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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1096

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. 4 to House Bill 1096

Amend House Bill No. 1096 as engrossed H3/29/23 (version: 03/29/2023 3:22:25 PM):

Page 15, line 6, insert new Sections immediately following SECTION 36 to read as follows:

" SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - STIPEND CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Stipend Certified Law Enforcement Sub-Fund of the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for Stipend Certified Law Enforcement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) STIPEND CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT	<u>\$13,200,000</u>

SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING TRANSFER. (a) Immediately upon the effective date of this Act and prior to and notwithstanding any other transfers authorized by law for transfers from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the amount transferred from the Law Enforcement Stipend Grant Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund as authorized in Section 3 of Act 224 of 2022 to the newly created Stipend Certified Law Enforcement Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to be used exclusively as set out in in this section.



(b) The funds transferred to the Stipend Certified Law Enforcement Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account shall be disbursed to Certified Law Enforcement Officers at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Secretary of State, Arkansas Department of Transportation, Institutions of Higher Education, Department of Agriculture, Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, and Department of Finance and Administration as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for five thousand dollar (\$5,000) stipend payments and the employer's matching share of Social Security and Medicare taxes due on that salary stipend as required by federal law.

(c)(1) The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Secretary of State, Arkansas Department of Transportation, the Department of Education Division of Higher Education on behalf of the Institutions of Higher Education, Department of Agriculture, Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, and Department of Finance and Administration shall submit to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a list of authorized positions of all Certified Law Enforcement Officers employed on July 1, 2023.

(2) Any additional Certified Law Enforcement Officers hired after July 1, 2023 and prior to September 30, 2023 are eligible for stipends, as authorized in this section, as requested for a stipend payment by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Secretary of State, Arkansas Department of Transportation, the Department of Education Division of Higher Education on behalf of the Institutions of Higher Education, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, and the Department of Finance and Administration to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(3) If a stipend awarded to a state employee as authorized herein would have the effect of exceeding the maximum pay level for the grade assigned to the employee's classification, the additional compensation shall not be considered as exceeding the maximum allowable rate for that grade.

(d) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may request additional information from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Secretary of State, Arkansas Department of Transportation, the Department of Education Division of Higher Education, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, and the Department of Finance and Administration as needed to disburse the individual stipend payment.

(e) Any funds not expended in the Stipend Certified Law Enforcement Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account as established in subsection (a) herein after September 30, 2023 shall be transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund, with the exception of obligated funds to be disbursed for stipends awarded prior to September 30, 2023."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative M. Shepherd

By: Senator Hester

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