

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL LANGUAGE SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE  
JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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Thursday, March 2, 2023

Chairmen:

Your Special Language Subcommittee met on Wednesday March 1, 2023 and makes the following recommendations listed below to the Joint Budget Committee.

**A. The following amendments are recommended for approval and the amendments are RELEASED from the Subcommittee:**

1. HB1093 – Department of Education-Arkansas State Library - (Attachment 1 - KMW030)
2. SB9 - Public Defender Commission - Governor's Letter #5 (Attachment 2 JAR069)
3. SB33 - Dept. of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services (Attachment 3 MAH052)
4. HB1270 - Henderson State University (Attachment 4 HAR092)

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs Senator Ben Gilmore and Representative Frances Cavanaugh



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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1093

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

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Amendment No. \_\_\_ to House Bill No. 1093

Amend House Bill No. 1093 as originally introduced:

Immediately following SECTION 10 of the bill, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. STATE FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES PROVISIONS.

(i) The Department of Education – Arkansas State Library provides grants and aid to Libraries across the state. The Arkansas State Library has developed the Standards for State Aid to public libraries which creates standards public libraries must meet to be eligible for state aid.

(ii) The Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries contains the requirement that a public library shall maintain a one-mill county or city property tax, and the requirement that the library have a qualified librarian.

(iii) Less populated areas in the State may not have the ability to pass and maintain a one-mill county or city property tax.

(iv) Due to the importance that the public library represents to rural communities, the Arkansas State Library shall review and modify the requirements that prevent rural public libraries from receiving state grant and aid that is authorized by the General Assembly, as set out in subsection (v).

(v) Therefore, the Arkansas State Library shall promulgate rules that allow a public library to adequately demonstrate a source of revenue in lieu of the requirement to maintain a one-mill county or city property tax.

(vi) One month prior to the distribution of state aid to public libraries for the 2025 Fiscal Year, the Arkansas State Library shall report

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to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, if meeting in legislative session, the revised Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries which shall address in writing the actions taken to address the issues as set out in this section. The report shall include all criteria, including but not limited to how a local public library may become certified to receive funding from the Arkansas State Library.

(vii) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Joint Budget Committee  
By: Senator J. Payton  
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# ARKANSAS SENATE

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 9

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024  
FISCAL YEAR.

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Amendment No. \_\_\_ to Senate Bill No. 9

Amend Senate Bill No. 9 as originally introduced:

Page 9, immediately following SECTION 19, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA HELP EXEMPTION. The Arkansas Public Defender Commission may utilize their authorized extra help positions up to a maximum of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours. The rates of pay may not exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification Act or its successor, for the appropriate classification.

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

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Joint Budget Committee

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Secretary

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 33

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

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**Amendment No. \_\_\_ to Senate Bill No. 33**

Amend Senate Bill No. 33 as originally introduced:

Page 18, line 34, insert "up to" between the words "the sum of" and "two".

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Senator J. English

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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1270

AN ACT FOR THE HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

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Amendment No. \_\_\_ to House Bill No. 1270

Amend House Bill No. 1270 as originally introduced:

Page 6, line 9, delete "\$17,000,000" and substitute "\$12,000,000"

AND

Page 6, line 13, delete "\$2,351,426" and substitute "\$7,351,426"

AND

Page 6, line 19, delete "Grant to"

AND

Page 7, delete Section 6 in its entirety and substitute the following:

" SECTION 6. DO NOT CODIFY. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET STABILIZATION LOAN REPAYMENT.

(a) It is the intent of this section to provide for the repayment by Henderson State University of a loan received from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund in fiscal year 2020.

(b) As repayment for the outstanding loan received from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund in fiscal year 2020, Henderson State University shall make payments of nine hundred fifty-eight thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$958,333.33) from any legal fund of Henderson State University to the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund on the following dates unless modifications are made under subsection (d) of this section:

- (1) December 1, 2024;
- (2) December 1, 2025;
- (3) December 1, 2026;
- (4) December 1, 2027;

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(5) December 1, 2028; and

(6) December 1, 2029.

(c) Henderson State University shall provide a report to the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in regular, fiscal, or extraordinary session, the Joint Budget Committee, no later than June 30 of each year regarding the status of the loan received from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund.

(d)(1) Loan payments under subsection (b) of this section may be modified by the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in regular, fiscal, or extraordinary session, the Joint Budget Committee, based upon its review of the status of the loan received from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund.

(2) A modification to a loan payment under subdivision (2)(A) of this section may include without limitation:

(A) The amount of one (1) or more loan payments; and

(B) The timing of one (1) or more loan payments.

(e) This section shall expire upon the final payment by Henderson State University to the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund under subsection (b) of this section."

The Amendment was read

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Senator Hickey

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