

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

August 8, 2014

Mr. Chairmen:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on July 23, 2014, and after having reviewed the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete.

A. Cash Fund Appropriation Increase Requests - FY15

1. Commissioner of State Lands - \$50,000
2. Board of Examiners in Counseling - \$17,100
3. Department of Education - \$255,000
4. State Board of Collection Agencies - \$17,500

B. Emergency Transfer Requests – FY14 – Approved on an Emergency Basis by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State

1. Cash Fund Appropriation Increase Requests
 - a. Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator - \$2,000
 - b. Department of Veterans Affairs - \$250,000
 - c. State Board of Nursing - \$65,000
2. Appropriation Transfer Requests
 - a. Office of the Governor - \$1,500 from Professional Fees to Capital Outlay
3. Budget Classification Transfer Requests
 - a. Department of Higher Education - \$60,750 from Professional Fees to Operating Expenses
4. Merit Adjustment Fund/Pay Plan Holding Account Transfer Requests (See Attachment 1)
5. Reimbursement for Expenses
 - a. Department of Information Systems - \$229,000 from the Innovation and Project Development Fund

C. Contracts Between State Agencies

1. Human Services Department and the Arkansas Department of Health Licensure Office – Amendment 1 in the amount of \$2,812,302
2. Human Services Department and University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Public Health in the amount of \$85,693.65

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair

Rep. Stephen Meeks, Co-Chair

MERIT ADJUSTMENT FUND/PAY PLAN HOLDING ACCOUNT TRANSFERS
FOR FY14 - July FY13 PEER

BUSINESS AREA	AGENCY	FISCAL YEAR	MERIT ADJUSTMENT FUND	PAY PLAN ACCOUNT	DATE OF TRANSFER	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION TRANSFER		EMERGENCY APPROVED BY CFO	PENDING ALC REVIEW	REASON FOR TRANSFER
						\$	\$			
216	State Board of Private Career Education	14		X			1,668.00	X		Additional appropriation needed due to the increase in the Fiscal Year 2014 retirement rate and merit bonuses
226	Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling	14		X		\$	10,000.00	X		Shortfall in Matching due to payouts from retirements in FY14. Additional matching required due to the increase in retirement rate from 14.24% to 14.88%.
261	Arkansas Tobacco Control	14		X		\$	3,000.00	X		The increase is needed in regular salaries due to merit bonuses
268	State Board of Dental Examiners	14		X		\$	5,000.00	X		The increase is need in regular salaries to cover awarding the lump sum merit bonuses in FY14.
292	Examiners in Speech-Lang Path and Aud Bd	14		X		\$	5,500.00	X		To provide additional appropriation for regular salaries, personal services matching and extra help due to merit bonuses, increase in processing renewal and new licenses, and the increase in retirement rates
295	Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission	14		X		\$	600.00	X		Emergency increase is needed in Personal Services Matching to process final payroll.
298	Veterinary Medical Examining Board	14		X		\$	5,000.00	X		Employee retired and received an annual leave payout
315	Capital Zoning	14	\$ 6,122.00							Merit Adjustment Fund transfer to cover unbudgeted FY14 Merit Payouts
324	Public Defenders Commission	14		X		\$	1,000.00	X		Employee salary at line item maximum. COLA for FY14 was paid via bonus on final FY14 payroll and was not anticipated
328	Sentencing Commission	14	\$ 5,639.00							Merit Adjustment Fund transfer to cover unbudgeted FY14 Merit Payouts
341	Waterways Commission	14	\$ 4,793.00							Merit Adjustment Fund transfer to cover unbudgeted FY14 Merit Payouts
385	Veterans Affairs	14	\$ 40,764.00							Merit Adjustment Fund transfer to cover unbudgeted FY14 Merit Payouts
400	Agriculture Department	14	\$ 320,450.00							Merit Adjustment Fund transfer to cover unbudgeted FY14 Merit Payouts
425	State Insurance Department	14		X		\$	9,000.00	X		Shortfall in matching required due to increase in retirement rate from 14.24% to 14.88%.
455	Arkansas Natural Resources Commission	14		X		\$	19,200.00	X		To provide for the increase in the health insurance contribution for the Commission's conservation district clerks.
456	Natural Resources Commission	14	\$ 46,359.00							Merit Adjustment Fund transfer to cover unbudgeted FY14 Merit Payouts
480	Corrections	14	\$ 3,413,678.00							Merit Adjustment Fund transfer to cover unbudgeted FY14 Merit Payouts
611	DFA - ABC	14	\$ 15,446.00							Merit Adjustment Fund transfer to cover unbudgeted FY14 Merit Payouts
900	Parks and Tourism	14	\$ 167,393.00							Merit Adjustment Fund transfer to cover unbudgeted FY14 Merit Payouts
955	Crime Lab	14	\$ 122,469.00							Merit Adjustment Fund transfer to cover unbudgeted FY14 Merit Payouts
TOTAL			\$4,143,315.00				\$ 59,968.00			