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

September 26, 2025

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, and after having considered the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted.

Items for Approval

- A. Various Temporary Appropriation Requests
 - 1. Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Child Care Facilities \$200,000
 - 2. Department of Public Safety Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training \$101,460
- B. CARES Act Appropriation Request
 - 1. Department of Finance and Administration Disbursing Officer Return Funding \$4,698,131.02
- C. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request
 - 1. Department of Health Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity \$112,616
- D. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Request
 - Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness – \$0 – Reallocation
- E. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Requests
 - 1. Department of Public Safety State Crime Lab Construction \$131,953,133
 - 2. Department of Veterans Affairs Motor Vehicles \$80,000
- F. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request
 - 1. Department of Transportation State Match \$20,000,000 from the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund to the State Highway Department Fund

<u>Items for Review</u>

- G. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request
 - 1. Public Defender Commission Commission for Parent Counsel \$30,000 from

Legal Services/Refunds - Reimbursement to Extra Help

- H. Cash Fund Appropriation Requests
 - 1. Department of Education Division of Higher Education Youth Mental Health Corps \$100,000
 - 2. Southern Arkansas University Capital Improvements \$9,175,000
- I. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests
 - 1. Department of Health Strengthening Infrastructure \$2,690,585
 - 2. Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Services Office of Skills Development Apprenticeship Expansion \$780,950 2 Positions
- J. Overtime Appropriation Request
 - 1. Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management \$50,000

Reports

- K. Annual Report
 - 1. Agency Carry Forward of Unexpended Balances Report
- L. Quarterly Report
 - 1. Department of Human Services State Hospital Damage Report
- M. 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. Educational Adequacy Fund Report
 - 6. Medicaid Trust Fund Report
 - 7. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Report

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Jeff Wardlaw