

**REPORT OF THE
CLAIMS SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE**

February 27, 2025

Co-Chairs:

The Claims Subcommittee met on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., in Room B, MAC.

A. Reissuance of Warrants/Unpaid Bills

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following claims regarding reissuance of warrants or unpaid bills:

1. #242046 SHI International Corp v. Administrative Office of the Courts
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$18,672.56
2. #250071 Cox Portfolio Holdings, Inc. v. Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$19,917.00
3. #250553 Excel Fitness BEB IV v. Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$19,000.00

B. Negotiated Settlement Agreement

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following negotiated settlement agreement:

1. #240185 Sterling Dodson v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$900,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

**Representative Matthew Shepherd, Co-Chair
Senator John Payton, Co-Chair**

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 132

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF APPROVED CLAIMS.

Amendment No. ____ to Senate Bill 132

Amend Senate Bill 132 as originally introduced:

Page 2, delete lines 6 and 7 in their entirety and substitute the following:

"(04) BARCLAYS BANK PLS	447,267.00
(05) COX PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS, INC.	<u>19,917.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,613,983.61"</u></u>

And

Page 3, delete lines 35 and 36 in their entirety and substitute the following:

"(03) KATELYN SPICER	95,000.00
(04) STERLING DODSON	<u>900,000.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,391,035.08"</u></u>

And

Page 4, insert additional SECTIONS immediately following SECTION 10 to read as follows:

" SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

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ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	<u>\$ 9,907.96</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	<u>\$2,157.44</u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	<u>\$6,607.16</u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Revenue Services Division, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) EXCEL FITNESS BEB IV	<u>\$19,000.00"</u>

And

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Secretary

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 132

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION WHICH SHALL BE
SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO OTHER APPROPRIATIONS
MADE BY THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PAY
APPROVED CLAIMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF APPROVED CLAIMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
Department of Finance and Administration - Revenue Services Division, to be
payable from the Individual Income Tax Withholding Fund, for the purpose of
paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2024-2025
(01) G&C THARALDSON DYNASTY TRUST FBO BOBBI JO THARALDSON	<u>\$19,204.34</u>

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
Department of Finance and Administration - Revenue Services Division, to be
payable from the Corporate Income Tax Withholding Fund, for the purpose of
paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:



ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) BIOMAT USA, INC	\$15,649.00
(02) SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY	6,024,594.00
(03) SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY	2,106,556.61
(04) BARCLAYS BANK PLC	<u>447,267.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,594,066.61</u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Management Services Division, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE COMPANY	<u>\$71,947.47</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) ALYSSA KRISTINE BURNS	<u>\$20,030.05</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) CHRISTINE MCAULIFFE, AS SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID	

CAINS \$400,000.00

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2024-2025

(01) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES	<u>\$115,639.89</u>
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SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2024-2025

(01) MARY ANN JONES, AS SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF OSCAR ODELL "BILL" JONES, DECEASED, AND ON BEHALF OF THE WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF OSCAR ODELL "BILL" JONES	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
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SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Department of Transportation, to be payable from the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2024-2025

(01) KENENA PELFREY	\$343,000.00
(02) MILTON HOLLIMAN	53,035.08
(03) KATELYN SPICER	<u>95,000.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$491,035.08</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2024-2025
(01) VERIZON (CELLCO)	<u>\$17,720.16</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Treasurer of State, to be payable from the Municipal Aid Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2024-2025
(01) CITY OF SHERIDAN	<u>\$20,859.95</u>

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REIMBURSEMENT AND REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. Funds allocated and expended by any Agency, Authority, Board, Commission, Council, Department, Division, Office, or Subdivision of any state agency for the payment of approved claims adjudicated through the State Claims Commission and approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee when the General Assembly is in session, shall be reimbursed from the funds from which the Agency, Authority, Board, Commission, Council, Department, Division, Office, or Subdivision draws its support.

The monies shall be deposited no later than June 30 of the following fiscal year from which the original payment of claim expense was incurred by the state agency, as a refund to expenditure, to the credit of the fund from which the original expenditure was made.

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRYOVER