



HB1068

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**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Finance and Administration.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(3)	EEX17A	DFa DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1 2	GRADE EXE01
(X)	ISI03C	STATE SYSTEMS EXPERT	1	GRADE IST11
(X)	IIP03P	IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
(X)	IIP02P	IT PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST08
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>42</u> 46	

The above request transfers four (4) positions to the Shared Services Division from the Budget and Management Services Division to support cabinet-wide IT services and strategic initiatives.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – SHARED SERVICES as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,007,494
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,049,303
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,730,615</u>
		<u>\$5,344,763</u>

The above request is necessary to adjust the Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriations for the transferred positions.

Please amend SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES – BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027	
(3)	EEX17A	DFA DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	2	<u>1</u>	GRADE EXE01
(14)	FAC03P	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	4	<u>13</u>	GRADE SPC03
(15)	FSA01P	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT		<u>12</u>	GRADE SPC03
(26)	PAS05I	CALL CENTER SPECIALIST	8	<u>4</u>	GRADE SGS02
(32)	ISI03C	STATE SYSTEMS EXPERT		<u>1</u>	GRADE IST11
(33)	HA06C	IT MANAGER		<u>1</u>	GRADE IST10
(34)	HP03P	IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER		<u>1</u>	GRADE IST10
(40)	IIP02P	IT PROJECT MANAGER	2	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST08
(44)	IAS04P	APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER I	5	<u>9</u>	GRADE IST06
(45)	HS04P	IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	<u>4</u>		GRADE IST06
(50)	IUS04P	USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	10	<u>8</u>	GRADE IST02
(X)	<u>EEX58A</u>	<u>RURAL HEALTH DIRECTOR</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE EXE02</u>
(X)	<u>FIN02P</u>	<u>FINANCE COORDINATOR</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE SPC03</u>
(X)	<u>IIE04C</u>	<u>IT SECURITY EXPERT</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE IST10</u>
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>190</u>	<u>182</u>	

The above request transfers four (4) positions to the Shared Services Division to support cabinet-wide IT services and strategic initiatives. It also establishes two (2) new positions, a Rural Health Director and a Finance Coordinator, to oversee subawards to eligible entities aimed at strengthening and modernizing Arkansas’s health care system. This request also surrenders two (2) User Support Specialist and four (4) Call Center Specialist positions.

Additionally, the request reclassifies twelve (12) Financial Accountant positions to Accountant Coordinator positions, one (1) IT Manager position to an IT Security Expert position, and four (4) IT Infrastructure Analyst positions to Applications Developer I positions to better align the positions with the current scope and level of responsibility.

Please amend SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION – BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES - OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$14,010,175	\$13,303,284
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,718,078	4,476,505
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$20,749,253</u>	<u>\$19,800,789</u>

The above request is necessary to adjust the Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriations and support cabinet-wide IT services and strategic initiatives.

Immediately following Section 19, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. APPROPRIATION – RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM.
There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses related to the Rural Health Transformation Program of the Department of Finance and Administration – Budget and Management Services Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES		\$237,488
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING		70,391
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE		5,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL		0
(C) PROF. FEES		0

<u>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>(E) DATA PROC.</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>(04) GRANTS AND AID</u>	<u>499,687,121</u>
<u>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>\$500,000,000</u>

The above request will modernize and strengthen Arkansas's health care system in accordance with Arkansas's approved CMS plan by addressing workforce shortages, expanding chronic disease management, upgrading facilities and technology, enhancing emergency and behavioral health services, and advancing education and training.

Please amend SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - REVENUE SERVICES DIVISION - DRIVER SERVICES/MOTOR VEHICLES PROGRAM and renumber as accordingly:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
<u>No.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
<u>(XX) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>
<u>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>\$15,865,171</u>

The above request will support contract costs for mobile identification and physical driver's licenses, ensuring operational continuity and advancing modernization of the credentialing system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas

Hall of the House of Representatives
95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill 1068

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1068

Amend House Bill 1068 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 34, delete "1" and insert "2"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 16 and 17 and insert the following:

"(21) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
(22) ISI03C STATE SYSTEMS EXPERT	1	GRADE IST11
(23) IIP03P IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
(24) IIP02P IT PROJECT MANAGER	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST08
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	46"	

AND

Page 2, line 36, delete "\$3,007,494" and insert "\$3,481,161"

AND

Page 3, line 2, delete "1,049,303" and insert "1,189,784"

AND

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Page 3, line 9, delete "\$4,730,615" and insert "\$5,344,763"

AND

Page 3, line 22, delete "2" and insert "1"

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Page 3, line 33, delete "1" and insert "13"

AND

Page 3, delete line 34 and insert the following:

~~"(15) FSA01P FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT 12 GRADE SPC03"~~

AND

Page 4, line 9, delete "8" and insert "4"

Page 4, delete lines 15 through 17 and insert the following:

~~"(32) ISI03C STATE SYSTEMS EXPERT 1 GRADE IST11~~

~~(33) IIA06C IT MANAGER 1 GRADE IST10~~

~~(34) IIP03P IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER 1 GRADE IST10"~~

AND

Page 4, line 22, delete "2" and insert "1"

AND

Page 4, line 26, delete "5" and insert "9"

AND

Page 4, delete line 27 and insert the following:

~~"(44) IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST 4 GRADE IST06"~~

AND

Page 4, line 32, delete "10" and insert "8"

AND

Page 5, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert the following:

"(54) IAS06C APPLICATIONS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE IST10
(55) EEX58A RURAL HEALTH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(56) FIN02P FINANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC03
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Page 5, line 22, delete "\$14,010,175" and insert "\$13,303,284"

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AND

Page 11, immediately following SECTION 19, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer

of the State, for personal services and operating expenses related to the Rural Health Transformation Program of the Department of Finance and Administration - Budget and Management Services Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
 By: Joint Budget Committee
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 Chief Clerk