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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 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services.

Immediately following SECTION 14, please insert the following section and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Unemployment Insurance Modernization for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| Item No. | Fiscal Year 2026-2027 |
|--|--------------------------|
| <u>(01) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION</u> | <u>\$10,000,000</u> |

This request establishes appropriation to improve technology systems and hardware utilized in the administration of the unemployment insurance program.

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Immediately following SECTION 40, please insert the following section and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. APPROPRIATION - ADULT EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| Item No. | Fiscal Year |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <u>(01) ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> <u>\$2,500,000</u> |

This request establishes appropriation to support the workforce related activities for the Adult Education Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas

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

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 10

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE
SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 10

Amend Senate Bill 10 as originally introduced:

On page 9, immediately following SECTION 14, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services
Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund, for personal services and
operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce
Services - Unemployment Insurance Modernization for the fiscal year ending
June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---|------------------|
| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| (01) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION | \$10,000,000" |

AND

On page 21, immediately following SECTION 40, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 41. APPROPRIATION - ADULT EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby
appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund
deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of

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Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM | \$2,500,000" |

AND

Appropriately renumber all the 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