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HOUSE BILL 1042

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 CAREER
10 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER
16 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION
17 SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2018-2019
18 FISCAL 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. There is hereby established for the
25 Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the
26 2018-2019 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 2018-2019
32	(1)	U012U REHABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSIONER	1	GRADE SE01
33	(2)	L011N DENTIST	1	GRADE MP06
34	(3)	L013N GENERAL PHYSICIAN	3	GRADE MP06
35	(4)	L016N REGISTERED PHARMACIST	1	GRADE MP05
36	(5)	L021N PHYSICAL THERAPIST	4	GRADE MP03



1	(6)	L003C PSYCHOLOGIST	4	GRADE MP03
2	(7)	L015C CLINICAL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP02
3	(8)	L020C NURSING SERVICES UNIT MANAGER	1	GRADE MP02
4	(9)	L022N OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	4	GRADE MP02
5	(10)	L027C REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE MP02
6	(11)	L032C REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	2	GRADE MP01
7	(12)	N178N ARS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT09
8	(13)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
9	(14)	G001N ADE LITIGATION ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS15
10	(15)	N172N ACE REHAB OPERATIONS DIRECTOR	3	GRADE GS13
11	(16)	N098N ACTI DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY	1	GRADE GS13
12	(17)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
13	(18)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
14	(19)	N170N REHAB DIRECTOR - ACTI	1	GRADE GS12
15	(20)	N138N REHAB DIRECTOR FIELD SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
16	(21)	G040C REHAB DIRECTOR - SPECIAL PROGRAMS	2	GRADE GS10
17	(22)	E005C REHAB DIR OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING	1	GRADE GS10
18	(23)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS09
19	(24)	L040C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
20	(25)	G070C DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS	1	GRADE GS09
21	(26)	L033C PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	13	GRADE GS09
22	(27)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
23	(28)	X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
24	(29)	L037C REHAB AREA MANAGER	13	GRADE GS09
25	(30)	E011C VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS09
26	(31)	L098C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	107	GRADE GS08
27	(32)	S004C MAINTENANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
28	(33)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
29	(34)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS08
30	(35)	L018C REHAB ASST DIRECTOR - ACTI	1	GRADE GS08
31	(36)	G121C REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	13	GRADE GS08
32	(37)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS07
33	(38)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
34	(39)	M026C LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	2	GRADE GS07
35	(40)	L061C MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS07
36	(41)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07

1	(42)	L064C RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS07
2	(43)	G163C REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	10	GRADE GS07
3	(44)	L057C REHAB SVS FACILITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS07
4	(45)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
5	(46)	M032C VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT SPEC	14	GRADE GS07
6	(47)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
7	(48)	E043C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL TEACHER	22	GRADE GS06
8	(49)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
9	(50)	M050C INTERPRETER	4	GRADE GS06
10	(51)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	4	GRADE GS06
11	(52)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
12	(53)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
13	(54)	T062C PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS06
14	(55)	C036C ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
15	(56)	R033C BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
16	(57)	C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
17	(58)	V014C BUYER	2	GRADE GS05
18	(59)	G215C CAREER PLANNING & PLACE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
19	(60)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS05
20	(61)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
21	(62)	C028C MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
22	(63)	T055C PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER	1	GRADE GS05
23	(64)	V015C PURCHASING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
24	(65)	M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
25	(66)	S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
26	(67)	E049C VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS05
27	(68)	M061C VOCATIONAL REHAB EVALUATOR	2	GRADE GS05
28	(69)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
29	(70)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	8	GRADE GS04
30	(71)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS04
31	(72)	S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
32	(73)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
33	(74)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
34	(75)	V022C PURCHASING TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
35	(76)	C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS04
36	(77)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	14	GRADE GS04

1	(78)	S099C STATIONARY ENGINEER	5	GRADE GS04
2	(79)	V023C STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
3	(80)	V025C WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
4	(81)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	90	GRADE GS03
5	(82)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS03
6	(83)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS03
7	(84)	T084C PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER	1	GRADE GS03
8	(85)	M081C RESIDENTIAL CARE SHIFT SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS03
9	(86)	T087C SECURITY OFFICER	7	GRADE GS03
10	(87)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	12	GRADE GS02
11	(88)	S083C BAKER	1	GRADE GS02
12	(89)	S070C EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS02
13	(90)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS02
14	(91)	S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS02
15	(92)	S084C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS02
16	(93)	C088C MAIL SERVICES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS02
17	(94)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	3	GRADE GS02
18	(95)	M083C RESIDENTIAL CARE TECHNICIAN	8	GRADE GS02
19	(96)	S086C COOK	6	GRADE GS01
20	(97)	S080C EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	3	GRADE GS01
21	(98)	S089C FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	9	GRADE GS01
22	(99)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	15	GRADE GS01
23	(100)	V029C PURCHASING ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
24		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	510	

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26 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 27 of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the 2018-2019
 28 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 29 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 30 herein for such purposes: nineteen (19) temporary or part-time employees,
 31 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 32 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 33 appropriate classification.

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35 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 36 to the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to

1 be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 2 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
 3 of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Operations for the
 4 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$18,432,714
9 (02) EXTRA HELP	252,000
10 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	6,950,037
11 (04) EXTRA SALARIES	8,000
12 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	8,691,380
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	155,506
15 (C) PROF. FEES	882,029
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17 (E) DATA PROC.	0
18 (06) PROJECT SEARCH	1,200,000
19 (07) REHABILITATION PROGRAM GRANTS	1,900,000
20 (08) CONTRACT SERVICES	20,941,993
21 (09) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	100,000
22 (10) ARKANSAS KIDNEY DISEASE COMMISSION	<u>950,000</u>
23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$60,463,659</u>

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 25 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INCREASING CAPABILITIES ACCESS NETWORK -
 26 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Career Education
 27 - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the paying account as
 28 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses
 29 of the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services -
 30 Increasing Capabilities Access Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending
 31 June 30, 2019, the following:

33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
35 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$291,500

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,190
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$298,690</u></u>

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7 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE DISABILITY TELECOMMUNICATION

8 EQUIPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Career

9 Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the

10 Telecommunication Equipment Fund, for personal services and operating

11 expenses of the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation

12 Services - Statewide Disability Telecommunication Equipment Program for the

13 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$80,338
18	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,297
19	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	70,000
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,000
22	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	0
25	(04) ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE GRANTS	<u>305,000</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$496,635</u></u>

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

29 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Career Education -

30 Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the Governors Commission

31 on People with Disabilities Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of

32 Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - People with

33 Disabilities Program - Special for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the

34 following:

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
2	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$45,000
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$45,000</u></u>

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SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM.

11 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Career Education -
 12 Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the cash fund deposited
 13 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
 14 for providing loans to individuals with disabilities for essential assistive
 15 technology, adaptive equipment, and for loan administration/servicing by the
 16 Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services -
 17 Technology Equipment Revolving Loan Program for the fiscal year ending June
 18 30, 2019, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
22	(01) LOANS	<u><u>\$1,580,000</u></u>

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SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby

25 appropriated, to the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation
 26 Services, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 27 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses
 28 of the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services -
 29 Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
33	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$441,400
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
36	(C) PROF. FEES	112,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$563,400</u></u>

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5 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - PROMISE GRANT. There is hereby

6 appropriated, to the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation

7 Services, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief

8 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of

9 the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services -

10 Promise Grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$295,729
15	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	111,060
16	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	48,000
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>\$454,789</u></u>

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24 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

26 COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT. Section 101(a)(7) of the

27 Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992, commonly referred to as the

28 Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD), requires State

29 Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies to establish qualified personnel

30 standards for rehabilitation personnel, including VR counselors, that are

31 consistent with any national or State-approved or recognized certification,

32 licensing, or registration that apply to a particular profession. In order to

33 comply with the Rehabilitation Act and its State Plan requirements, there is

34 hereby authorized for the Department of Career Education-Arkansas

35 Rehabilitation Services a general waiver of the Financial Management Guide,

36 R1-19-4-522 Continuing Professional Education. This waiver allows the agency

1 to provide college level coursework in degree programs for any eligible
 2 employees selected by the agency. This provision covers any and all formula
 3 and discretionary grants funded by the U.S.D.O.E. Rehabilitation Services
 4 Administration, now or in the future, including, but not limited to, the
 5 Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Supported Employment, Independent Living,
 6 and the Staff Development Grant. The waiver applies to federal financial
 7 participation (FFP), state general revenue share, and program income.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018
 9 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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 11 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

13 FORGIVENESS OF STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM. The Forgiveness of Student Loan Program
 14 shall be available to counselors employed by Arkansas Rehabilitation Services
 15 that have been determined eligible by rules promulgated by Arkansas
 16 Rehabilitation Services as required by Arkansas Code §25-30-206. These rules
 17 shall be submitted to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
 18 Committee under § 10-3-309 and receive review and approval. These rules must
 19 include the following eligibility requirements:

20 (1) Satisfactory completion of any probationary period;

21 (2) Proof of a student loan that remains unpaid, including the name and
 22 address of the creditor;

23 (3) An executed employment contract in which the counselor agrees to
 24 the following:

25 (a) work for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for a term that equals
 26 two (2) years for each year that the program makes a payment on the
 27 counselor's student loan and

28 (b) reimburse the program the full amount of any loan payments made
 29 under this program in the event that the counselor resigns or is terminated
 30 for cause before the term of the contract terminates.

31 The amount of payment to be made directly to the counselor's student
 32 loan creditor may not exceed:

33 (1) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per year; or

34 (2) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per employee.

35 The Arkansas Rehabilitation Services agency shall pay for the
 36 Forgiveness of Student Loan Program from the Rehabilitation Program Grants -

1 Grants and Aid line item authorized for the appropriation entitled
2 Rehabilitation Services - Operations in an amount not to exceed eighty
3 thousand dollars (\$80,000) per fiscal year.

4 In addition, the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services agency shall provide a
5 formal, written notification to all counselors employed by Arkansas
6 Rehabilitation Services of the availability of the Forgiveness of Student
7 Loan Program by July 1 of each fiscal year. The agency shall include with the
8 notification, the promulgated rules which shall outline the eligibility
9 requirements for participation.

10 The agency shall submit a copy of this notification to the Arkansas
11 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee by July 1 of each fiscal year.
12 In addition, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services shall report bi-annually, by
13 the 15th day of the month following the end of each six month period, to the
14 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee the number of
15 employees participating in the program.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
17 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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19 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
20 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
21 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
22 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
25 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
26 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
27 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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2 SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,
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