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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 amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Shared Administrative Services.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	<u>2,431,672</u> <u>3,131,672</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$14,889,911</u> <u>\$15,589,911</u>

The above request is necessary to secure and maintain recruitment tools in furtherance of the initiative to centralize recruiting functions, enhance coordination, and improve the efficiency of hiring efforts across the agency.

Immediately following Section 41, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CENTRALIZED SERVICES. The Department of Shared Administrative Services is authorized to enter into contracts with state agencies and other governmental entities as necessary for the centralization of governmental services.

The Department of Shared Administrative Services is authorized to establish fair and reasonable schedules of rates or fees to be assessed to agencies or entities receiving services, for the purpose of recovering allowable costs associated with providing such services. The same rate or fee structure shall apply uniformly to all agencies or entities receiving substantially similar services.

The authority provided in this section shall be limited to the Office of State Procurement, the Office of Personnel Management, and the Fleet Management Program within the Department of Shared Administrative Services. These offices are authorized to establish estimated billing rates to be developed for a period to coincide with the state budgeting process. The department shall have the authority to adjust billing as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Any such billing adjustments shall be subject to the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

This request authorizes the Department of Shared Administrative Services to enter interagency agreements and establish a billing structure for centralized services.

Immediately following Section 41, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 25-36-104

~~(c)(1), Each state agency shall include in its budget report to the Joint Budget Committee a list of all contracts in amounts exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) awarded to minority-owned businesses.~~

~~(2) The vice president or vice chancellor for finance of each state college and university shall include in his or her budget report to the Joint Budget Committee a listing of all contracts in amounts exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000) awarded to minority-owned businesses.~~

~~(d)(c) The director shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this chapter.~~

The above request is necessary to remove duplicative reporting requirements already provided for in Ark. Code Ann. §25-36-104.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 3

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 3

Amend Senate Bill 3 as originally introduced:

Page 4, line 3, delete "2,431,672" and insert "3,131,672"

AND

Page 4, line 8, delete "\$14,889,911" and insert "\$15,589,911"

AND

Page 24, immediately following SECTION 41, insert the following:

" SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

CENTRALIZED SERVICES. (a) The Department of Shared Administrative Services may enter into contracts with a state agency or governmental entity as necessary for the centralization of governmental services.

(b) The Department of Shared Administrative Services may establish fair and reasonable rate or fee schedules to be assessed to a state agency or governmental entity receiving services for the purpose of recovering allowable costs associated with providing such services.

(c) The same rate or fee schedule shall apply uniformly to all state agencies or governmental entities receiving substantially similar services.

(d) The authority provided in this section is limited to the:

(1) Office of State Procurement,

(2) Office of Personnel Management, and

(3) Fleet Management Program within the Department of Shared Administrative Services.

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(e) The offices in subsection (d) are authorized to establish estimated billing rates to be developed for a period of time to coincide with the state budgeting process.

(f) The department shall have the authority to adjust billing as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable:

(1) State laws,

(2) Federal laws, and

(3) State rules and federal regulations.

(g) Billing adjustments under subsection (e) of this section are subject to the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(h) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 25-36-104 is amended to read as follows:

~~(c)(1), Each state agency shall include in its budget report to the Joint Budget Committee a list of all contracts in amounts exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) awarded to minority owned businesses.~~

~~(2) The vice president or vice chancellor for finance of each state college and university shall include in his or her budget report to the Joint Budget Committee a listing of all contracts in amounts exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000) awarded to minority owned businesses.~~

~~(d)(c) The director shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this chapter."~~

AND

Appropriately renumber all 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