



STATE OF ARKANSAS
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GOVERNOR

March 20, 2019

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to SB39, the 2019-2020 operations appropriation bill for the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration-Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Enforcement Division:

Please amend SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2019-2020	
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	\$25,000
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>1,889,092</u>	<u>\$1,914,092</u>

This appropriation will allow the Division to send officers for training on Medical Marijuana/Narcotics and ABC-related enforcement requirements. This training will increase the efficiency, knowledge, and expertise of agency staff in the legal and regulatory issues surrounding the legalization of medical marijuana.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Asa Hutchinson

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