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June 5, 2020

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chair Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 21 Various Temporary Appropriation Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 2 of 2020, Section 34, I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Various Temporary Appropriation for State Agencies and Institutions Request(s) for Fiscal Year 2021 that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

Larry W. Walther Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



May 15, 2020

Larry W. Walther Secretary Department of Finance and Administration 1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401 Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Appropriation Transfer Request from Section 34 of Act 2 of 2020.

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas Insurance Department (AID), within the Department of Commerce, respectfully request your approval for additional appropriation authorized under Section 34 of Act 2 of 2020, in the amount of \$150,000. This appropriation will be utilized for Capital Outlay and will enable AID to replace five vehicles during FY21. The department maintains a fleet of 20 vehicles and typically replaces two to three vehicles a year. However, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, no vehicles were purchased during FY20. Consequently, five vehicles will need to be replaced in FY21 to get them back on their replacement schedule. All of the vehicles will be purchased with agency funds, and the vehicles to be replaced meet the state eligibility requirements regarding age and mileage.

The total request of \$150,000 includes the following:

- \$60,000 For the purchase of two replacement vehicles for the Risk Management Section (2SW/TSI4500).
- \$60,000 For the purchase of two replacement vehicles for the Criminal Investigation Division (2SY/TIF0100).
- \$30,000 For the purchase of one replacement vehicle for the Pre-Paid Funeral Division (2SZ/TIP0100).

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael Preston

Secretary



Michael Preston SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Charisse Childers, Ph.D. DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES

Joseph Baxter Commissioner Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

May 11, 2020

Secretary Larry W. Walther Department of Finance and Administration 1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401 Little Rock, AR 72201

BA: 0520

Func Area: EDUC

FC: 374

Fund: STC0100

CI: 502:00:02, 505:00:09, 510:00:04

Fund Balance as of 5/21/20:

\$698,091.86

Re: Appropriation Transfer Request from Section 34 of Act 2 of 2020

Dear Secretary Walther:

I am respectfully requesting your approval for additional appropriation under Section 34 of Act 2 of 2020 for the Department of Commerce – Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the following programs:

- The Statewide Disability Telecomm Equipment Program (FC 374, Fund STC0100): The Program is requesting an additional \$9,598 in Operating Expenses to meet increased costs of supplies and in exhibit fees for outreach, an additional \$74,809 in Grants and Aid due to increased prices of new technology (smartphones/tablets) to serve under-served populations, and an additional \$3,835 in Conference and Travel Expense to attend the national conference of state equipment programs. All funding is from Special Revenue.
- People with Disabilities Program (FC 743, Fund SPD0100): The Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities is requesting an additional \$23,675 in appropriation as they anticipate providing more scholarships to persons with disabilities and increasing the amount of public awareness campaigns about accessible parking. All funding is from Special Revenue.

I appreciate your consideration in this request. Please feel free to contact me for additional

information.

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Commissioner, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

cc: James McCune, Division Fiscal Manager

Arkansas Department of Commerce

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Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Johnny Key Secretary

May 14, 2020

Larry W. Walther, Secretary

Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration

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Appropriation Transfer Request

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The Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education requests your approval for additional appropriation under Section 34 of Act 2 of 2020 in the amount of \$3,000,000. The additional appropriation will allow for the continuation of the Succeed Scholarship Program in FY21.

While it is atypical for a program of this nature to be funded through the agency's appropriation for operations, it is the only option that allows a transfer of funds from the Restricted Reserve Fund. Without this transfer, the Succeed Scholarship Program would not be funded for FY21, creating an interruption to the education services of approximately 400 Arkansas students. The agency intends for this method of funding the Succeed Scholarship Program to be necessary only for FY 21. It is the agency's intent to propose legislation for the 2021 Regular Session to establish a separate fund that can accept general revenue fund transfers as authorized by the General Assembly.

Succeed Scholarship Program 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 "Succeed Scholarship Program Fund".
- (b) The fund shall consist of those general revenues as may be authorized by law and other nonfederal funds as may be provided by law.
- (c) The fund shall be used for providing scholarships for eligible students to attend eligible private schools under the Succeed Scholarship Program established in § 6-41-901 et seq., and as may otherwise be provided by law.

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Sincerely,

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Secretary of Education