

**REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW (PEER)
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
May 19, 2023**

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, and after having considered the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted.

Rule Adopted

Motion Carried to Adopt Subcommittee Rule – Attachment 1

Items Approved

A. Various Temporary Appropriation Requests

1. Auditor of State – \$15,000
2. Treasurer of State – \$50,000,000
3. University of Central Arkansas – \$2,000,000
4. Department of the Military – \$17,000
5. Department of Public Safety – Crime Information Center – \$336
6. Department of Public Safety – Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training – \$100,000
7. Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services – \$60,000
8. Governor’s Mansion Commission – \$88,517
9. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – \$5,800,000
10. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Vehicles – \$4,000,000
11. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Fire Protection Services – \$2,500,000

B. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

Direct Federal Awards

1. Department of Health – Immunization and Vaccines for Children – \$757,298
2. Department of Health – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity – \$11,397,875
3. Southeast Arkansas College – \$0 – Reallocation
4. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – \$0 – Reallocation
5. Department of Health – Strengthening Infrastructure, Workforce, and Processes \$29,122,015
6. Department of Education – School for the Blind – \$0 – Reallocation
7. Department of Transportation – \$472,024

8. Arkansas State University – Newport – \$1,250,545
- C. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Request
1. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – Highway Safety Program – 1 Position
- D. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Requests
1. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health – \$1,500,000 transfer to the Department of Human Services Renovation Fund
 2. Department of Human Services – Division of Youth Services – \$800,000 transfer to the Department of Human Services Renovation Fund
- E. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Requests
- Majority Vote Various Improvements and Projects Set–Aside**
1. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – \$5,800,000 for purchase of motor vehicles.
- Unallocated Restricted Reserve Majority Vote Set–Aside**
2. Department of Commerce – Division of Rehabilitation Services – \$90,000 for maintenance support of the Army–Navy Hospital in Hot Springs

Items Reviewed

- F. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request
1. Secretary of State – \$300,000 to Operating Expenses and \$50,000 to Capital Outlay from Professional Fees in the amount of \$150,000, from Election Expenses in the amount of \$100,000, and from Special Maintenance in the amount of \$100,000
- G. Cash Fund Appropriation Requests
1. National Park College – \$2,185,000
 2. Department of Commerce – Securities Department – \$48,000
 3. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of State Parks – \$1,500,000
- H. Budget Classification Transfer Requests
1. Department of Finance and Administration – Alcoholic Beverage Control – \$8,000 to Operating Expenses from Conference and Travel Expense in the amount of \$4,000 and from Professional Fees in the amount of \$4,000
 2. Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission – \$9,000 to Operating Expenses from Professional Fees
 3. Office of the Attorney General – \$12,000 to Capital Outlay from Operating Expenses
 4. Public Employees Retirement System – Judicial Retirement – \$10,000 to Professional Fees from Operating Expenses
 5. Department of Finance and Administration – Budget and Management Services – \$15,000 to Conference and Travel Expense from Operating Expenses

- I. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests
 1. Department of Human Services – \$30,000,000
 2. Department of Health – \$1,353,364
 3. Department of Commerce – Insurance Department – Senior Health Insurance – \$737,466
 4. Department of Commerce – Insurance Department – Senior Medicaid Patrol – \$433,278 – 3 Positions

- J. Performance Fund Transfers/Pay Plan Appropriation Requests
 1. ADE – DHS – Northwest Technical Institute – \$60,000
 2. DLL – Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board – \$19,800
 3. ADE – Elementary and Secondary Education – \$100,000
 4. DTSS – Statewide Shared Services – \$30,000
 5. Department of Transformation and Shared Services – \$25,000
 6. DTSS – Geographic Information Systems – \$17,000
 7. COM – Economic Development Commission – \$12,000
 8. COM – Insurance Department – \$52,000
 9. Department of Public Safety – \$470,000
 10. DPS – Crime Information Center – \$345,000
 11. DPS – State Crime Laboratory – \$585,000
 12. DPS – Law Enforcement Training Academy – \$205,000
 13. Governor’s Mansion – \$18,000
 14. DPS – Emergency Management – \$66,400
 15. Department of Finance and Administration – \$9,000

Reports

- K. Quarterly Reports
 1. Department of Human Services Interagency/Interdivisional Match Fund Transfer Report
 2. Office of Attorney General Cash Settlement Fund Report
 3. Division of State Police Asset Forfeiture Expenditures Report
 4. Federal Grant Applications and Awards Report

- L. Monthly Reports
 1. Surplus Income and Distribution Report
 2. Budget Stabilization Trust Fund Report
 3. Tobacco Settlement Report
 4. State Central Services Report
 5. American Rescue Plan Report

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Frances Cavanaugh

DRAFT: For Adoption May 19, 2023

PEER SUBCOMMITTEE RULES

1. **Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council.** As a standing subcommittee of the Legislative Council, the rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, as adopted, shall apply to the procedures of this subcommittee.
2. **Placement of Items on Subcommittee Agenda.**
 - (a) In order to have an item placed on an upcoming subcommittee agenda, all documentation related to the agenda item shall be submitted to the subcommittee staff no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the scheduled subcommittee meeting.
 - (b)(1) An item submitted after the submission date shall only be considered by the Subcommittee upon a vote to suspend the rules, which requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum. Upon passage of the motion to suspend the rules, the Subcommittee may take up consideration of the agenda item.
 - (2) This option shall only be exercised upon a written showing that there is imminent need for review or approval such that the matter cannot be delayed until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the subcommittee.