



**GL#12**

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
ASA HUTCHINSON  
GOVERNOR

February 24, 2021

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 SB67, the 2021-2022 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Commerce –Division of Workforce Services.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND EXPENSES - CASH as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
(02)	FEDERALLY PAID BENEFITS PAYMENTS	<del>455,000,000</del> 3,000,000,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<del>\$2,483,150,001</del> <u>\$5,028,150,001</u>

This request is necessary to ensure that the state has sufficient appropriation to support the payment of unemployment benefit payments to Arkansas citizens who have been impacted by the pandemic.

Please amend SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - TAA VENDOR PAYMENTS as follows:

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION – TAA VENDOR PAYMENTS TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. 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 ~~Vendor~~ Payments of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program by of the Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services – ~~TAA Vendor Payments Trade Adjustment Assistance Program~~ for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the

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following.

This request will allow the agency to expense all subgrants and subsets of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Asa Hutchinson