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SENATE BILL 18

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
10 - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
11 ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
15 DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL
17 YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
24 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the 2024-2025
25 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2024-2025
31	(1)	U037U ACOM DWS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE03
32	(2)	U065U ACOM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
33	(3)	U070U ACOM DWS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	2	GRADE SE01
34	(4)	U036U AR APPEALS TRIBUNAL CHAIRMAN	1	GRADE SE01
35	(5)	U076U DWS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
36	(6)	D002N STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR LEAD	2	GRADE IT11

1	(7)	D006N STATE SYSTEMS ARCHITECT	1	GRADE IT10
2	(8)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	3	GRADE IT08
3	(9)	D017C INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT07
4	(10)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	16	GRADE IT06
5	(11)	D022C SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT06
6	(12)	D061C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	2	GRADE IT05
7	(13)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	6	GRADE IT05
8	(14)	D062C DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
9	(15)	D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT03
10	(16)	A139C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS15
11	(17)	G007N ACOM DWS GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
12	(18)	N051N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, EMPLOYMENT ASSIST	1	GRADE GS13
13	(19)	N050N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	1	GRADE GS13
14	(20)	N049N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, INFO AND TECHNOLOGY	1	GRADE GS13
15	(21)	N074N ACOM DWS ASST DIR, UNEMPLOYMENT INS	1	GRADE GS13
16	(22)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
17	(23)	G010C ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS12
18	(24)	G016N ACOM DWS ASST DIR GRANTS RESOURCE ADM	1	GRADE GS12
19	(25)	A015C ACOM DWS DIR INTERNAL AUDIT & SECURITY	1	GRADE GS12
20	(26)	P007N ACOM DWS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	GRADE GS12
21	(27)	G020C ACOM DWS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS12
22	(28)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
23	(29)	A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	3	GRADE GS11
24	(30)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS11
25	(31)	G068C ACOM DWS AREA OPERATIONS CHIEF	6	GRADE GS10
26	(32)	E074C ACOM PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS10
27	(33)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
28	(34)	G073C ATTORNEY	11	GRADE GS10
29	(35)	A044C AUDIT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
30	(36)	G288C ACOM DWS DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
31	(37)	R015C ACOM DWS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
32	(38)	G243C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER III	2	GRADE GS09
33	(39)	G110C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	11	GRADE GS09
34	(40)	E075C ACOM PROGRAM ADVISOR	9	GRADE GS09
35	(41)	R019C BUDGET MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
36	(42)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09

1	(43)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
2	(44)	G128C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER II	14	GRADE GS08
3	(45)	G127C ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	30	GRADE GS08
4	(46)	G114C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE INVEST REG ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS08
5	(47)	R021C BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE GS08
6	(48)	A066C INTERNAL AUDITOR	3	GRADE GS08
7	(49)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
8	(50)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
9	(51)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
10	(52)	A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	4	GRADE GS08
11	(53)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	4	GRADE GS07
12	(54)	G149C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I	10	GRADE GS07
13	(55)	G181C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	36	GRADE GS07
14	(56)	G209C ACOM DWS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	22	GRADE GS07
15	(57)	G196C ACOM DWS SATELLITE OFFICE SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS07
16	(58)	A085C ACOM DWS SR FIELD TAX REPRESENTATIVE	2	GRADE GS07
17	(59)	G138C AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OFFICER	8	GRADE GS07
18	(60)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
19	(61)	A081C AUDITOR	6	GRADE GS07
20	(62)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	3	GRADE GS07
21	(63)	A075C FINANCIAL ANALYST I	2	GRADE GS07
22	(64)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
23	(65)	A065C PAYROLL SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
24	(66)	A073C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
25	(67)	X047C REAL ESTATE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
26	(68)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
27	(69)	A092C ACOM DWS FIELD TAX REP	16	GRADE GS06
28	(70)	C032C ACOM DWS UI CLAIM TECHNICIAN	18	GRADE GS06
29	(71)	X139C ACOM DWS UI INVESTIGATOR	12	GRADE GS06
30	(72)	G217C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	283	GRADE GS06
31	(73)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	18	GRADE GS06
32	(74)	R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS06
33	(75)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	7	GRADE GS06
34	(76)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
35	(77)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
36	(78)	G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06

1	(79)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS06
2	(80)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS06
3	(81)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	10	GRADE GS06
4	(82)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	13	GRADE GS06
5	(83)	C050C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS05
6	(84)	V014C BUYER	2	GRADE GS05
7	(85)	G220C DWS UNIT SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS05
8	(86)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	16	GRADE GS05
9	(87)	S032C PRINT SHOP SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
10	(88)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	1	GRADE GS05
11	(89)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	12	GRADE GS04
12	(90)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	18	GRADE GS04
13	(91)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS04
14	(92)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	19	GRADE GS04
15	(93)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
16	(94)	V022C PURCHASING TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
17	(95)	V023C STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
18	(96)	X183C ACOM DWS CLAIMS ADJUDICATOR	8	GRADE GS03
19	(97)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	9	GRADE GS03
20	(98)	S081C APPRENTICE TRADESMAN	1	GRADE GS03
21	(99)	S054C PRINTER	1	GRADE GS03
22	(100)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>4</u>	GRADE GS02
23		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	782	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$33,058,661
(02) EXTRA HELP	3,748,866
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	13,764,665
(04) OVERTIME	1,060,000

1	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	19,335,741
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	705,440
4	(C) PROF. FEES	3,000,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$74,673,373</u>

9 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND EXPENSES - CASH.

10 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 11 from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for unemployment
 12 benefit payments and other expenses including disaster relief payments,
 13 training allowances, payments to participant contractors and Unemployment
 14 Insurance Trust Fund loan repayments by the Department of Commerce - Division
 15 of Workforce Services - Unemployment Benefits and Expenses - Cash for the
 16 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
19	(01) DISASTER RELIEF PAYMENTS	\$4,000,000
20	(02) FEDERALLY PAID BENEFITS PAYMENTS	1,000,000,000
21	(03) U I BENEFITS - REIMBURSABLE EMPLOYERS	20,000,000
22	(04) U I BENEFITS - TAXABLE EMPLOYERS	1,000,000,000
23	(05) TRAINING ALLOWANCES	4,000,000
24	(06) PAYMENTS TO PART CONTRACTORS	150,000
25	(07) UI ADVANCE REPAYMENT	<u>1</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,028,150,001</u>

28 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS. There is hereby
 29 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division
 30 of Workforce Services Special Fund, for payment of the annual assessment to
 31 maintain voting member rights in the National Association of Workforce
 32 Agencies by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 33 Annual Assessments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

1 (01) ANNUAL ASSESSMENT \$26,000

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3 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - EXCESS UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND EXPENSES.

4 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 5 from the Division of Workforce Services Special Fund, for construction,
 6 personal services and matching, maintenance and general operating expenses
 7 for the Administration Building and all other agency owned buildings,
 8 building and land acquisition, rent of buildings, and payment of unemployment
 9 benefits and expenses incurred by the Department of Commerce - Division of
 10 Workforce Services in the administration of the Division of Workforce
 11 Services Law, the Arkansas Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and the
 12 Arkansas Works Act of 2016, or their successor programs and any other
 13 programs transferred under the direction and supervision of the Division of
 14 Workforce Services, when such expenses exceed funds available from other
 15 sources by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 16 Excess Unemployment Benefits and Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 17 2025, the following:

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19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
21 (01) CONSTRUCTION	\$0
22 (02) RENT OF BUILDINGS	0
23 (03) PAYMENT/EXPENSES	<u>10,000,000</u>
24 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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26 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.

27 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 28 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 29 State, for grant payments of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act by
 30 the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Workforce
 31 Innovation and Opportunity Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the
 32 following:

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34 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
36 (01) WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY	

1 ACT PAYMENTS \$40,000,000

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3 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - U I TRUST FUND INTEREST/UNEMPLOYMENT

4 INSURANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 5 be payable from the Employment Security Advance Interest Trust Fund, for
 6 paying interest incurred by the state on advances from the Federal
 7 Unemployment Trust Fund, making refunds of advance interest taxes or interest
 8 and penalty payments which were erroneously paid, and returning moneys to the
 9 Unemployment Compensation Fund Clearing Account which were incorrectly
 10 identified and erroneously transferred, if needed by the Department of
 11 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - UI Trust Fund Interest/
 12 Unemployment Insurance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the
 13 following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) U I TRUST FUND INTEREST	\$3,000,000
(02) LOAN INTEREST	<u>1</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,000,001</u>

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21 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - REED ACT FUNDS. There is hereby
 22 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from cash funds as
 23 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for construction, improvement of
 24 buildings, rent and lease costs, acquisition of data processing equipment,
 25 acquisition of land, payment of salaries and related benefits, maintenance
 26 and general operation and for the payment of unemployment insurance benefits
 27 or as prescribed by the Social Security Act by of the Department of Commerce
 28 - Division of Workforce Services - Reed Act Funds for the fiscal year ending
 29 June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REED ACT FUNDS	<u>\$1</u>

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34 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. There is hereby
 35 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying
 36 account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal

1 services, maintenance and general operations by the Department of Commerce -
 2 Division of Workforce Services - New Hire Registry for the fiscal year ending
 3 June 30, 2025, the following:

4	5 ITEM	6 FISCAL YEAR
7	8 <u>NO.</u>	9 <u>2024-2025</u>
10	11 (01) NEW HIRE REGISTRY-PERSONAL SERVICES,	
12	13 MAINTENANCE & GENERAL OPERATIONS	14 <u>\$250,000</u>

15 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - TRAINING
 16 TRUST FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 17 be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund, for
 18 personal services, operating expenses, and grants for the Worker Training
 19 Program of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services -
 20 Training Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

21	22 ITEM	23 FISCAL YEAR
24	25 <u>NO.</u>	26 <u>2024-2025</u>
27	28 (01) PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING EXPENSES	
29	30 AND GRANTS	31 <u>\$3,256,577</u>

32 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -
 33 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to
 34 the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce
 35 Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund, for personal services
 36 and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce
 Services - Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund for the fiscal year
 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

37	38 ITEM	39 FISCAL YEAR
40	41 <u>NO.</u>	42 <u>2024-2025</u>
43	44 (01) ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	45 <u>\$6,000,000</u>

46 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - LOANS TO LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
 BOARDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be
 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for loans to

1 local Workforce Development Boards (WDB) for local WDB wire transfers by the
 2 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the fiscal year
 3 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
6 (01) LOANS	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

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 8 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. There
 9 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 10 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 11 Officer of the State, for Payments of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program
 12 by the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Trade
 13 Adjustment Assistance Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the
 14 following:

16 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
18 (01) RTA/ATAA PAYMENTS	\$100,000
19 (02) TAA SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	100,000
20 (03) TAA VENDOR PAYMENTS	<u>7,850,000</u>
21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,050,000</u>

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 23 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - ADULT EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION -
 24 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 25 be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Fund, for personal
 26 services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of
 27 Workforce Services - Adult Education Administration - Operations for the
 28 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
32 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	811,943
33 (02) EXTRA HELP	7,000
34 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	286,775
35 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	190,000

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,500
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,306,218</u></u>

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 7 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - ADULT BASIC EDUCATION. There is hereby
 8 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division
 9 of Workforce Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 10 the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Basic
 11 Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$417,636
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	151,083
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	24,507
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
20	(C) PROF. FEES	0
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$593,226</u></u>

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 25 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL ADULT BASIC EDUCATION. There is
 26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 27 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 28 personal services, operating expenses and grants by the Department of
 29 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Federal Adult Basic Education for
 30 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$460,123
35	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	162,734
36	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	132,467
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,200
3	(C) PROF. FEES	9,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(04) ADULT BASIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>10,369,442</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$11,183,966</u>

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9 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADULT LITERACY.

10 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 11 from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund
 12 Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants by the
 13 Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Governor's
 14 Commission on Adult Literacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the
 15 following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
19	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$28,445
20	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,591
21	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	52,242
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,005
24	(C) PROF. FEES	0
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	0
27	(04) GRANTS TO LITERACY COUNCILS	<u>1,000,000</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,096,283</u>

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30 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ADULT BASIC AND GENERAL EDUCATION. There
 31 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 32 Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for
 33 Adult Basic and General Adult Education grants and aid by the Department of
 34 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Basic and General Education
 35 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
3	(01) ADULT BASIC & GENERAL ADULT EDUCATION	<u>\$22,770,569</u>

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5 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - GED TESTING. There is hereby appropriated,
 6 to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Career and
 7 Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for the cost of individuals
 8 taking the General Education Development (GED) test and official practice
 9 test of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - GED
 10 Testing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
14	(01) GED TEST COSTS	<u>\$350,000</u>

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16 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

18 CARRY FORWARD - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. Any balance in the funds made available
 19 by this Act for the New Hire Registry which remain on June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, may
 20 be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same
 21 purpose.

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

24 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 the Agency shall by written statement
 25 set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
 26 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

34 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a
 35 written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
 36 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written

1 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
2 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
3 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
4 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
5 Committee; and

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

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
11 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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13 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA
15 HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Division of Workforce Services for
16 the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
17 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
18 appropriated herein for such purposes: four hundred thirty three ~~(433)~~(426)
19 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
20 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
21 successor, for the appropriate classification. Any of these positions
22 utilized in a manner which are funded by federal sources are specifically
23 exempt from limitation of hours, either by Act or Regulation.

24 In order to comply with the timeliness requirements set forth by the
25 Social Security Act, the Chairman of the Board of Review is authorized to
26 utilize part-time or temporary employees from the pool of positions provided
27 to the Division of Workforce Services in any occurrence where the number of
28 appeals to the Board of Review or Appeal Tribunal increases above a level
29 that can be resolved by the permanent staff in a timely manner. The Division
30 of Workforce Services will determine the appropriate funding source within
31 the Department for said positions.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
33 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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35 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

1 TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION. Subject to such rules and regulations as may be
2 implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after having sought
3 the prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
4 Committee, the Director of the Division of Workforce Services is hereby
5 authorized to make transfers from any appropriation made by this Act to any
6 other appropriation made by this Act with the exception of the "Reed Act
7 Funds" appropriations set forth in the Reed Act Funds appropriation section
8 of this Act, and of the appropriation made for Regular Salaries or
9 Maintenance and General Operation. Such transfers may be made whenever it
10 appears, by projecting the expenditures of any of the appropriations in this
11 Act, that there will be a deficiency of appropriation in one item and that
12 there will be a corresponding excess of appropriation in another item or
13 items which may be transferred. The transfer of appropriation shall be
14 effected only on approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Provided,
15 however, that no transfer of appropriations may be authorized to increase the
16 total amount appropriated for Regular Salaries, or Maintenance and General
17 Operations, except as may be authorized elsewhere by law.

18 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
19 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
20 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
21 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
22 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
23 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
24 has determined that the Division of Workforce Services may operate more
25 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Division of Workforce
26 Services authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both
27 necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by
28 requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
29 as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.
31 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
32 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,
33 this entire section is void.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
35 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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1 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING
3 TRUST FUND TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the
4 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and
5 those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of up to
6 two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the Division of
7 Workforce Services Training Trust Fund to the Skills Development Fund.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
9 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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11 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FEDERAL
13 MATCHING. The funds appropriated in Sections for Adult Basic and General
14 Adult Education of this Act may also be used to match any available federal
15 funds from any agency in order to provide the maximum amount of money
16 possible for the purposes enumerated in such Section.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
18 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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20 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADULT
22 EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION. All funds that become available for Adult Education
23 shall be distributed to those administrative units determined to be operating
24 efficient adult education programs, under criteria established by the
25 Division of Workforce Services. The criteria shall include the relative
26 efficiency of administration of the program in the counties served and
27 achievement of federal performance indicators. The Division of Workforce
28 Services shall promulgate rules and regulations for the distribution of funds
29 in accordance with criteria to be determined by the Board. In the
30 distribution of funds to local units the Board shall consider performance in
31 meeting state and federal performance indicators. Unallocated funds will be
32 redistributed based upon need as determined by the Division of Workforce
33 Services.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
35 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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1 SECTION 26. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 2 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 3 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 4 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 5 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 6 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 7 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 8 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 9 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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 20 SECTION 28. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 21 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
 22 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
 24 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 25 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 26 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
 27 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 28 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 29 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 30 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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