



**STATE OF ARKANSAS
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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)	<u>ISI03C</u>	<u>STATE SYSTEMS EXPERT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE IST11</u>
(X)	<u>IIP03P</u>	<u>IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE IST10</u>
(X)	<u>IIP02P</u>	<u>IT PROJECT MANAGER</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE IST08</u>
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>42</u> 46	

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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>2</u> GRADE IST06
(45)	HS04P	IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST		<u>4</u> GRADE IST06
(50)	IUS04P	USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	10	<u>8</u> GRADE IST02
<u>(X)</u>	<u>EEX58A</u>	<u>RURAL HEALTH DIRECTOR</u>		<u>1</u> GRADE EXE02
<u>(X)</u>	<u>FIN02P</u>	<u>FINANCE COORDINATOR</u>		<u>1</u> GRADE SPC03
<u>(X)</u>	<u>IIE04C</u>	<u>IT SECURITY EXPERT</u>		<u>1</u> GRADE IST10
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>190</u>	<u>182</u>

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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	<u>\$13,303,284</u>
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,718,078	<u>4,476,505</u>
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
<u>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</u>		<u>\$237,488</u>
<u>(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</u>		<u>70,391</u>
<u>(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</u>		
<u>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</u>		<u>5,000</u>
<u>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</u>		<u>0</u>
<u>(C) PROF. FEES</u>		<u>0</u>

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<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:

Item No.	Fiscal Year 2026-2027
<u>(XX) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>
<u>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>\$5,865,171</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, line 16, delete "____2" and insert "2"

AND

Page 2, delete line 17 and insert the following:

"(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

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

AND

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

AND

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

AND

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) IIA06G 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, line 1, delete "3" and insert "3"

AND

Page 5, delete line 2 and insert the following:

"(55) EEX58A RURAL HEALTH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(56) FIN02P FINANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC03
(57) IIE04C IT SECURITY EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST10
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	182"	

AND

Page 5, line 22, delete "\$14,010,175" and insert "\$13,303,284"

AND

Page 5, line 24, delete "4,718,078" and insert "4,476,505"

AND

Page 5, line 32, delete "\$20,749,253" and insert "\$19,800,789"

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:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$237,488
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	70,391
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) GRANTS AND AID	<u>499,687,121</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$500,000,000"</u>

AND

Page 16, delete lines 4 and 5 and insert the following:

" (E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES	<u>10,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,865,171"</u>

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1068

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
11 AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
12 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
17 ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE
18 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
24 established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Shared
25 Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
26 regular employees.
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			Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
Item No.	Class Code	Title		2026-2027
32	(1) ESE04A	SEC OF DEPT OF FINAN & ADMIN	1	GRADE EXE04
33	(2) EEX10A	CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
34	(3) EEX17A	DFA DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1 2	GRADE EXE01
35	(4) HDH03C	HR ADMINISTRATOR II	1	GRADE SPC08
36	(5) LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08



(22) ISIO3C STATE SYSTEMS EXPERT I GRADE IST11
 (23) IIP03P IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER I GRADE IST10 HB1068
 (24) IIP02P IT PROJECT MANAGER I GRADE IST08

1	(6) CPR02C CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS II	1	GRADE SPC07
2	(7) PRP14P STATE INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC07
3	(8) FAC03P ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC03
4	(9) FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE SPC02
5	(10) FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS09
6	(11) HDH08P HR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS08
7	(12) PPR05P PROCUREMENT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
8	(13) PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	2	GRADE SGS07
9	(14) HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	4	GRADE SGS07
10	(15) PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
11	(16) CTR02P TRAINER	1	GRADE SGS07
12	(17) ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
13	(18) FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	9	GRADE SGS06
14	(19) HDH04P HR ANALYST	5	GRADE SGS06
15	(20) PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS05
16	(21) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
17	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	42 46	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Finance and Administration - Shared Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: twenty (20) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration - Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,007,494 \$ 3,481,161

1	(02) EXTRA HELP	60,000
2	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,049,303 \$1,189,780
3	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	418,450
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	41,368
6	(C) PROF. FEES	154,000
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$4,730,615 \$5,344,760

11 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES. There is
 12 hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Budget
 13 and Management Services Division for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following
 14 maximum number of regular employees.

16			Maximum Annual
17		Maximum	Salary Rate
18	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
19	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
20	(1) EEX40A STATE BUDGET DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
21	(2) EEX43A STATE CONTROLLER	1	GRADE EXE02
22	(3) EEX17A DFA DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	2 1	GRADE EXE01
23	(4) FSA04C STATE BUDGET ASSISTANT ADMIN	2	GRADE SPC09
24	(5) PRP03C DFA ASSISTANT DIVISION ADMIN	1	GRADE SPC08
25	(6) FSA02C STATE ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	6	GRADE SPC07
26	(7) PRP13C STATE ECONOMIST	1	GRADE SPC07
27	(8) FAC04C ACCOUNTING MANAGER	5	GRADE SPC06
28	(9) FSA07P STATE BUDGET SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SPC06
29	(10) LAT04P ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE SPC05
30	(11) FSA05P STATE BUDGET COORDINATOR	11	GRADE SPC05
31	(12) FAC05P ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SPC04
32	(13) FSA03P STATE BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE SPC04
33	(14) FAC03P ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1 13	GRADE SPC03
34	(15) FSA01P FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT	12	GRADE SPC03
35	(16) PRP09P REVENUE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC03
36	(17) FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II	6	GRADE SPC02

1	(18)	FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I	6	GRADE SPC01
2	(19)	FGM03C GRANTS MANAGER	4	GRADE SGS07
3	(20)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS07
4	(21)	CTR02P TRAINER	1	GRADE SGS07
5	(22)	PAS04C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SGS06
6	(23)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE SGS05
7	(24)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	14	GRADE SGS05
8	(25)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	7	GRADE SGS04
9	(26)	PAS05I CALL CENTER SPECIALIST	8 4	GRADE SGS02
10	(27)	IIA03C CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER III	1	GRADE IST14
11	(28)	IIE01C CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER	1	GRADE IST12
12	(29)	IIA04C IT ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IST12
13	(30)	IIA05C IT DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE IST12
14	(31)	IAS07C STATE APPLICATIONS ADMINISTRATOR	4	GRADE IST11
15	(32)	ISI03C STATE SYSTEMS EXPERT	1	GRADE IST11
16	(33)	IIA06C IT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
17	(34)	IIP03P IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
18	(35)	IAS03P APPLICATIONS COORDINATOR	4	GRADE IST09
19	(36)	IIS11P IT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE IST09
20	(37)	IAS02P APPLICATIONS ANALYST II	10	GRADE IST08
21	(38)	IAS05P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER II	1	GRADE IST08
22	(39)	IIP02P IT PROJECT MANAGER	2 1	GRADE IST08
23	(40)	IAS01P APPLICATIONS ANALYST I	12	GRADE IST07
24	(41)	IDN01P DATA ANALYST	2	GRADE IST07
25	(42)	IDM02P DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE IST07
26	(43)	IAS04P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER I	5 9	GRADE IST06
27	(44)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	4	GRADE IST06
28	(45)	IIE02P IT SECURITY ANALYST I	6	GRADE IST06
29	(46)	IUS05P USER SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE IST06
30	(47)	IUS02P USER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IST05
31	(48)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	4	GRADE IST04
32	(49)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	10 8	GRADE IST02
33	(50)	FSA03C STATE ACCOUNTING ADMINISTRATOR	3	GRADE SPC09
34	(51)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
35	(52)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS04
36	(53)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04

(55) EEX58A RURAL HEALTH DIRECTOR | GRADE EXE02
 (56) FIN02P FINANCE COORDINATOR | GRADE SPC03
 (57) IIE04C IT SECURITY EXPERT | GRADE IST10

1 (54) IAS06C APPLICATIONS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT 3 GRADE IST10
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES ~~190~~ 182

4 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES. There is
 5 hereby authorized, for the Department of Finance and Administration - Budget
 6 and Management Services Division for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following
 7 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 8 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: twelve (12)
 9 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 10 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 11 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

13 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES - OPERATIONS.
 14 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and
 15 Administration, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for
 16 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and
 17 Administration - Budget and Management Services Division for the fiscal year
 18 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$14,010,175 \$13,303,284
(02) EXTRA HELP	130,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,718,078 \$4,476,505
(04) OVERTIME	5,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	75,000
(C) PROF. FEES	211,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$20,749,253 \$19,800,789

34 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES -
 35 MISCELLANEOUS CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 36 Finance and Administration, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the