Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added. Act 68 of the Fiscal Session

1 State of Arkansas A Bill 2 93rd General Assembly **HOUSE BILL 1057** Fiscal Session, 2022 3 4 5 By: Joint Budget Committee 6 For An Act To Be Entitled 7 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES 8 9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL 10 11 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 12 13 Subtitle 14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -15 16 ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES 17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL 18 YEAR. 19 20 21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 22 23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the 24 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the 2022-2023 25 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees. 26 27 Maximum Annual 28 Maximum Salary Rate 29 Item Class No. of Fiscal Year 20<u>22-2023</u> 30 No. Code Title Employees U012U REHABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSIONER 31 (1) 1 GRADE SE01 32 (2) LO13N GENERAL PHYSICIAN 2 GRADE MP06 33 LO21N PHYSICAL THERAPIST (3) 1 GRADE MP03 34 (4) L003C PSYCHOLOGIST GRADE MP03 3 35 (5) LO22N OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST 3 GRADE MP02 36 (6) L032C REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL GRADE MP01



1	(7)	N178N ACOM ARS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT09
2	(8)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
3	(9)	D064C WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE IT04
4	(10)	N172N ACOM REHAB OPERATIONS DIRECTOR	3	GRADE GS13
5	(11)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
6	(12)	P078C ACOM ARS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	GRADE GS12
7	(13)	N170N ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
8	(14)	N138N ACOM REHAB DIRECTOR FIELD SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
9	(15)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
10	(16)	ROO6C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
11	(17)	E005C ACOM REHAB DIR OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING	1	GRADE GS10
12	(18)	GO40C ACOM REHAB DIR - SPECIAL PROGRAMS	2	GRADE GS10
13	(19)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS09
14	(20)	G070C ACOM DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS	1	GRADE GS09
15	(21)	L037C ACOM REHAB AREA MANAGER	13	GRADE GS09
16	(22)	E011C ACOM VOCATIONAL EDU COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS09
17	(23)	LO40C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
18	(24)	L033C PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	12	GRADE GS09
19	(25)	X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
20	(26)	LO18C ACOM REHAB ASST DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS08
21	(27)	LO98C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	99	GRADE GS08
22	(28)	S004C MAINTENANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
23	(29)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
24	(30)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS08
25	(31)	G121C REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	8	GRADE GS08
26	(32)	A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS08
27	(33)	G163C ACOM REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	9	GRADE GS07
28	(34)	L057C ACOM REHAB SVS FACILITY SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS07
29	(35)	M032C ACOM VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT SPEC	13	GRADE GS07
30	(36)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS07
31	(37)	CO10C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
32	(38)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
33	(39)	PO13C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
34	(40)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
35	(41)	CO37C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
36	(42)	E043C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL TEACHER	17	GRADE GS06

1	(43)	RO25C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
2	(44)	MO5OC INTERPRETER	4	GRADE GS06
3	(45)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	1	GRADE GS06
4	(46)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
5	(47)	PO27C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
6	(48)	T062C PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS06
7	(49)	S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
8	(50)	M061C ACOM VOCATIONAL REHAB EVALUAT	OR 1	GRADE GS05
9	(51)	CO36C ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
10	(52)	CO22C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIS	T 1	GRADE GS05
11	(53)	VO14C BUYER	2	GRADE GS05
12	(54)	G215C CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT S	PECIALIST 1	GRADE GS05
13	(55)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
14	(56)	CO28C MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
15	(57)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	5	GRADE GS05
16	(58)	E049C VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS05
17	(59)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
18	(60)	CO56C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	8	GRADE GS04
19	(61)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
20	(62)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
21	(63)	VO2OC INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
22	(64)	V022C PURCHASING TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
23	(65)	CO43C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS04
24	(66)	S099C STATIONARY ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS04
25	(67)	V023C STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
26	(68)	V025C WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
27	(69)	CO73C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	68	GRADE GS03
28	(70)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
29	(71)	C062C LOCAL OFFICE ADMIN ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS03
30	(72)	MO81C RESIDENTIAL CARE SHIFT SUPERV	ISOR 2	GRADE GS03
31	(73)	CO87C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	11	GRADE GS02
32	(74)	S070C EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE GS02
33	(75)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS02
34	(76)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER	II 1	GRADE GS02
35	(77)	M083C RESIDENTIAL CARE TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS02
36	(78)	S086C COOK	1	GRADE GS01

1	(79) SOROC EQUIPMENT OPERATOR 1	GRADE GS01				
2	(80) S089C FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN 4	GRADE GS01				
3	(81) S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT 2	GRADE GS01				
4	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 367					
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6	SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized	l, for the Department				
7	of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the 2	2022-2023 fiscal year,				
8	the following maximum number of part-time or temporary e	employees, to be known				
9	as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein	for such purposes:				
10	nineteen (19) temporary or part-time employees, when nee	eded, at rates of pay				
11	not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classificati	on and Compensation				
12	Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate of	classification.				
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14	SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is h	nereby appropriated,				
15	to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the pa	aying account as				
16	determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for	personal services,				
17	operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Department	of Commerce -				
18	Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Operations for the fiscal year ending June					
19	30, 2023, the following:					
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21	ITEM					
	1141	FISCAL YEAR				
22	NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023				
22 23						
	NO.	2022-2023				
23	NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES	2022-2023 \$15,920,618				
23 24	NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) EXTRA HELP	2022-2023 \$15,920,618 252,000				
23 24 25	NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) EXTRA HELP (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2022-2023 \$15,920,618 252,000				
23242526	NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) EXTRA HELP (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	2022-2023 \$15,920,618 252,000 5,662,355				
2324252627	NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) EXTRA HELP (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2022-2023 \$15,920,618 252,000 5,662,355 7,401,096				
232425262728	NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) EXTRA HELP (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION (A) OPER. EXPENSE (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2022-2023 \$15,920,618 252,000 5,662,355 7,401,096 141,178				
23 24 25 26 27 28 29	NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) EXTRA HELP (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION (A) OPER. EXPENSE (B) CONF. & TRAVEL (C) PROF. FEES	2022-2023 \$15,920,618 252,000 5,662,355 7,401,096 141,178 844,903				
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) EXTRA HELP (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION (A) OPER. EXPENSE (B) CONF. & TRAVEL (C) PROF. FEES (D) CAP. OUTLAY	2022-2023 \$15,920,618 252,000 5,662,355 7,401,096 141,178 844,903 0				
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) EXTRA HELP (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION (A) OPER. EXPENSE (B) CONF. & TRAVEL (C) PROF. FEES (D) CAP. OUTLAY (E) DATA PROC.	2022-2023 \$15,920,618 252,000 5,662,355 7,401,096 141,178 844,903 0				
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) EXTRA HELP (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION (A) OPER. EXPENSE (B) CONF. & TRAVEL (C) PROF. FEES (D) CAP. OUTLAY (E) DATA PROC. (05) CONTRACT SERVICES	2022-2023 \$15,920,618 252,000 5,662,355 7,401,096 141,178 844,903 0 0 25,455,389				
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) EXTRA HELP (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION (A) OPER. EXPENSE (B) CONF. & TRAVEL (C) PROF. FEES (D) CAP. OUTLAY (E) DATA PROC. (05) CONTRACT SERVICES	2022-2023 \$15,920,618 252,000 5,662,355 7,401,096 141,178 844,903 0 0 25,455,389 \$55,677,539				
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34	NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) EXTRA HELP (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION (A) OPER. EXPENSE (B) CONF. & TRAVEL (C) PROF. FEES (D) CAP. OUTLAY (E) DATA PROC. (05) CONTRACT SERVICES TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	2022-2023 \$15,920,618 252,000 5,662,355 7,401,096 141,178 844,903 0 0 25,455,389 \$55,677,539				

1	payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief	Fiscal Officer of			
2	the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of				
3	Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Increasing Ca	pabilities Access			
4	Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,	the following:			
5	TMDM	DIGGAL VEAD			
6	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR			
7	NO.	2022-2023			
8 9	(01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	\$172,960			
10	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	61,795			
11	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	363,789			
12	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,402			
13	(C) PROF. FEES	16,000			
14	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0			
15	(E) DATA PROC.	0			
16	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$634,946			
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18	SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE DISABILITY TELEC	OMMUNICATIONS			
19	EQUIPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of				
20	Commerce, to be payable from the Telecommunication Equipmen	t Fund, for			
21	personal services and operating expenses of the Department	of Commerce -			
22	Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Statewide Disability Telecommunications				
23	Equipment Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,	the following:			
24					
25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR			
26	NO.	2022-2023			
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$127,704			
28	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,877			
29	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION				
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,000			
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,000			
32	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000			
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0			
34	(E) DATA PROC.	0			
35	(04) ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE GRANTS	<u>250,000</u>			
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$495,581			

1 2 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM - SPECIAL. 3 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable 4 from the Governors Commission on People with Disabilities Fund, for operating 5 expenses of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services -6 People with Disabilities Program - Special for the fiscal year ending June 7 30, 2023, the following: 8 9 ITEM FISCAL YEAR 10 NO. 2022-2023 11 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION 12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE \$30,000 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL 13 0 14 (C) PROF. FEES 0 15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY 0 16 (E) DATA PROC. 0 17 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$30,000 18 19 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM. 20 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable 21 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief 22 Fiscal Officer of the State, for providing loans to individuals with 23 disabilities for essential assistive technology, adaptive equipment, and for 24 loan administration/servicing by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas 25 Rehabilitation Services - Technology Equipment Revolving Loan Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following: 26 27 28 ITEM FISCAL YEAR 29 NO. 2022-2023 30 (01) LOANS \$532,085 31 32 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby 33 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund 34 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of 35 the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas

Rehabilitation Services - Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,

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1	2023,	the	following
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3	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
4	NO.		2022-2023
5	(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6		(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$346 , 542
7		(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
8		(C) PROF. FEES	0
9		(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
10		(E) DATA PROC.	0
11		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$356,542</u>

SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Division of State Services for the Blind for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

19					Maximum Annual
20				Maximum	Salary Rate
21	Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal Year
22	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2022-2023
23	(1)	N125N	ACOM DSB DEP DIR SVCS FOR THE BL	IND 1	GRADE GS15
24	(2)	G021C	ACOM DSB ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
25	(3)	G303C	ACOM DSB PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS09
26	(4)	L037C	ACOM REHAB AREA MANAGER	3	GRADE GS09
27	(5)	A050C	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
28	(6)	L098C	CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNS	ELOR 26	GRADE GS08
29	(7)	X062C	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
30	(8)	G121C	REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	3	GRADE GS08
31	(9)	G163C	ACOM REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
32	(10)	M032C	ACOM VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT	SPEC 1	GRADE GS07
33	(11)	E040C	STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
34	(12)	E039C	ACOM DSB TEACHER FOR THE BLIND	1	GRADE GS06
35	(13)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
36	(14)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06

1	(15) G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06		
2	(16) L051C REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	3	GRADE GS06		
3	(17) M054C SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER	1	GRADE GS06		
4	(18) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05		
5	(19) CO56C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	8	GRADE GS04		
6	(20) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04		
7	(21) CO43C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS04		
8	(22) CO73C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	13	GRADE GS03		
9	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	78			
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11	SECTION 10. EXTRA HELP - DIVISION OF STATE	SERVICES FO	R THE BLIND -		
12	OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the	Department	of Commerce -		
13	Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Division of St	ate Service	es for the Blind		
14	for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maxi	mum number	of part-time or		
15	temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",	payable fr	om funds		
16	appropriated herein for such purposes: thirty (3	0) temporar	y or part-time		
17	employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the				
18	Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act				
19	for the appropriate classification.				
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21	SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - STATE SERVICES	FOR THE BLI	ND - OPERATIONS.		
22	There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable				
23	from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the				
24	State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of				
25	Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Division of State Services for				
26	the Blind for the fiscal year ending June 30, 202	3, the foll	owing:		
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28	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR		
29	NO.		2022-2023		
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES		\$3,302,072		
31	(02) EXTRA HELP		384,174		
32	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING		1,227,033		
33	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION				
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE		1,122,186		
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL		55,000		
36	(C) PROF. FEES		195,259		

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25 , 000
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$6,310,724
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5	SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - BLIND SERVICES GRANTS. Ther	e is hereby
6	appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable fro	m the paying
7	account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State	, for grants
8	and aid and purchase of services of the Department of Commerce	- Arkansas
9	Rehabilitation Services - Blind Services Grants for the fiscal	year ending
10	June 30, 2023, the following:	
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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	_NO.	2022-2023
14	(01) GRANTS AND AID/PURCHASE OF SERVICES	\$4,646,768
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16	SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND	ADULT
17	EDUCATION PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Depar	tment of
18	Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable fro	m the
19	Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for a grant to World Serv	ices for the
20	Blind for personal services, operating expenses, equipment, cu	rriculum and
21	adult education programming services, for costs including but	not limited to,
22	assistive hardware and technology, adaptive software and licen	ses, and
23	retrofitting of classrooms for the fiscal year ending June 30,	2023, the sum
24	of	\$2,000,000.
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26	SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED IN	TO THE ARKANSAS
27	CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY	LAW.
28	COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT. Section 101(a)(7) of the
29	Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992, commonly referred to as	the
30	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD), requires	State
31	Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies to establish qualified	personnel
32	standards for rehabilitation personnel, including VR counselor	s, that are
33	consistent with any national or State-approved or recognized c	ertification,
34	licensing, or registration that apply to a particular professi	on. In order to
35	comply with the Rehabilitation Act and its State Plan requirem	ents, there is
36	hereby authorized for the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services a g	eneral waiver

- of the Financial Management Guide, R1-19-4-522 Continuing Professional
- 2 Education. This waiver allows the agency to provide college level coursework
- 3 in degree programs for any eligible employees selected by the agency. This
- 4 provision covers any and all formula and discretionary grants funded by the
- 5 U.S.D.O.E. Rehabilitation Services Administration, now or in the future,
- 6 including, but not limited to, the Vocational Rehabilitation Program,
- 7 Supported Employment, Independent Living, and the Staff Development Grant.
- 8 The waiver applies to federal financial participation (FFP), state general
- 9 revenue share, and program income.
- 10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect from July 1, $\frac{2021}{2022}$
- 11 through June 30, 2022 2023.

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- 13 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
- 14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
- 15 COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT. The Rehabilitation Act
- 16 Amendments of 1992, commonly referred to as the Comprehensive System of
- 17 Personnel Development (CSPD), requires State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
- 18 agencies to establish qualified personnel standards for rehabilitation
- 19 personnel, including Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, that are
- 20 consistent with any national or State-approved or recognized certification,
- 21 licensing, or registration that apply to a particular profession. In order to
- 22 comply with the Rehabilitation Act and its State Plan requirements, there is
- 23 hereby authorized for the Department of Commerce, Division of State Services
- for the Blind a general waiver of the Financial Management Guide, R1-19-4-522
- 25 Continuing Professional Education. This waiver allows the agency to provide
- 26 college level coursework in degree programs for any eligible employees
- 27 selected by the agency. This provision covers any and all formula and
- 28 discretionary grants funded by the U.S. Department of Education
- 29 Rehabilitation Services Administration, now or in the future, including, but
- 30 not limited to, the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Supported Employment,
- 31 Independent Living, and the Staff Development Grant. No state general revenue
- 32 shall be expended for the tuition in pursuit of a degree authorized herein.
- The provisions of this section shall be in effect from July 1, 2021 2022 through June 30, 2022 2023.

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SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

T	authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
2	and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
3	the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
4	Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
5	Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
6	control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
7	the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
8	strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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10	SECTION 17. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
11	Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
12	contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
13	which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
14	Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
15	manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
16	summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
17	Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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19	SECTION 18. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,
20	<u>2022.</u>
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23	APPROVED: 2/23/22
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