## ALC-Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) ALC Subcommittee Report for Emergency Action September 25, 2020

On September 25, 2020, Senator Cecile Bledsoe and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and Senator Bruce Maloch and Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chairs of the PEER Subcommittee received written notification from Larry Walther, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, requesting emergency approval of CARES Appropriation Request.

Under Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, on September 25, 2020, the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and PEER Subcommittee unanimously determined that emergency approval was necessary to enable the agency to perform essential services. As such, the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and the Co-Chairs of the PEER subcommittee may act on behalf of the Legislative Council in regard to this request, and state herein that the request shall be filed as approved and reported to the Legislative Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting in accordance with Rule 16.

Below is a summary of the requests given emergency approval.

## **CARES Appropriation Request**

Department of Finance & Administration – Disbursing Officer - \$165,000,000

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Co-Chair Arkansas Legislative Council

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair

ALC PEER Subcommittee

Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair Arkansas Legislative Council

Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chair

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Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Chair Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Chair Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Emergency Action Procedures Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

This is to inform you that there is an item for Legislative Council review that requires your immediate attention. Because of the time-sensitive nature of this item, the Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests an expedited review. The following request has received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

This item is a request for additional CARES Act appropriation for the Department of Finance and Administration to transfer CARES Act Funding to the Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services to fund the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

I ask that you please institute emergency action procedures for consideration of these matters and sign them out of Committee per Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

Larry W. Walther, Secretary

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Secretary Larry W. Walther
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of Budget
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Department of Finance and Administration Disbursing Officer is requesting a transfer from the CARES Act Holding appropriation in the amount of \$165,000,000. This transfer is necessary to move appropriation from the holding fund (MXX0111) to the CARES Act Treasury fund (FCOVDEX). This authority is needed to process a payment to the Unemployment Insurance Trust fund.

From:

Business Area 0620, Fund MXX0111, Fund Center Z67, Commitment Item 590:00:46.

To:

Business Area 0620, Fund FCOVDEX, Fund Center Z72, Commitment Item 590:00:46.

Please contact Melanie Hazeslip (501) 682-5229 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alan McVey Chief of Staff

cc: Melanie Hazeslip