

**REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW (PEER)  
OF THE  
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**July 21, 2022**

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, and after having reviewed the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted. Subcommittee rules were suspended to take up an items on the supplemental agenda. Items from the supplemental agenda will be noted with an asterisk (\*).

Items for Approval

- A. Various Temporary Appropriation Requests
  - 1. Secretary of State – \$1,083,697
  - 2. North Arkansas College – \$3,000,000
  - 3. Department of Education – Arkansas School for the Deaf – \$950,000
  - 4. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – \$3,000,000
  - 5. Department of Public Safety – Division of Arkansas State Police – \$1,053,000
  
- B. CARES Act Appropriation Request
  - 1. Department of Education – Arkansas PBS – \$465,000
  
- C. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests
 

Direct Federal Awards:

  - 1. Arkansas Northeastern College – \$109,729
  - 2. Southeast Arkansas College – \$377,964
  - 3. Southeast Arkansas College – Reallocation – \$0

Arkansas ARP Steering Committee Award:

  - 4. Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission – \$41,715,933
  
- D. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Request
  - 1. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – \$32,895,998
  
- E. Arkansas Department of Transportation Appropriation Request for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funding – \$215,000,000

F. Rainy Day Fund Transfer Requests

1. Department of Commerce – Arkansas Rehabilitation Services – \$750,000 – **Held**
2. Department of Finance and Administration – State Drug Crime Enforcement and Prosecution Grant Fund – \$200,000

G. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

Majority Vote Various Improvements and Projects Set-Aside:

1. Department of Veterans Affairs – \$15,000,000
2. Department of Public Safety – \$10,000,000
3. \*Department of Military – Arkansas National Guard – \$5,000,000 – **Held**

Majority Vote Set-Aside:

4. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – \$1,000,000
5. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – \$3,000,000
6. Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission – Boys and Girls Clubs – \$1,000,000
7. Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission – Museum of Discovery – \$1,500,000

Items for Review

H. Cash Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – \$1,000,000
2. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Old State House Museum – \$101,500
3. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Tourism Division – \$11,500
4. \*Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of Heritage – \$250,000 – **Held**

I. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Commerce – Insurance Department – Flexibility to Stabilize the Market – \$267,155
2. Department of Commerce – Insurance Department – MIPPA – \$113,360
3. Department of Commerce – Insurance Department – MIPPA II – \$26,167
4. Department of Commerce – Insurance Department – MIPPA III – \$51,093
5. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – \$82,207 – 1 Position
6. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Arkansas Arts Council – \$78,198

Reports

J. Emergency Action Report

1. Pay Plan Appropriation Transfers
  - a. Administrative Office of the Courts – \$700
  - b. Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator – \$11,000

- c. Auditor of State – \$126,148
- d. Department of Labor and Licensing – Bail Bondsman Licensing – \$1,500
- e. Arkansas Claims Commission – \$100
- f. Department of Commerce – Aeronautics – \$1,500
- g. Department of Labor and Licensing – Labor Division – \$3,500
- h. Department of Military – \$400
- i. Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management – \$7,400
- j. Department of Corrections – \$700
- k. Department of Public Safety – \$1,500

2. Cash Appropriation Transfer

- a. Department of Health – Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers – \$500

K. Semiannual Report

- 1. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences NCI Fund Report

L. Monthly Reports

- 1. Surplus Income and Distribution Report
- 2. Budget Stabilization Trust Fund Report
- 3. Tobacco Settlement Report
- 4. State Central Services Fund Report
- 5. American Rescue Plan Report and Department of Education Memo – **Subcommittee recommends to Arkansas Legislative Council to expunge the vote by which item B.2.n. in the June 17 PEER subcommittee report, a \$500 million American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation request for the Department of Education, was approved.**

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs,

Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Michelle Gray