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2 92nd General Assembly **A Bill**  
3 Regular Session, 2019

SENATE BILL 117

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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 PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE INSURANCE  
10 DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT FOR THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT  
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2019-2020 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
23 for the State Insurance Department for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the  
24 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 2019-2020
30	(1)	U047U STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	1	GRADE SE03
31	(2)	U042U INSURANCE CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER	1	GRADE SE02
32	(3)	N025N INSURANCE DEP. COMM. INFO SYSTEMS	1	GRADE SE01
33	(4)	D028N REGULATORY HEALTH LINK TECH OFFICER	1	GRADE IT10
34	(5)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
35	(6)	D010N INSURANCE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER	1	GRADE IT08
36	(7)	D034C DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT07



1	(8)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
2	(9)	D022C SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	4	GRADE IT06
3	(10)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	4	GRADE IT05
4	(11)	D044C SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
5	(12)	N201N DEPUTY COMM. OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	1	GRADE GS15
6	(13)	N014N INSURANCE DEP. COMM. FINANCIAL REGS	1	GRADE GS15
7	(14)	G018N DIRECTOR RISK MANAGEMENT	1	GRADE GS14
8	(15)	N140N INS ASST. DEP. COMMISSIONER FINANCE	1	GRADE GS14
9	(16)	A128C INSURANCE CLAIMS DIR. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE	1	GRADE GS14
10	(17)	N023N INSURANCE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER	2	GRADE GS14
11	(18)	N190N INSURANCE GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
12	(19)	X002N PROPERTY & CASUALTY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS14
13	(20)	A004N CERTIFIED FINANCIAL EXAMINER MANAGER	3	GRADE GS13
14	(21)	N073N INSURANCE CHIEF FIN/MKT CONDUCT EXMR	1	GRADE GS13
15	(22)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS13
16	(23)	G043N RISK MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
17	(24)	A004C CERTIFIED FINANCIAL EXAMINER	12	GRADE GS12
18	(25)	R013C AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
19	(26)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	7	GRADE GS11
20	(27)	P074C AID PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS10
21	(28)	A044C AUDIT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
22	(29)	X009C INSURANCE DEPT. DIR. OF SECURITY OPS	1	GRADE GS10
23	(30)	G259C INSURANCE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
24	(31)	G241C HEALTH INFO TECH OPER & TECH OFFICER	1	GRADE GS09
25	(32)	A042C INSURANCE SENIOR EXAMINER	7	GRADE GS09
26	(33)	X032C SENIOR SECURITIES EXAMINER	1	GRADE GS09
27	(34)	X192C ASST. DIRECTOR FRAUD INVESTIGATION	1	GRADE GS08
28	(35)	X020C BURIAL ASSOCIATION BD EXEC SEC	1	GRADE GS08
29	(36)	X072C CRIMINAL INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATOR	7	GRADE GS08
30	(37)	X018C INSURANCE CONSUMER PROTECTION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
31	(38)	X017C INSURANCE LICENSING MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
32	(39)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
33	(40)	X034C PREPAID FUNERAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
34	(41)	A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS08
35	(42)	G064C SR HLTH INSURANCE INFO. PROG. MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
36	(43)	G107C WCC PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08

1	(44)	G106C WCC CLAIMS SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS08
2	(45)	A081C AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS07
3	(46)	A067C INSURANCE EXAMINER	2	GRADE GS07
4	(47)	X083C INSURANCE LIFE & HEALTH COMP OFFICER	5	GRADE GS07
5	(48)	X066C INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX EXAMINER	4	GRADE GS07
6	(49)	G125C INSURANCE SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
7	(50)	X080C PROPERTY & CASUALTY COMPLIANCE OFFICER	4	GRADE GS07
8	(51)	G120C RISK CONSULTANT	7	GRADE GS07
9	(52)	X076C TITLE INSURANCE COMPLIANCE OFFICER	1	GRADE GS07
10	(53)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
11	(54)	X088C EMBALMERS & FUNERAL DIR. INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS06
12	(55)	A080C FINANCE AUTHORITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
13	(56)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
14	(57)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
15	(58)	G202C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS06
16	(59)	R033C BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
17	(60)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
18	(61)	C016C INSURANCE ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS05
19	(62)	X123C INSURANCE INVESTIGATOR	9	GRADE GS05
20	(63)	G201C WCC CLAIMS ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
21	(64)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	13	GRADE GS04
22	(65)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
23	(66)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
24	(67)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
25	(68)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	10	GRADE GS03
26	(69)	X180C INSURANCE LICENSING TECHNICIAN	7	GRADE GS03
27	(70)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS02
28	(71)	C084C MAIL SERVICES SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS02
29		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	189	

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31 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the State  
 32 Insurance Department for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the following maximum  
 33 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",  
 34 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: nineteen (19)  
 35 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed  
 36 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its

1 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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3 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
4 to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the State Insurance  
5 Department Trust Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, special  
6 maintenance and professional services of the State Insurance Department -  
7 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
11 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,496,872
12 (02) EXTRA HELP	140,000
13 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,447,369
14 (04) OVERTIME	27,500
15 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,200,674
17 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	188,000
18 (C) PROF. FEES	161,600
19 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	102,000
20 (E) DATA PROC.	0
21 (06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	50,000
22 (07) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	956,000
23 (08) AHIM EXPENSES	<u>500,000</u>
24 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$14,270,015</u>

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26 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF EMBALMERS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS,  
27 CEMETERIES, AND BURIAL SERVICES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
28 to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the cash fund deposited  
29 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
30 for personal services and operating expenses of the State Insurance  
31 Department - State Board of Embalmers, Funeral Directors, Cemeteries, and  
32 Burial Services - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the  
33 following:

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35 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$245,895
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	87,805
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	167,242
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,464
6	(C) PROF. FEES	2,950
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(04) LOANS	<u>55,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$564,356</u></u>

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12 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - FRAUD INVESTIGATION UNIT. There is hereby  
 13 appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the State  
 14 Insurance Department Trust Fund, for personal services of the State Insurance  
 15 Department - Fraud Investigation Unit for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 16 2020, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$626,324
21	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>202,062</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$828,386</u></u>

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24 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATION DIVISION.  
 25 There is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be  
 26 payable from the Insurance Fraud Investigation Division Trust Fund, for  
 27 personal services and operating expenses of the State Insurance Department -  
 28 Insurance Fraud Investigation Division for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 29 2020, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$190,049
34	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	59,611
35	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	218,635

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	4,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$507,295</u></u>

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7 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - PREPAID FUNERAL BENEFITS DIVISION. There is  
 8 hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from  
 9 the State Insurance Department Prepaid Trust Fund, for personal services and  
 10 operating expenses of the State Insurance Department - Prepaid Funeral  
 11 Benefits Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$250,158
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	83,761
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	36,700
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	0
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$374,619</u></u>

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25 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - PREPAID FUNERAL CONTRACTS RECOVERY PROGRAM.  
 26 There is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be  
 27 payable from the Prepaid Funeral Contracts Recovery Program Fund, for the  
 28 expenses and payment of claims by the State Insurance Department - Prepaid  
 29 Funeral Contracts Recovery Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020,  
 30 the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
34	(01) EXPENSES AND CLAIMS FOR PREPAID FUNERAL	
35	CONTRACTS RECOVERY PROGRAM	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

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1 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS. There is hereby  
 2 appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the  
 3 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payments of miscellaneous tax and fee  
 4 refunds by the State Insurance Department - Refunds of Overpayments for the  
 5 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
9 (01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$11,000,000</u>

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 11 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is  
 12 hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from  
 13 the Insurance Continuing Education Trust Fund, for personal services of the  
 14 State Insurance Department - Continuing Education Program for the fiscal year  
 15 ending June 30, 2020, the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
19 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$25,268
20 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>5,916</u>
21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$31,184</u>

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 23 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH INFORMATION COUNSELING. There is  
 24 hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from  
 25 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 26 personal services and operating expenses of the State Insurance Department -  
 27 Health Information Counseling for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the  
 28 following:

30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
32 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$261,168
33 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	96,419
34 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	138,420
36 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	300,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$804,007</u></u>

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6 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - CONSUMER INFORMATION SYSTEM - CASH. There

7 is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from

8 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

9 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the State Insurance

10 Department - Consumer Information System - Cash for the fiscal year ending

11 June 30, 2020, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	NO.	2019-2020
14	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$48,005
16	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
17	(C) PROF. FEES	0
18	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$48,005</u></u>

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23 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE - CASH. There is

24 hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from

25 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

26 Fiscal Officer of the State, for travel and subsistence expenses of the State

27 Insurance Department - Travel and Subsistence - Cash for the fiscal year

28 ending June 30, 2020, the following:

29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	NO.	2019-2020
31	(01) TRAVEL & SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

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34 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CLAIMS SECTION. There is

35 hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from

36 the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating

1 expenses of the State Insurance Department - Public Employee Claims Section  
 2 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,039,642
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	359,301
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	498,631
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	24,300
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,921,874</u></u>

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 16 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby  
 17 appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the  
 18 Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund, for payment of state employee claims by  
 19 the State Insurance Department - State Employee Claims for the fiscal year  
 20 ending June 30, 2020, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
(01) STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u><u>\$16,500,000</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is  
 27 hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from  
 28 the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of public school employee  
 29 claims by the State Insurance Department - Public School Employee Claims for  
 30 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
(01) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

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 36 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the  
 2 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of county employee claims by the  
 3 State Insurance Department - County Employee Claims for the fiscal year  
 4 ending June 30, 2020, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
8 (01) COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$200,000</u>

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 10 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby  
 11 appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the  
 12 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of city employee claims by the  
 13 State Insurance Department - City Employee Claims for the fiscal year ending  
 14 June 30, 2020, the following:

16 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
18 (01) CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$400,000</u>

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 20 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNMENTAL BONDING BOARD. There is  
 21 hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from  
 22 the Fidelity Bond Trust Fund, for operating expenses, refunds,  
 23 reimbursements, claims, and professional services of the State Insurance  
 24 Department - Governmental Bonding Board for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 25 2020, the following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
29 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$5,000
31 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
32 (C) PROF. FEES	0
33 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34 (E) DATA PROC.	0
35 (02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	150,000
36 (03) CLAIMS	2,800,000

1 (04) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 50,000

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3 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$3,005,000

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5 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MULTI-AGENCY INSURANCE TRUST FUND.

6 There is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be  
 7 payable from the Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund, for expenses and  
 8 payment of claims by the State Insurance Department - Arkansas Multi-Agency  
 9 Insurance Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>

13 (01) FOR EXPENSES AND CLAIMS FROM AMAIT  
 14 FUND \$20,000,000

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16 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is  
 17 hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from  
 18 the Public School Insurance Trust Fund, for expenses and payment of claims by  
 19 the State Insurance Department - Public School Insurance Program for the  
 20 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>

24 (01) EXPENSES AND CLAIMS \$20,000,000

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26 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS - CASH. There  
 27 is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from  
 28 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 29 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the State Insurance  
 30 Department - Criminal Background Checks - Cash for the fiscal year ending  
 31 June 30, 2020, the following:

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33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>

35 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION  
 36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE \$125,000

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$125,000</u></u>

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7 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE

8 DATABASE. There is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department,

9 to be payable from the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Fund, for

10 the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Database, maintenance and

11 operations, data collection and management, and data request fulfillment of

12 the State Insurance Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the

13 following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	NO.	<u>2019-2020</u>
16	(01) AR HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE	
17	DATABASE EXPENSES	<u><u>\$3,200,000</u></u>

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

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

22 PROVISION. In the event the State Insurance Department is unable to maintain

23 a full roster of examination personnel, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal

24 Officer of the State, the resulting unused appropriations in Regular

25 Salaries, Extra Help, and Personal Services Matching may be transferred to

26 the Professional Services special line item for the purpose of contracting

27 with qualified individuals or firms for examination assistance.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~

29 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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31 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

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

33 WORKS AND ARKANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE RESTRICTIONS.

34 (a) As used in this section, "Arkansas Works" means Arkansas Works

35 established under the Arkansas Works Act of 2016, Arkansas Code § 23-61-1001

36 et seq.

1 (b)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount  
2 of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and  
3 general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the  
4 prerogative of the General Assembly.

5 (2) The purposes of subdivision (b)(1) of this section are  
6 typically accomplished by:

7 (A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;

8 (B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for  
9 a state agency; and

10 (C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized  
11 for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law,  
12 Arkansas Code § 19-5-101 et seq.

13 (3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General  
14 Assembly restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.

15 (c)(1) Except as provided in this subsection, the State Insurance  
16 Department shall conduct outreach and education activities that meet the  
17 standards of 45 C.F.R. § 155.200(c), as existing on January 1, 2019, to  
18 educate consumers about the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace and  
19 insurance affordability programs to encourage participation, including  
20 without limitation the use of navigators, guides, certified application  
21 counselors, and certified licensed producers under the Arkansas Health  
22 Insurance Marketplace Navigator, Guide, and Certified Application Counselors  
23 Act, § 23-64-601 et seq.

24 (2) The department shall not advertise, promote, or engage in  
25 other activities designed to promote or encourage enrollment in the Arkansas  
26 Works Program established by the Arkansas Works Act of 2016, § 23-61-1001 et  
27 seq., including without limitation:

28 (A) Unsolicited communications mailed to potential  
29 recipients;

30 (B) Television, radio, or online commercials;

31 (C) Billboard or mobile billboard advertising;

32 (D) Advertisements in newspapers, magazines, or other  
33 print media; and

34 (E) Advertisements on websites or other electronic media.

35 (3) Subdivision (c)(2) of this section does not prohibit the  
36 department from:

1 (A) Engaging in direct communications with:

2 (i) Licensed insurance agents; and

3 (ii) Persons licensed by the department;

4 (B) Engaging in solicited communications with potential  
5 recipients;

6 (C)(i) Responding to an inquiry regarding the coverage for  
7 which a potential recipient might be eligible, including without limitation  
8 providing educational materials or information regarding any coverage for  
9 which the potential recipient might qualify.

10 (ii) Educational materials and information  
11 distributed under subdivision (c)(3)(C)(i) of this section shall contain only  
12 factual information and shall not contain subjective statements regarding the  
13 coverage for which the potential recipient might be eligible; and

14 (D) Using a website for the exclusive purpose of enrolling  
15 individuals in the program.

16 (d) The department shall not apply for or accept any funds, including  
17 without limitation federal funds, for the purpose of advertisement,  
18 promotion, or other activities designed to promote or encourage enrollment in  
19 the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or the program.

20 (e)(1) Biannually, the department shall report to the Legislative  
21 Council regarding the use of navigators, guides, certified application  
22 counselors, and certified licensed producers under the Arkansas Health  
23 Insurance Marketplace Navigator, Guide, and Certified Application Counselors  
24 Act, § 23-64-601 et seq.

25 (2) The report shall include without limitation:

26 (A) The number of navigators, guides, certified  
27 application counselors, and certified licensed producers;

28 (B) The number of recipients assisted by the navigators,  
29 guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed producers to  
30 obtain coverage; and

31 (C) The number of recipients assisted by the navigators,  
32 guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed producers to  
33 obtain coverage and who obtained coverage through the program.

34 (f) This section expires on June 30, 2020.

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36 SECTION 26. Section 26 of Uncodified Act 248 of 2018 is amended to read

1 as follows:

2 ~~“SECTION 1. SPECIAL LANGUAGE.— NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS~~  
 3 ~~CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.— ARKANSAS~~  
 4 ~~WORKS AND ARKANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE RESTRICTIONS.— (a) As used in~~  
 5 ~~this section, "Arkansas Works" means Arkansas Works established under the~~  
 6 ~~Arkansas Works Act of 2016, Arkansas Code § 23-61-1001 et seq.~~

7 ~~(b)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount~~  
 8 ~~of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and~~  
 9 ~~general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the~~  
 10 ~~prerogative of the General Assembly.~~

11 ~~(2) The purposes of subdivision (b)(1) of this section are~~  
 12 ~~typically accomplished by:~~

13 ~~(A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;~~

14 ~~(B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for~~  
 15 ~~a state agency; and~~

16 ~~(C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized~~  
 17 ~~for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law,~~  
 18 ~~Arkansas Code § 19-5-101 et seq.~~

19 ~~(3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General~~  
 20 ~~Assembly restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.~~

21 ~~(c)(1) Except as provided in this subsection, the State Insurance~~  
 22 ~~Department shall not allocate, budget, expend, or utilize any appropriation~~  
 23 ~~authorized by the General Assembly for the purpose of advertisement,~~  
 24 ~~promotion, or other activities designed to promote or encourage enrollment in~~  
 25 ~~the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or Arkansas Works, including~~  
 26 ~~without limitation:~~

27 ~~(A) Unsolicited communications mailed to potential~~  
 28 ~~recipients;~~

29 ~~(B) Television, radio, or online commercials;~~

30 ~~(C) Billboard or mobile billboard advertising;~~

31 ~~(D) Advertisements printed in newspapers, magazines, or~~  
 32 ~~other print media; and~~

33 ~~(E) Internet websites and electronic media.~~

34 ~~(2) This subsection does not prohibit the department from:~~

35 ~~(A) Direct communications with:~~

36 ~~(i) Licensed insurance agents; and~~

1 ~~(ii) Persons licensed by the department;~~  
2 ~~(B) Solicited communications with potential recipients;~~  
3 ~~(C)(i) Responding to an inquiry regarding the coverage for~~  
4 ~~which a potential recipient might be eligible, including without limitation~~  
5 ~~providing educational materials or information regarding any coverage for~~  
6 ~~which the individual might qualify.~~

7 ~~(ii) Educational materials and information~~  
8 ~~distributed under subdivision (e)(2)(C)(i) of this section shall contain only~~  
9 ~~factual information and shall not contain subjective statements regarding the~~  
10 ~~coverage for which the potential recipient might be eligible; and~~

11 ~~(D) Using an Internet website for the exclusive purpose of~~  
12 ~~enrolling individuals in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or~~  
13 ~~Arkansas Works.~~

14 ~~(d) The State Insurance Department shall not apply for or accept any~~  
15 ~~funds, including without limitation federal funds, for the purpose of~~  
16 ~~advertisement, promotion, or other activities designed to promote or~~  
17 ~~encourage enrollment in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or Arkansas~~  
18 ~~Works.~~

19 ~~(e)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2) of this section, the~~  
20 ~~State Insurance Department shall not:~~

21 ~~(A)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(1)(A)(ii) of~~  
22 ~~this section, allocate, budget, expend, or utilize an appropriation~~  
23 ~~authorized by the General Assembly for the purpose of funding activities of~~  
24 ~~navigators, guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed~~  
25 ~~producers under the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Navigator, Guide,~~  
26 ~~and Certified Application Counselors Act, Arkansas Code § 23-64-601 et seq.~~

27 ~~(ii) Subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section does~~  
28 ~~not apply to regulatory and training responsibilities related to navigators,~~  
29 ~~guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed producers;~~  
30 ~~and~~

31 ~~(B) Apply for or accept any funds, including without~~  
32 ~~limitation federal funds, for the purpose of funding activities of~~  
33 ~~navigators, guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed~~  
34 ~~producers under the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Navigator, Guide,~~  
35 ~~and Certified Application Counselors Act, Arkansas Code § 23-64-601 et seq.~~

36 ~~(2) Subdivision (e)(1) of this section does not apply to~~

1 ~~certified application counselors at health related institutions, including~~  
2 ~~without limitation the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.~~

3 ~~(f) An appropriation authorized by the General Assembly shall not be~~  
4 ~~subject to the provisions allowed through reallocation of resources or~~  
5 ~~transfer of appropriation authority for the purpose of transferring an~~  
6 ~~appropriation to any other appropriation authorized for the State Insurance~~  
7 ~~Department to be allocated, budgeted, expended, or utilized in a manner~~  
8 ~~prohibited by this section.~~

9 ~~(g) The provisions of this section are severable, and the invalidity~~  
10 ~~of any subsection or subdivision of this section shall not affect other~~  
11 ~~provisions of the section that can be given effect without the invalid~~  
12 ~~provision.~~

13 ~~(h) This section expires on June 30, 2019.~~

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15 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INSURANCE  
17 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUNDING PROVISION. Upon request of the Commissioner,  
18 approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the  
19 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the State Insurance  
20 Department may retain an amount above that which is set out in A.C.A. 23-61-  
21 710(c) for the purposes of providing funding for the construction and  
22 renovation of Department facilities, not to exceed eight million dollars  
23 (\$8,000,000) in a single biennium. The amount being requested must be  
24 submitted to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State by April 1st of each  
25 fiscal year.

26 The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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

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

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11 SECTION 30. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
12 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
13 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
14 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2019 is essential to the operation of  
15 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided; with the  
16 exception that Sections 25 and 26 in this Act shall be in full force and  
17 effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, and that in the  
18 event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date  
19 of this Act beyond July 1, 2019, with the exception that Section 25 and  
20 Section 26 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the  
21 date of its passage and approval, could work irreparable harm upon the proper  
22 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,  
23 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the  
24 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in  
25 full force and effect from and after July 1, 2019; with the exception that  
26 Section 25 and Section 26 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from  
27 and after the date of its passage and approval.

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30 /s/ Joint Budget Committee

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33 APPROVED: 4/5/19