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SENATE BILL 22

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTOR
GENERAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026
FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
established for the Department of Inspector General for the 2025-2026 fiscal
year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

| | | | Maximum Annual |
|------|-------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | | | Salary Rate |
| Item | Class | No. of | Fiscal Year |
| No. | Code | Title | 2025-2026 |
| (1) | SC009 | SECRETARY OF INSPECTOR GENERAL | 1 GRADE SE05 |
| (2) | U125U | INSPECTOR GENERAL CHIEF COUNSEL | 1 GRADE SE01 |
| (3) | N199N | DIG DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR | 1 GRADE GS14 |
| (4) | A143C | TAX APPEALS ACCOUNTANT | 1 GRADE GS13 |
| (5) | A115C | DIG CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | 1 GRADE GS12 |
| (6) | G076C | ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER | 1 GRADE GS10 |



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| 1 | (7) G073C ATTORNEY | 1 | GRADE GS10 |
| 2 | (8) C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| 3 | (9) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST | 1 | GRADE GS06 |
| 4 | (10) G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE GS06 |
| 5 | (11) C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST | <u>1</u> | GRADE GS04 |
| 6 | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 11 | |

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8 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is
 9 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable
 10 from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 11 State with transfers from the State Central Services Fund, for personal
 12 services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General -
 13 Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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| 15 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
| 16 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2025-2026</u> |
| 17 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$976,041 |
| 18 | (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 318,712 |
| 19 | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 20 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 58,350 |
| 21 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| 22 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| 23 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 24 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 25 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$1,353,103</u></u> |

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27 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR
 28 GENERAL. There is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General
 29 - Office of Medicaid Inspector General for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
 30 following maximum number of regular employees.

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| 32 | | Maximum Annual |
| 33 | | Salary Rate |
| 34 | Item Class | No. of Fiscal Year |
| 35 | <u>No. Code Title</u> | <u>Employees 2025-2026</u> |
| 36 | (1) U124U MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL | 1 GRADE SE03 |

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| 1 | (2) L027C REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR | 3 | GRADE MP02 |
| 2 | (3) L038C REGISTERED NURSE | 1 | GRADE MP01 |
| 3 | (4) G055N EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | GRADE GS13 |
| 4 | (5) G249C DIG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | GRADE GS12 |
| 5 | (6) G250C DIG OPERATIONS MANAGER | 3 | GRADE GS11 |
| 6 | (7) A044C AUDIT COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE GS10 |
| 7 | (8) M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| 8 | (9) A116C BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| 9 | (10) A113C DIG SR. AUDITOR | 6 | GRADE GS08 |
| 10 | (11) C107C OMIG MEDICAL REVIEW OFFICER | 3 | GRADE GS08 |
| 11 | (12) X200C MEDICAID FRAUD INVESTIGATOR | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| 12 | (13) B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST | <u>2</u> | GRADE GS06 |
| 13 | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 25 | |

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15 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR
 16 GENERAL. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Inspector General
 17 - Office of Medicaid Inspector General for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
 18 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 19 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two
 20 (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 21 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 22 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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24 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID
 25 INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 26 Inspector General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
 27 Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 28 Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector General - State Operations
 29 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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| 31 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 32 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2025-2026</u> |
| 33 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$701,054 |
| 34 | (02) EXTRA HELP | 4,999 |
| 35 | (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 252,992 |
| 36 | (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |

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| 1 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 187,962 |
| 2 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 3,400 |
| 3 | (C) PROF. FEES | 2,800 |
| 4 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 5 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 6 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$1,153,207</u></u> |

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8 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID

9 INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 10 Inspector General, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the
 11 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 12 expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Office of Medicaid
 13 Inspector General - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 14 2026, the following:

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| 16 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|----|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 17 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2025-2026</u> |
| 18 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$1,009,874 |
| 19 | (02) EXTRA HELP | 5,001 |
| 20 | (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 348,059 |
| 21 | (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 22 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 209,489 |
| 23 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 3,800 |
| 24 | (C) PROF. FEES | 2,800 |
| 25 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 26 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 27 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$1,579,023</u></u> |

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29 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM - STATE - OFFICE OF
 30 MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
 31 of Inspector General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
 32 Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Enterprise Fraud
 33 Program of the Department of Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector
 34 General - Enterprise Fraud Program - State for the fiscal year ending June
 35 30, 2026, the following:

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| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| NO. | <u>2025-2026</u> |
| (01) ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM | <u>\$900,000</u> |

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM - FEDERAL - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Enterprise Fraud Program of the Department of Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector General - Enterprise Fraud Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| NO. | <u>2025-2026</u> |
| (01) ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM | <u>\$3,600,000</u> |

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector General - Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| NO. | <u>2025-2026</u> |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$247,164 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 75,190 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 15,645 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 6,710 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 1,200 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$345,909</u> |

SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION. There is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair Housing Commission for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

| | | | Maximum Annual |
|-----------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| | | | Salary Rate |
| Item | Class | Maximum | Fiscal Year |
| No. | Code Title | No. of Employees | 2025-2026 |
| (1) | N226N ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIR | 1 | GRADE GS15 |
| (2) | G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS10 |
| (3) | G073C ATTORNEY | 1 | GRADE GS10 |
| (4) | X112C AFHC CHIEF INVESTIGATOR | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| (5) | C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| (6) | X150C AFHC INVESTIGATOR | 5 | GRADE GS06 |
| (7) | G180C GRANTS ANALYST | <u>1</u> | GRADE GS06 |
| MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | | 11 | |

SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair Housing Commission for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair Housing Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2025-2026</u> |

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| 1 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$637,197 |
| 2 | (02) EXTRA HELP | 40,000 |
| 3 | (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 240,503 |
| 4 | (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 5 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 191,573 |
| 6 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 58,000 |
| 7 | (C) PROF. FEES | 57,007 |
| 8 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 9 | (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| 10 | (05) PUBLIC EDUCATION | <u>899</u> |
| 11 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$1,225,179</u></u> |

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13 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - EDUCATION - TRUST - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING
 14 COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector
 15 General, to be payable from the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission Trust Fund,
 16 for operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair
 17 Housing Commission - Education - Trust for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 18 2026, the following:

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| 20 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|----|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 21 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2025-2026</u> |
| 22 | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 23 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$50,000 |
| 24 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 45,000 |
| 25 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| 26 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 27 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 28 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$95,000</u></u> |

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30 SECTION 14. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT. There is
 31 hereby established for the Department of Inspector General - Office of
 32 Internal Audit for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 33 regular employees.

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| 35 | | Maximum Annual |
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| 36 | Maximum | Salary Rate |

| Item | Class | No. of | Fiscal Year |
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| No. | Code Title | Employees | 2025-2026 |
| (1) | N219N DFA ADMINISTRATOR-INTERNAL AUDIT | 1 | GRADE SE02 |
| (1.1) | A024N OAL INTERNAL AUDITOR | 1 | GRADE SE01 |
| (2) | A144C INTERNAL AUDIT DEPUTY DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS15 |
| (3) | A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II | 1 | GRADE GS13 |
| (3.1) | N128N DHS ASST DIR QUALITY ASSURANCE | 1 | GRADE GS13 |
| (4) | A021C AGENCY CONTROLLER I | 1 | GRADE GS12 |
| (4.1) | A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS12 |
| (4.2) | A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER | 1 | GRADE GS11 |
| (5) | A044C AUDIT COORDINATOR | 6 | GRADE GS10 |
| (6) | A066C INTERNAL AUDITOR | 5 | GRADE GS08 |
| (7) | A060C SENIOR AUDITOR | 5 | GRADE GS08 |
| (8) | A081C AUDITOR | <u>1</u> | GRADE GS07 |
| | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 25 | |

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT - OPERATIONS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Office of Internal Audit - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| NO. | 2025-2026 |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$1,926,800 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 636,180 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 702,719 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 44,600 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 51,500 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$3,361,799</u></u> |

SECTION 16. REGULAR SALARIES - INDEPENDENT TAX APPEALS COMMISSION.

There is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General - Independent Tax Appeals Commission for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

| Item | Class | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026 |
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| (1) | N247N TAX APPEALS COMMISSIONER | 3 | GRADE SE04 |
| (2) | G310C TAX APPEALS STAFF ATTORNEY | 1 | GRADE GS13 |
| (3) | G249C DIG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | GRADE GS12 |
| (4) | C118C COMMISSIONER ASSISTANT | 1 | GRADE GS10 |
| (5) | G311C TAX APPEALS COMMISSION LAW CLERK | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| (6) | C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST | <u>2</u> | GRADE GS06 |
| | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 9 | |

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - INDEPENDENT TAX APPEALS COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Independent Tax Appeals Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 |
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| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$912,118 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 278,809 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 400,000 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 20,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$1,610,927</u></u> |

SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED

1 SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared
2 Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the
3 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal
4 services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account
5 Appropriation by the Department of Inspector General.

6 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer
7 of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account
8 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
9 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

10 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in
11 subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within
12 the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts
13 authorized for the department.

14 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the
15 date of passage through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

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

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36 SECTION 21. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

1 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
2 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
3 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
4 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
5 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
6 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
7 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
8 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
9 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
10 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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12 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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