



STATE OF ARKANSAS

ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

April 26, 2016

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request amendment to SB86, the 2016-2017 Annual Operations Bill for the Department of Higher Education.

Please amend SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION – WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015 as follows:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2016-2017	
(01) WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015 EXPENSES	\$2,000,000	\$8,000,000

The additional appropriation is needed to allow for flexibility in the event additional funds are allocated for workforce grants related to this program.

Please INSERT the following sections and renumber accordingly:

SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DHE WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT FUNDING. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer funding, up to the amount authorized in Section 17 of this Act, from the Department of Higher Education Fund Account to the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund in order to finance the distribution of grants identified under §6-60-105.

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The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

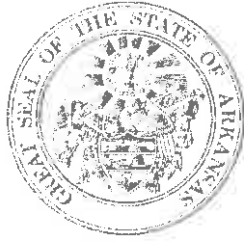
This language is needed to allow for the transfer of funds into the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request amendment to SB70, the 2016-2017 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES as follows:

Item	Class	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2016-2017
	<u>N197N</u>	<u>NURSING HOME DIVISION</u>		
		<u>DIRECTOR</u>	1	<u>GRADE N904</u>
	<u>D020C</u>	<u>INSTITUTION INFO. TECH.</u>		
		<u>COORDINATOR</u>	1	<u>GRADE C125</u>
(7)	<u>L019C</u>	<u>REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR</u>	1	<u>GRADE C123</u>
	<u>S003C</u>	<u>FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR</u>	1	<u>GRADE C122</u>
(9)	<u>M009C</u>	<u>LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER</u>	1	<u>GRADE C121</u>
(10)	<u>R014C</u>	<u>PERSONNEL MANAGER</u>	1	<u>GRADE C121</u>
(11)	<u>L032C</u>	<u>REGISTERED NURSE – HOSPITAL</u>	8	<u>GRADE C121</u>
	<u>G159C</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT BUSINESS</u>		
		<u>COORDINATOR</u>	1	<u>GRADE C119</u>
	<u>E040C</u>	<u>STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR</u>	1	<u>GRADE C117</u>

	<u>S017C</u>	<u>MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE C117</u>
	<u>V041C</u>	<u>BUYER</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE C116</u>
	<u>D079C</u>	<u>COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE C115</u>
(20)	<u>S033C</u>	<u>MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>GRADE C115</u>
	<u>Co28C</u>	<u>MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE C115</u>
	<u>Mo65C</u>	<u>RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE C114</u>
(22)	<u>Lo69C</u>	<u>LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>GRADE C113</u>
(24)	<u>To72C</u>	<u>SECURITY OFFICER SUPERVISOR</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE C113</u>
(25)	<u>Co56C</u>	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>GRADE C112</u>
(26)	<u>Mo76C</u>	<u>RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>GRADE C111</u>
(27)	<u>To84C</u>	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>GRADE C110</u>
(29)	<u>Lo82C</u>	<u>CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>GRADE C109</u>
(33)	<u>So84C</u>	<u>INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE C104</u>
(34)	<u>So87C</u>	<u>INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT</u>		<u>11</u>	<u>GRADE C103</u>
		<u>MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>275</u>	

The maximum number of employees is requested to be increased by 137 in order to provide the staff necessary to operate the North Little Rock Veterans Home. A reduction of 19 positions in the Fayetteville home is also requested to improve efficiencies and effectiveness of staff to serve its residents.

Please amend SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

ITEM NO.			FISCAL YEAR
			2016-2017
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,171,193	\$2,783,856
	EXTRA HELP		6,544
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	474,705	1,249,904
	OVERTIME		20,380
(03)	MAINTENANCE & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	131,775	1,849,320
	(B) CONF & TRAVEL	5750	30,750
	(C) PROF. FEES	0	83,333
	(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	142,500
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$2,408,423	\$6,791,587

This will allow for startup costs and operating expenses associated with the North Little Rock Veterans' Home.

Please amend SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP – VETERANS’ HOME - FAYETTEVILLE as follows:

SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP – VETERANS’ HOMES - FAYETTEVILLE. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans Affairs – Veterans’ Homes - Fayetteville for the 2016-2017 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: ~~seven (7)~~ fifteen (15) 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.

This requested increase is to provide the support staff necessary to operate the North Little Rock Veterans Home in addition to allowing flexibility related to the operation of two state Veterans’ Homes.

Please amend SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – VETERANS’ HOME – FAYETTEVILLE as follows:

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – VETERANS’ HOMES – FAYETTEVILLE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 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 Veterans Affairs – Veterans’ Homes – Fayetteville for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2016-2017	
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,351,462	\$6,459,529
(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000	52,612
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,558,105	3,052,137
(04) OVERTIME	40,000	79,278
(05) MAINTENANCE & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,627,477	4,834,575
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,885	30,885
(C) PROF. FEES	355,000	485,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	30,000	74,500
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,732,929</u>	<u>\$15,793,516</u>

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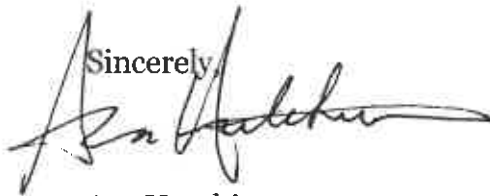
This request is to restructure authorized appropriation allowing the Department of Veterans Affairs to pay expenses related to the operation of two state Veterans' Homes. The increases reflect the addition of the North Little Rock Veterans' Home projected expenses to those of the Fayetteville Veterans' Home.

Please amend SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP – VETERANS' CEMETERIES – CASH as follows:

SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP – VETERANS' CEMETERIES – CASH. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries – Cash for the 2016-2017 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: ~~four (4)~~ five (5) 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.

This request is to provide an additional part-time position needed due to the expansion of the cemetery.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request amendment to HB1025, the 2016-2017 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Health:

Please ADD the following sections and renumber accordingly:

SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. Proceeds made available to the Arkansas Department of Health as a result of transitioning the In-Home Services program to a private sector provider are not subject to reclaim and shall be deposited as a refund to expenditure to reimburse the Department for expenditures incurred as a result of the transition. The proceeds shall be deposited into the same State Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original expenditure was incurred to the credit of the appropriation from which the original expenditure was made.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFERS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, at the direction of the Governor, may transfer any remaining balances from the proceeds of transitioning the In-Home Services program to supplement the fund established as a set-aside in the 90th Session Projects Account of the General Improvement Fund in Section 3 (a)(11) of the General Improvement Distribution Act, for transfer, from time to time, to any fund or fund account authorized by the General Assembly, or for transfers,

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from time to time, for projects in the Executive Discretionary Division Section (3)(d), upon approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADDITIONAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZED. The Director of the Department of Health, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, may provide a one-time payment of up to ten percent (10%) of the net proceeds available at the time of closing that are generated as a result of the transition of the In-Home Services program to those In-Home Services employees that remain in the Program until the transition date. The Director shall submit an allocation methodology for approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Such additional payments shall not be considered salary and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries established by the General Assembly.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

These changes will provide additional flexibility for the transition of the In-Home Services program to a private sector provider.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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