfers
24 and seek and receive approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.
25 Building Authority Division shall then seek and receive the approval of the
26 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. The requirement of
27 approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not
28 a severable part of the section. If the requirement of approval by the
29 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
30 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is
31 void.

32 (b) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make the necessary
33 adjustments on his or her books and the books of the Auditor of the State for
34 the transfer or deposit of the funds and appropriations from each State
35 Agency to the appropriation authorized in the Building Maintenance Section of
36 this Act and to the various Building Authority Division accounts to be used

1 exclusively by Building Authority Division for the fiscal year.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
3 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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5 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

7 SUSTAINABLE BUILDING DESIGN PROGRAM - TRANSFER. In the event there is not
8 sufficient appropriation and/or funding provided for by the General Assembly
9 for any state agency, board or commission to participate in the Sustainable
10 Building Design Program for renovations of state owned property which exceeds
11 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), the agency may request a
12 transfer from the Sustainable Building Design Program appropriation
13 authorized in the Sustainable Building Design Program Section of this Act
14 from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The request shall clearly state
15 the amount required and such other information as may be required by the
16 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State necessary to make a decision regarding the
17 request. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior
18 review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the
19 State Auditor shall be notified as of the amount and the purposes for which
20 the appropriation and/or funding is to be transferred and shall be
21 established upon the books of the Department of Finance and Administration
22 and the State Auditor. If desired, the appropriation may be supplemental to
23 those regularly appropriated for like purposes by the General Assembly for
24 that agency.

25 Provided further, that all state agencies, boards or commissions shall
26 have prior approval by the Building Authority Division as authorized for the
27 Sustainable Building Design Program in accordance with established Rules and
28 Regulations.

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
30 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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32 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

34 SUSTAINABLE BUILDING DESIGN PROGRAM - REVOLVING LOAN FUND. The Sustainable
35 Building Design Program Appropriation is intended to provide additional
36 appropriation authority for the Sustainable Building Design Program. Funding

1 for the program may be made available by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
2 State, in the form of a loan, from a transfer from the Sustainable Building
3 Design Revolving Loan Fund after the required review by the Arkansas
4 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, approval by the Chief Fiscal
5 Officer of the State and approval through rules established and administered
6 by Building Authority Division. Moneys made available for the repayment of a
7 loan shall be deposited to the credit of the Sustainable Building Design
8 Revolving Loan Fund as a "Refund to Expenditure" for the year in which the
9 deposit is made. In the event that the funds for the repayment of a loan are
10 held in depositories other than the State Treasury, the administrative head
11 of the affected state agency shall issue a check drawn against the funds,
12 which shall be deposited in the Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan
13 Fund.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
15 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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17 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
19 TRANSFER - DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT FUNDS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of
20 the State may transfer from time to time on his or her books and those of the
21 State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State funding which is made available
22 from Development and Enhancement Funds allocated and distributed to Building
23 Authority Division in an amount not to exceed three million dollars
24 (\$3,000,000) from the Development and Enhancement Fund or its successor fund
25 or fund accounts to the Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan Fund to
26 provide funds for the appropriation provided herein or for appropriation
27 authority as may be provided by law to provide loans to agencies for the
28 Sustainable Building Design Program.

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
30 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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32 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
34 TRANSFER - FEDERAL FUNDS. From time to time, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
35 State may transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and
36 the Auditor of the State the sum not to exceed twelve million dollars

1 (\$12,000,000) from Federal Funds as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
2 the State to the Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan Fund to provide
3 funds for the appropriations herein.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
5 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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7 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
9 TRANSFER - CASH FUND ACCOUNT. Building Authority Division is authorized to
10 transfer any unspent funds remaining in any cash fund account established for
11 the management of a state owned facility managed by, but not owned by,
12 Building Authority Division to the Building Authority Maintenance Fund to
13 support the facility’s Maintenance and Operations appropriations.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
15 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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17 SECTION 23. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
18 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
19 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
20 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
21 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
22 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
23 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
24 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
25 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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36 SECTION 25. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

1 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
2 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
3 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
4 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
5 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
6 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
7 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
8 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
9 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
10 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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