

STATE OF ARKANSAS ASA HUTCHINSON GOVERNOR

April 12, 2021

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair Joint Budget Committee Arkansas General Assembly State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 2201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to HB1106, the 2021-2022 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer.

Please amend SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION – DISASTER ASSISTANCE GRANTS as follows:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
NO.		2021-2022
(01) DISASTER ASSISTANCE GRANTS	13,250,000	<u>16,250,000</u>

This request will provide sufficient appropriation to match the increase in funding as amended by Act 372 of 2021.

Please amend SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION – MARKETING AND REDISTRIBUTION as follows:

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION – MARKETING AND REDISTRIBUTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration – <u>Disbursing Officer</u>, to be payable from the Property Sales Holding Fund, for state agencies, counties, municipalities or other local governmental units for expending or disbursing the net proceeds from property sold through the Marketing and Redistribution Division of the Department of <u>Finance</u> Administration – <u>Disbursing Officer Transformation and Shared Services</u> for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following.

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This request will reflect the Marketing and Redistribution Division as a division of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, due to transformation.

Please amend SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION – INFORMATION NETWORK OF ARKANSAS as follows:

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - INFORMATION NETWORK OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Information Network of Arkansas Fund, for operating expenses of the Information Network of Arkansas and other state government technology initiatives approved by the Information Network of Arkansas Board by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
NO.		2021-2022
(01) MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	\$ 150,000	\$ <u>1,000,000</u>

This request will increase appropriation to include other state government technology initiatives approved by the Information Network of Arkansas Board.

Please amend SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION – FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES - ADDITIONAL FUNDING as follows:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2021-2022
(01) PAYMENTS TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS	\$ 15,000,000 \$16,000,000

This request will support anticipated additional payouts to fire departments as more of the departments become certified.

Please amend SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – TRANSFER PROCEDURES – PERSONAL SERVICES AND REGULAR SALARIES as follows on Page 23, line 32:

"to be made. In the event that the appropriation request approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is for less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or for the payment of Personal Services is not sufficient for the last payroll of the fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may approve any transfers on an emergency basis and provide a report to the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee."

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This request allows transfers for Personal Services and Regular Salaries which are less than \$10,000 to be approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State on an emergency basis.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Asa Hutchinson