

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

**August 21, 2020**

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 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 item on the supplemental agenda. Items from the supplemental agenda will be noted with an asterisk (\*).

**A. Cash Fund Appropriation Increase Requests**

1. Department of Corrections – Division of Community Correction - \$100,000
2. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - \$1,910,000
3. Department of Education – Northwest Technical Institute - \$600,000
4. Department of Education – Division of Career and Technical Education - \$260,000

**B. Items for Approval**

**B.1. Various Temporary Appropriation Requests**

- a. Department of Agriculture – Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - \$50,000 for the Unpaved Roads Program
- b. Department of Commerce - \$10,000,000 to reimburse school districts who paid a training fee
- c. Department of Finance and Administration – Regulatory Division – Enforcement - \$50,000 to pay overtime to enforcement officers
- d. Secretary of State – 453,949.50 for 10 additional positions
- e. Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission - \$5,000,000 to support administrative costs of the Arkansas Rural Connect Emergency Coronavirus Program
- f. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - \$324,600 to spend funds from the CARES Act

**B.2. CARES Appropriation Requests**

- a. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer - \$150,000,000 for distribution to cities and counties – **Referred to full Council without recommendation.**
- b. Department of Agriculture - \$5,000,000 to establish a cost-share program to help Arkansas meat processing facilities
- c. Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission - \$95,000,000 to implement the Arkansas Rural Connect Emergency Coronavirus Program

### **B.3. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Requests**

- a. Arkansas Department of Transportation - \$795,249.85 from Highway Transfer Fund to the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund
- \*b. Department of Commerce – Arkansas Division of Workforce Services - \$800,000,000 from Federal Employees Benefit Payments to Disaster Relief Payments
  1. Motion to recommend to Legislative Council to suspend the rule requiring six day notice for a meeting of Legislative Council to consider any requested revision to this item related to emergency unemployment benefits
  2. Motion to authorize the chairs of Legislative Council and ALC-PEER to act on an emergency basis to approve a CARES appropriation request that would allow an increase in benefits for those Arkansans who receive less than the federal minimum to be eligible for emergency unemployment benefits

### **B.4. Rainy Day Fund Transfer Request**

- a. Department of Human Services – Developmental Disabilities Services - \$178,678 for Special Olympics Program

### **C. Budget Classification Transfer Requests**

1. Department of Corrections – Parole Board - \$65,000 from Professional Fees to Operating Expenses
2. Department of Agriculture – Livestock and Poultry - \$38,600 from Operating Expenses to Professional Fees
3. Department of Corrections – Division of Community Corrections - \$840,000 from Operating Expenses to Professional Fees
4. Administrative Office of the Courts -\$20,000 from Professional Fees to Conference and Travel Expenses

### **D. Miscellaneous Federal Grants Appropriation Requests**

1. Department of Agriculture – School Grounds and Alternative Selling - \$26,600
2. Department of Agriculture – Forest Legacy Program – Hot Springs National Park - \$1,460,000
3. Department of Agriculture – Forest Legacy Program – Drew County - \$955,000
4. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Commission - \$606,630
5. Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission - \$20,000,000
6. Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism – Historic Preservation - \$400,000
7. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment - \$6,762,614
8. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services-State Opioid Response - \$6,741,061
9. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services- Community Mental Health Block Grant - \$3,003,629
10. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services-Crisis Counseling - \$961,620
11. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations-Emergency Solutions – \$17,930,851

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12. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations–Community Services Block Grant COVID - \$6,797,936
13. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations-Community Services Block Grant Disaster - \$100,000
14. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services-Title III for Senior Farmers’ Market - \$112,921
15. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services-Title III Grants for Families First Coronavirus Response - \$2,208,121
16. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services-Title III Grants for Area Agencies on Aging - \$3,250,000
17. Department of Health – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity - \$1,120,813
18. Department of Health – Immunization and Outbreak Control - \$1,063,636

**E. Performance Fund/Pay Plan Holding Account Transfer Request**

1. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education - \$100,000

**F. Quarterly Reports**

1. Department of Human Services Inter Agency/Inter Divisional Match Fund Transfers
2. Office of Attorney General Cash Settlement Fund
3. Arkansas State Police Asset Forfeiture Expenditures
4. Federal Grant Applications
5. Federal Grant Awards
6. Division of Environmental Quality Hazardous Waste Removal in Bella Vista, AR

**G. Monthly Reports**

1. Rainy Day Fund
2. Budget Stabilization Trust Fund
3. State Central Services Fund
4. CARES Act Report

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Bruce Maloch and Representative DeAnn Vaught