

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL LANGUAGE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

Wednesday April 9, 2025

Co-Chairs:

Your Special Language Subcommittee met on Tuesday April 8, 2025 and makes the following recommendations listed below to the Joint Budget Committee.

A. The following amendments are recommended for approval and RELEASED from the Subcommittee:

1. HB1105 - Department of Human Services - Secretary's Officer - Representative Beaty
(Attachment 3 - LCW050)
2. HB1202 - Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer - Senator Gilmore
(Attachment 4 - JAP033)

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs Senator Matt McKee and Representative Lee Johnson

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95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025

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Subtitle of House Bill 1105

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - SECRETARY'S OFFICE

APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to House Bill 1105

Amend House Bill 1105 as engrossed H3/12/25 (version: 3/12/25 03:59:20 PM):

On page 15, immediately following Section 12, insert the following:

" SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES COMPREHENSIVE AGENCY REVIEW. The Arkansas Legislative Council - Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee shall perform a comprehensive review of the Department of Human Services, which shall commence at the direction of the co-chairs of the Arkansas Legislative Council, in consultation with the subcommittee co-chairs. This review shall include, but is not limited to: administrative policies and functions, personnel and staffing evaluations, and revenues and expenditures of the department, divisions, and providers. The subcommittee shall prioritize the review as follows: the Shared Services division, the Division of Children and Family Services, and the Division of County Operations, with further prioritization of divisions to be determined by the subcommittee. The review shall include input and recommendations from the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Unit and the Department of Inspector General's office.

The preliminary recommendations and report shall be completed within six months of the subcommittee's initial meeting. Upon completion of this preliminary report, the subcommittee shall provide the department, the

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Governor, and the Arkansas Legislative Council with a report to include recommendations and desired metrics with expected timelines of completion to meet the desired outcomes provided in the preliminary report. At the direction of the chair of the Arkansas Legislative Council - Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee, the subcommittee may add recommendations and approve and review actions by the department in accordance with the preliminary recommendations.

The final report and outcomes, including recommending legislation to address findings, shall be presented at the final Arkansas Legislative Council meeting of the 95th General Assembly.

The Department of Human Services shall report to the subcommittee monthly the status of implementation of the recommendations with review and approval of all steps taken to meet the metrics and desired outcomes of the department in accordance with the recommendations by the subcommittee and by the Arkansas Legislative Council.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent Sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
By: Representative Beaty Jr.
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Subtitle of House Bill 1202

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING
OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to House Bill 1202

Amend House Bill 1202 as engrossed H4/1/25 (version: 4/1/25 04:30:31 PM):

Page 39, immediately following Section 73 insert a new section as follows:

" SECTION 74. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-5-1288. Drug Task Force Fund.

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous fund to be known as the "Drug Task Force Fund."

(b) The fund shall consist of:

(1) Moneys obtained from public or private grants or other sources that are designated to be credited to the fund; and

(2) Any other revenues authorized by law.

(c) The moneys in the fund shall be used to distribute funds to all drug task forces in the state that meet the eligibility criteria for a disbursement and shall be disbursed to eligible drug task forces in the state by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(d) To be eligible to receive a disbursement from the fund, a drug task force shall:

(1) Meet the standards of the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training;

(2) Provide an annual accounting of its seizures and arrests to

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the Department of Finance and Administration; and

(3) Meet any additional standards established by the department by rule under subsection (e) of this section.

(e) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section, including without limitation:

(1) Additional eligibility criteria, in consultation with the Office of Prosecutor Coordinator and Drug Task Force Board, for a drug task force to be eligible to receive a disbursement from the fund; and

(2) The process for a drug task force to submit eligibility documentation for a disbursement, including without limitation documentation illustrating eligibility under subsection (d) of this section."

And

Appropriately renumber subsequent sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
By: Senator Gilmore
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