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HOUSE BILL 1027

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 COMMERCE
10 - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL
11 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
15 ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL
17 YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
24 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the 2024-2025
25 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate
				Fiscal Year 2024-2025
31	(1) U012U	REHABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSIONER	1	GRADE SE01
32	(2) L013N	GENERAL PHYSICIAN	2	GRADE MP06
33	(3) L021N	PHYSICAL THERAPIST	1	GRADE MP03
34	(4) L003C	PSYCHOLOGIST	2	GRADE MP03
35	(5) L022N	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	3	GRADE MP02
36	(6) L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	2	GRADE MP01

1	(7)	D006N STATE SYSTEMS ARCHITECT	1	GRADE IT10
2	(8)	N178N ACOM ARS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT09
3	(9)	D022N IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
4	(10)	D012C DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
5	(11)	D028C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE IT07
6	(12)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT06
7	(13)	D022C SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT06
8	(14)	D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
9	(15)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
10	(16)	D064C WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE IT04
11	(17)	N172N ACOM REHAB OPERATIONS DIRECTOR	3	GRADE GS13
12	(18)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
13	(19)	P078C ACOM ARS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	GRADE GS12
14	(20)	N170N ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
15	(21)	N138N ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR FIELD SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
16	(22)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
17	(23)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
18	(24)	E005C ACOM REHAB DIR OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING	1	GRADE GS10
19	(25)	G040C ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR - SPECIAL PROGRAMS	3	GRADE GS10
20	(26)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS09
21	(27)	G070C ACOM DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS	1	GRADE GS09
22	(28)	L037C ACOM REHAB AREA MANAGER	13	GRADE GS09
23	(29)	E011C ACOM VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS09
24	(30)	L033C PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	11	GRADE GS09
25	(31)	X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	3	GRADE GS09
26	(32)	L098C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	99	GRADE GS08
27	(33)	S004C MAINTENANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
28	(34)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
29	(35)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS08
30	(36)	G121C REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	8	GRADE GS08
31	(37)	A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS08
32	(38)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
33	(39)	G163C ACOM REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	9	GRADE GS07
34	(40)	L057C ACOM REHAB SVS FACILITY SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS07
35	(41)	M032C ACOM VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT SPEC	14	GRADE GS07
36	(42)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07

1	(43)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
2	(44)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
3	(45)	A065C PAYROLL SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
4	(46)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
5	(47)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
6	(48)	E043C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL TEACHER	17	GRADE GS06
7	(49)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
8	(50)	M050C INTERPRETER	4	GRADE GS06
9	(51)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
10	(52)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
11	(53)	T062C PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS06
12	(54)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
13	(55)	S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
14	(56)	M061C ACOM VOCATIONAL REHAB EVALUATOR	1	GRADE GS05
15	(57)	C036C ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
16	(58)	C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
17	(59)	V014C BUYER	2	GRADE GS05
18	(60)	G215C CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
19	(61)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	5	GRADE GS05
20	(62)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	2	GRADE GS05
21	(63)	E049C VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS05
22	(64)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	9	GRADE GS04
23	(65)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
24	(66)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
25	(67)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
26	(68)	V022C PURCHASING TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
27	(69)	C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS04
28	(70)	S099C STATIONARY ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS04
29	(71)	V023C STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
30	(72)	V025C WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
31	(73)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	68	GRADE GS03
32	(74)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
33	(75)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
34	(76)	C062C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS03
35	(77)	M081C RESIDENTIAL CARE SHIFT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
36	(78)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	11	GRADE GS02

1	(79)	S070C EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE GS02
2	(80)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS02
3	(81)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	1	GRADE GS02
4	(82)	M083C RESIDENTIAL CARE TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS02
5	(83)	S086C COOK	1	GRADE GS01
6	(84)	S080C EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	1	GRADE GS01
7	(85)	S089C FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE GS01
8	(86)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS01
9		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	377	

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11 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 12 of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year,
 13 the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known
 14 as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:
 15 nineteen (19) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay
 16 not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation
 17 Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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19 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 20 to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as
 21 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services,
 22 operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Department of Commerce -
 23 Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Operations for the fiscal year ending June
 24 30, 2025, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$17,453,463
29	(02) EXTRA HELP	252,000
30	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	6,918,772
31	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,401,096
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	141,178
34	(C) PROF. FEES	844,903
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36	(E) DATA PROC.	0

1	(05) CONTRACT SERVICES	<u>25,455,389</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$58,466,801</u></u>

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 4 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INCREASING CAPABILITIES ACCESS NETWORK -
 5 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be
 6 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 7 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 8 Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Increasing Capabilities Access
 9 Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$226,603
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	90,885
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	363,789
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,402
18	(C) PROF. FEES	16,000
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
20	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
21	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$817,679</u></u>

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 23 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE DISABILITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
 24 EQUIPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 25 Commerce, to be payable from the Telecommunications Equipment Fund, for
 26 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -
 27 Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Statewide Disability Telecommunications
 28 Equipment Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$127,704
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	52,601
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(04) ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE GRANTS	<u>250,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$502,305</u></u>

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7 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM - SPECIAL.

8 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable

9 from the Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities Fund, for

10 operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation

11 Services - People with Disabilities Program - Special for the fiscal year

12 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$30,000
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
19	(C) PROF. FEES	0
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$30,000</u></u>

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24 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM.

25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable

26 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

27 Fiscal Officer of the State, for providing loans to individuals with

28 disabilities for essential assistive technology, adaptive equipment, and for

29 loan administration/servicing by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas

30 Rehabilitation Services - Technology Equipment Revolving Loan Program for the

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

33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
35	(01) LOANS	<u><u>\$532,085</u></u>

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SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$346,542
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$356,542</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND ADULT ED. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for a grant to World Services for the Blind for personal services, operating expenses, equipment, curriculum and adult education programming services for costs, including, but not limited to, assistive hardware and technology, adaptive software and licenses, and retrofitting of classrooms by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - World Services for the Blind Adult Ed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) GRANTS AND AID	<u><u>\$2,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Division of State Services for the Blind for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
			Fiscal Year
Item	Class	Maximum	2024-2025
No.	Code Title	No. of Employees	Grade
6	(1) N125N ACOM DSB DEP DIR SVCS FOR THE BLIND	1	GRADE GS15
7	(2) G021C ACOM DSB ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
8	(3) G303C ACOM DSB PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS09
9	(4) L037C ACOM REHAB AREA MANAGER	3	GRADE GS09
10	(5) X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
11	(6) L098C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	24	GRADE GS08
12	(7) X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
13	(8) G121C REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
14	(9) E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
15	(10) G163C ACOM REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
16	(11) M032C ACOM VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT SPEC	1	GRADE GS07
17	(12) E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
18	(13) E039C ACOM DSB TEACHER FOR THE BLIND	1	GRADE GS06
19	(14) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS06
20	(15) A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
21	(16) L051C REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	2	GRADE GS06
22	(17) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
23	(18) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	8	GRADE GS04
24	(19) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
25	(20) C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS04
26	(21) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>13</u>	GRADE GS03
27	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	78	

SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Division of State Services for the Blind 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: thirty (30) 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

1 for the appropriate classification.

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3 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND - OPERATIONS.

4 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 5 from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 6 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 7 Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Division of State Services for
 8 the Blind for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,553,794
13 (02) EXTRA HELP	384,174
14 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,453,071
15 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,122,186
17 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	55,000
18 (C) PROF. FEES	195,259
19 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,763,484</u></u>

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23 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - BLIND SERVICES GRANTS. There is hereby
 24 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying
 25 account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants
 26 and aid and purchase of services of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas
 27 Rehabilitation Services - Blind Services Grants for the fiscal year ending
 28 June 30, 2025, the following:

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30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
32 (01) GRANTS AND AID/PURCHASE OF SERVICES	<u><u>\$4,646,768</u></u>

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34 SECTION 14. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 35 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 36 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

1 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 2 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 3 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 4 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 5 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 6 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 8 SECTION 15. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 9 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 10 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 11 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 12 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 13 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 14 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 15 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 17 SECTION 16. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 18 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
 19 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 20 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
 21 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 22 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 23 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
 24 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 25 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 26 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 27 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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