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1 State of Arkansas
2 93rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2021
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 121

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 LABOR
10 AND LICENSING - DIVISION OF LABOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
11 ENDING JUNE 30, 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
16 LICENSING - DIVISION OF LABOR
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL
18 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 - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
24 established for the Department of Labor and Licensing for the 2021-2022
25 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2021-2022
31	(1)	SC010 SECRETARY OF LABOR & LICENSING	1	GRADE SE05
32	(2)	D030C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT07
33	(3)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
34	(4)	D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE IT05
35	(5)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
36	(6)	N245N DLL CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE GS15



1 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
 2 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,
 3 this entire section is void.

4 (e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of
 5 passage through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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7  SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

9 EXPENDITURE AND TRANSFER LIMITATIONS. (i) Notwithstanding any other transfer
 10 provisions authorized by law, the expenditures for each individual Board,
 11 Commission, Section or Division in the Department of Labor and Licensing
 12 combined with fund transfers for the individual board, commission, section,
 13 or division, such as but not limited to Shared Services Transfers, shall not
 14 exceed the net collections of the individual board, commission, section, or
 15 division in any fiscal year as set out in this section.

16 (ii) The calculations for each individual entities expenditures,
 17 transfers and net collections or revenue shall be determined separately for
 18 each board, commission, section or division and at no time shall a combined
 19 calculation be utilized.

20 (iii) The total expenditures for a fiscal year for each entity shall be
 21 determined by the average expenditures of the last three completed fiscal
 22 years combined with any current fiscal year budgeted fund transfer.

23 (iv) The net collections or revenue for a fiscal year for each entity
 24 shall be determined by the average revenue collections of the last three
 25 completed fiscal years.

26 (v) At no time shall a fund transfer in a fiscal year cause the total
 27 expenditures, as set out in subsection (iii) of this section, to exceed the
 28 net collections or revenue, as set out in subsection (iv) of this section.

29 (vi) Any fund transfers combined with expenditures shall not be greater
 30 than revenue collections that could create the need for a board, commission,
 31 section or division to raise fees, fines, penalties, or any other collection
 32 method in order to continue to provide the services for which they were
 33 created.

34 (vii) Any expenditures for a board, commission, section or division
 35 authorized by the General Assembly through the budget hearing and
 36 appropriation process, that is specifically requested and approved to be

1 payable out of that individual entity's accumulated fund balances for
2 expenses other than normal operating expense shall be exempt from this
3 section and that expenditure from fund balances shall not be used to
4 calculate the expenditures as set out in subsection (iii) of this section.

5 (viii) The provisions as set forth in this section does not prevent any
6 individual board, commission, section, or division, from promulgating new or
7 update rules or submitting a request to raise or lower fees, fines,
8 penalties, or any other collection method.

9 (ix) In the event that an individual board, commission, section, or
10 division has a fiscal year where expenditures combined with budget transfers
11 out exceeds collections or revenue as set out in subsection (v) of this
12 section and that individual board, commission, section, or division has a
13 current fund balance greater than the average expenditures as calculated in
14 subsection (iii) of this section, then that individual board, commission,
15 section, or division is exempt from the provision of this section and may
16 utilize those fund balances to exceed the expenditure combined with transfers
17 without limitation.

18 (x) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
19 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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21 SECTION 14. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
22 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
23 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
24 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
25 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
26 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
27 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
28 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
29 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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31 SECTION 15. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
32 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
33 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
34 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
35 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
36 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

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HOUSE BILL 1072

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
10 AND ADMINISTRATION - REGULATORY DIVISION FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
16 ADMINISTRATION - REGULATORY DIVISION
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL
18 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 - REGULATORY DIVISION. There is hereby
25 established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Regulatory
26 Division for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
27 regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2021-2022
33	(1) G305C	DFA REGULATORY ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SE02
34	(2) G280C	DFA REGULATORY ASST ADMIN-ENFORCEMENT	2	GRADE GS15
35	(3) G047C	ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
36	(4) A007C	AUDIT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11



1 the State, for the transfers to the Department of Finance and Administration
 2 - Racing Commission Purses and Awards Fund for the fiscal year ending June
 3 30, 2022, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
(01) REFUNDS/INVESTMENTS/TRANSFERS	<u>\$25,000,000</u>

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 9  SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 11 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - ARKANSAS TOBACCO CONTROL -
 12 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. Arkansas Tobacco Control is hereby authorized to purchase
 13 from Maintenance & General Operations Classifications in the Operations
 14 Appropriation and Sales to Minors Enforcement - Cash Appropriation provided
 15 by this Act, up to an amount not to exceed \$5,000 each fiscal year for
 16 promotional items, authorized by the Director of the Agency, and with the
 17 approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to meet the Department of
 18 Finance and Administration - Arkansas Tobacco Control Merchant Education
 19 needs.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2020
 21 2021 through June 30, 2021 2022.

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 23 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ABC
 25 ADMINISTRATION - CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Chief
 26 Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer appropriation as needed from the
 27 Contingency Appropriation authorized in this Act to the Alcoholic Beverage
 28 Control Division of the Department of Finance and Administration, the
 29 Department of Health and/or any other state agency incurring expenses for the
 30 implementation, administration, or enforcement of the Arkansas Medical
 31 Marijuana Amendment of 2016, to pay for personal services, operating
 32 expenses, professional fees, equipment, monitoring, auditing, and other
 33 miscellaneous expenses.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2020
 35 2021 through June 30, 2021 2022.

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1 State of Arkansas
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HOUSE BILL 1208

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 PUBLIC
10 SAFETY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
12

Subtitle

13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
14 SAFETY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-2022
15 FISCAL YEAR.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
22 established for the Department of Public Safety for the 2021-2022 fiscal
23 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
24

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2021-2022
29	(1) SC013	SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY	1	GRADE SE05
30	(2) D103C	DPS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT11
31	(3) D003C	STATE SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR LEAD	1	GRADE IT09
32	(4) D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
33	(5) D123C	DB ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT08
34	(6) D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
35	(7) D035C	COMPUTER SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT07
36	(8) D034C	DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT07



1 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ASP.
 3 MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE. The Arkansas State Police is hereby authorized to
 4 purchase motor vehicles from the appropriations authorized for Capital Outlay
 5 in the State Police Operations and/or Confiscated Funds Transfer
 6 appropriation in this Act. Motor vehicles donated to Arkansas State Police
 7 and confiscated vehicles used for Arkansas State Police operations shall not
 8 be included in the maximum number of authorized passenger vehicles.
 9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2020
 10 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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 12 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ASP.
 14 UNIFORM EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REPORTING. The Arkansas State
 15 Police shall report monthly to the Governor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 16 State and to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
 17 regarding the activity and condition for the uniformed employee health
 18 insurance plan. The report shall include, but not limited to, the beginning
 19 reserve fund balance, contributions made during the month, claims paid, and
 20 the ending fund balance of the month. In the event it is determined that the
 21 cost to adequately maintain the uniform employee health insurance plan is not
 22 feasible within the existing resources available to the department, the 92nd
 23 General Assembly shall study the feasibility and desirability of
 24 discontinuing the self-insurance program and instead provide medical and
 25 hospital insurance to uniform employees through the public employees
 26 insurance program.
 27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2020
 28 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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 30  SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ASP.
 32 EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES. The Arkansas State Police is hereby authorized to
 33 purchase from Maintenance & Operations Classifications in the Operations
 34 Appropriation provided by this Act, ~~up to an amount not to exceed two~~
 35 ~~thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) each fiseal year,~~ for emergency
 36 purchases for food, drinks and other essential items during emergency

1 operations only when authorized by the Agency ~~Director~~ Secretary. During an
 2 emergency, an ASP employee may be designated and authorized, by the ~~Director~~
 3 Secretary, to incur expenses for all deployed personnel.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2020
 5 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

7 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ASP.
 9 QUARTERLY REPORTING. The Arkansas State Police shall on a quarterly basis
 10 provide to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee a
 11 report detailing expenditures from the Court Awards Fund of the Confiscated
 12 Funds Transfer appropriation of this Act. The report shall include the State
 13 Police division, purpose and amount of expenditures.

14 The quarterly reports shall be provided no later than the 15th day of the
 15 month immediately following the end of each quarter.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2020
 17 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

19 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED
 21 SERVICES

22 (a)(1)(A) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create paying accounts
 23 on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the
 24 Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses
 25 by the Department of Public Safety.

26 (B) Upon prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council, or
 27 if meeting in Legislative Session the Joint Budget Committee, the Chief
 28 Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and
 29 appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of
 30 this act and the transfer of positions to the Regular Salaries – Shared
 31 Services appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of
 32 State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

33 (2) The transfer authority provided in subdivision (a)(1) of
 34 this section for efficiencies and to eliminate duplication of services are
 35 limited only to those services that are provided for multiple divisions of a
 36 department, including without limitation to administration, human resources,

1 accomplished by delineating the maximums in the appropriation act or acts and
 2 establishing authorized positions and the general revenue allocations
 3 authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue
 4 Stabilization Law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the
 5 cabinet-level departments created under Acts 2019, No. 910, may operate more
 6 efficiently if some flexibility is provided as authorized under this section.
 7 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
 8 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or,
 9 if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, as
 10 provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative
 11 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.
 12 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
 13 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,
 14 this entire section is void.

15 (e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of
 16 passage through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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18 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CRIME
 20 LAB. MEDICAL EXAMINER SALARIES. In order to recruit and retain employees
 21 that meet the licensure requirements for Medical Examiners established in
 22 A.C.A. §12-12-307(a)(2), the Department of Public Safety - Division of
 23 Arkansas State Crime Laboratory, may exceed the maximum salary level by no
 24 more than fifty percent (50%) for the following authorized classifications:

- 25 (1) L001N Crime Lab Director Medical Examination Division
- 26 Grade MP10
- 27 (2) L004N Crime Lab Associate Medical Examiner
- 28 Grade MP09
- 29 Increases in accordance with this special language shall only be implemented
 30 after receiving approval from the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
 31 Budget Committee.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021
 33 through June 30, 2022.

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35 SECTION 45. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 36 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 132

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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 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
12
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL
17 YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
23 established for the Department of Commerce for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2021-2022
30	(1) SC002 ACOM SECRETARY OF COMMERCE	1	GRADE SE05
31	(2) U063U ACOM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
32	(3) N215N ACOM CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE01
33	(4) D012C DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
34	(5) D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
35	(6) D054C COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
36	(7) D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05



1 provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative
 2 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.
 3 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
 4 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,
 5 this entire section is void.

6 (e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of
 7 passage through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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9  SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
 11 FORWARD - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of
 12 funds for the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Program line item in the Division of
 13 Science and Technology - State Operations Section of this Act which remain at
 14 the close of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next
 15 state fiscal year to be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in
 16 law.

17 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may
 18 be carried forward under the following conditions:

19 (1) Prior to June 30, 2022 the Agency shall by written statement set forth
 20 its reasons(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department
 21 of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

22 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
 23 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
 24 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting,
 25 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
 26 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
 27 or line item, the funding source of the appropriation and a copy of the
 28 written request set forth in (1) above;

29 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
 30 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
 31 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
 32 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc.

33 for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty
 34 (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution
 35 presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
 36 Committee; and

1 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all
 2 information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
 3 statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 5 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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 7 SECTION 54. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 8 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 9 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 10 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 11 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 12 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 13 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 14 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 15 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 17 SECTION 55. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 18 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 19 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 20 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 21 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 22 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 23 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 24 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 26 SECTION 56. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 27 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
 28 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2021 is essential to the operation of
 30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 31 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 32 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2021 could work irreparable harm
 33 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 34 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 35 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 36 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2021.

Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 158

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL
9 FUND GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
10 DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION -
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
12 30, 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
17 DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
18 EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND
19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL
20 YEAR.

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
26 SPECIAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
27 Education, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary
28 Education Public School Fund Account, for grants and aid to local school
29 districts and special programs of the Department of Education - Division of
30 Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022,
31 the following:
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33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 NO.	2021-2022
35 (01) 98% URT ACTUAL COLLECTION ADJUSTMENT	34,500,000
36 (02) ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE	



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1 (B) Before-school academic programs and after-school academic
 2 programs, including transportation to and from the programs
 3 under § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(C)(i)(b)(2); and

4 (C) Prekindergarten programs under § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(C)(i)(b)(3).
 5 (b)(1) Set aside funds authorized in subsection (a) of this section
 6 shall be distributed to school districts on a dollar for dollar matching
 7 basis of school district expenditures for programs under subsection (a) of
 8 this section on a pro rata basis until the available funds are exhausted.

9 (2) As used in this subsection, "pro rata basis" means providing
 10 each district qualifying for additional funding in a proportionate share
 11 based on how each district's expenditure bears to the total of funding
 12 provided in subsection (a) of this section for all qualifying districts as
 13 determined by the Department of Education.

14 (c) If any funding remains after funding subsection (b) of this
 15 section, that remaining balance shall be carried over to the following fiscal
 16 year for the same purposes as provided in this section.

17 (d) The Department of Education shall adopt rules as necessary to
 18 implement this section.


19 (e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 20 ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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22 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. R.I.S.E.
 24 ARKANSAS. The appropriation for the R.I.S.E. Arkansas line item in the
 25 Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs section of this
 26 Act shall be used for the coordination of a statewide reading campaign with
 27 community partners, parents, and teachers to establish the importance of
 28 reading in homes, schools, and communities.

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 30 ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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 32 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EDUCATOR
 34 COMPENSATION REFORM SUB-FUND. ~~Upon the effective date of this Act, or as~~
 35 ~~soon thereafter as practical, the Arkansas State Treasurer shall transfer~~
 36 ~~\$60,000,000 from the Educational Adequacy Fund to the Public School Fund to~~


1 ~~be used solely for the implementation of the Educator Compensation Reform~~
 2 ~~Program.~~ Funds shall be kept separate from all other monies in the Public
 3 School Fund and are to be utilized over a four-year period, beginning July 1,
 4 2019, to assist school districts in ensuring that all educators in Arkansas
 5 public school districts receive a minimum annual salary of \$36,000 by July 1,
 6 2023. The Educator Compensation Reform Fund shall not be considered part of
 7 a school district's net legal balance or net legal balance revenues for the
 8 purpose of meeting the requirements on limitation of fund balances pursuant
 9 to A.C.A. 6-20-2210. The Arkansas Department of Education shall promulgate
 10 rules to administer this section.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 12 ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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 14 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ENHANCED
 16 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING NAME CHANGE. Any appropriation titled "ENHANCED
 17 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING" or abbreviated as "ESA" as named by SB605 of
 18 2019 may also be known as "NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH" funding or abbreviated as
 19 "NSL" and shall be used for the same purposes as set out in law.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
 21 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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23  SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-51-
 24 303, concerning the administration of multidistrict vocational centers, is
 25 amended to read as follows:

26 (a) The management, maintenance, and operation of a center shall be the
 27 responsibility of the local school or institution approved by the State Board
 28 of Career Education to be the center.

29 (b) A center shall be administered in accordance with the guidelines
 30 and policies established by the board.

31 (c) If a county or school district enacted a local tax to fund the
 32 construction of the center, the county or school district may use vocational
 33 center aid funding for the management, maintenance, and operation of the
 34 center.

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36 SECTION 34. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds