

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

October 21, 2022

Dear Co-Chairs:

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The PEER subcommittee met on Thursday, September 22, 2022, and after having considered the following item, reports that the subcommittee's final action is complete.

Item Approved

American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Schools – \$72,461,935

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Michelle Gray

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The PEER subcommittee met on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, and after having considered the following item, reports that the subcommittee's final action is complete.

Item Approved

American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Schools – \$54,830,175

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The PEER subcommittee met on Thursday, October 6, 2022, and after having considered the following item, reports that the subcommittee's final action is complete.

Item Approved

American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Schools – \$64,411,381

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Michelle Gray

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Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Monday, October 17, 2022, and after having considered the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted. Subcommittee rules were suspended to take up 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. Department of Transportation – \$5,000,000
2. Department of Corrections – Division of Community Corrections – \$281,201
3. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education – \$500,000
4. Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services – \$1,500,000
5. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – State Parks Division – \$1,500,000
6. Department of Public Safety – Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training – \$10,500
7. Department of Public Safety – Division of Arkansas State Police – \$85,500
8. Department of Public Safety – Arkansas Crime Information Center – \$208,700
9. Department of Commerce – Office of Skills Development \$1,950,000
10. Department of Human Services – Division of Medical Services – \$5,000,000 – **Held**
11. *Game and Fish Commission – \$20,000,000 – **Held**

B. CARES Act Appropriation Request

1. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – \$8,000,000

C. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

Direct Federal Awards

1. Department of Veterans Affairs – Fayetteville Veterans Home – \$381,783
2. Department of Veterans Affairs – North Little Rock Veterans Home – \$275,410
3. Department of Health – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrator – \$815,327
4. Department of Health – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity – \$415,024
5. Department of Health – Mitigation of COVID in Confinement Facilities – \$9,310,000 – **All contracts let from this appropriation that do not meet threshold by law for consideration by Legislative Council must still be**

reported to the Review Subcommittee of Legislative Council as a condition of approval of this item

6. Department of Health – Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Homevisiting Grant Program I – \$0 – Reallocation
 7. Department of Health – Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Homevisiting Grant Program II – \$0 – Reallocation
 8. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education – \$265,000
 9. Department of Human Services – Division of Medical Services – \$685,000
 10. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – \$400,178
 11. Game and Fish Commission – Lonoke Fish Hatchery –\$5,000,000 – **Held**
 12. Game and Fish Commission – Bayou Meto – \$15,000,000 – **Held**
 13. Arkansas Tech University – \$3,200,000 – **Held**
 14. University of Arkansas at Monticello – \$6,000,000 – **Held**
 15. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff – \$3,000,000 – **Held**
 16. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Northwest Technical Institute – \$5,000,000 – **Held**
 17. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Women and Children First – \$9,597,000 – **Held**
 18. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Philander Smith College – \$5,000,000 – **Held**
 19. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Arkansas Rural Health Partnership – \$10,000,000 – **Held**
 20. Black River Technical College – \$4,622,857 – **Held**
 21. Southeast Arkansas College – Student Center Building – \$3,000,000 – **Held**
 22. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – \$5,000,000
 23. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Vaccination Testing Reimbursement – \$25,000 – **Held**
 24. Department of Human Services – Division of Medical Services – North Arkansas Regional Medical Center – \$10,000,000 – **Held**
 25. *Department of Transformation and Shared Services – Employee Benefits Division – \$52,701,874
- D. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Requests
1. Department of Energy and Environment – Oil and Gas Commission – \$5,000,000
- E. Arkansas Department of Transportation Request for Infrastructure and Jobs Act Funding – \$215,000,000
- F. Rainy Day Fund Transfer Requests
1. Department of Public Safety – Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training –\$30,000
 2. Department of Corrections – Division on Community Corrections – \$281,200.81

G. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

1. Department of Energy and Environment – \$1,755,500
2. Department of Human Services – Division of Medical Services – \$5,000,000 – **Held**
3. *Game and Fish Commission – \$20,000,000 – **Held**

Items for Review

H. Cash Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Cemetery – \$151,580
2. Department of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Home – \$404,350
3. Department of Education – Division of Career and Technical Education – \$145,000
4. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Mosaic Templars Cultural Center – \$560,000
5. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Historic Preservation Program – \$15,000
6. Department of Energy and Environment – \$1,755,500

I. Budget Classification Transfer Requests

1. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Heritage Division – \$14,000 to Operating Expenses from Conference and Travel Expenses in the amount of \$4,000 and from Professional Fees in the amount of \$10,000
2. Department of Public Safety – Arkansas Crime Information Center – \$55,000 to Capital Outlay from Operating Expenses

J. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Health – \$5,943
2. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education – \$215,451 – 1 Position
3. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – \$200,000
4. Department of the Military – \$6,500,000
5. Department of Public Safety – Arkansas Crime Information Center – \$125,335

K. Overtime Appropriation Request

1. Department of Corrections – \$3,500,000

Items for Final Action

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- L. Department of Education Requests for American Rescue Plan Appropriation for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Grants – \$18,800,283

Reports

M. Annual Reports

- 1. Arkansas Economic Development Commission Quick Action Closing Fund Report

N. 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

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