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95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
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Subtitle of House Bill 1202

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING
OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to House Bill 1202

Amend House Bill 1202 as originally introduced:

Page 38, insert a new SECTION immediately following SECTION 72 to read as follows:

" SECTION 73. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-6-803(c), concerning the Public Legal Aid Fund, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The fund shall be used for providing financial support for public legal aid organizations and distributed ~~as follows:~~

~~(1) Forty five percent (45%) of the fund shall be paid to Legal Aid of Arkansas; and~~

~~(2) Fifty five percent (55%) of the fund shall be paid to the Center for Arkansas Legal Services."~~

AND

Page 39, insert a new SECTION immediately following SECTION 74 to read as follows:

" SECTION 76. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 73 of this act is effective on and after January 1, 2026."

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Page 39, delete SECTION 75 and insert the following:

" SECTION 77. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act, except for Section 73, on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act, except for Section 73, beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act, except for Section 73, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025."

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative A. Collins
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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1202

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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 MISCELLANEOUS
10 GRANTS AND EXPENSES AND VARIOUS AGENCY TRANSFERS FOR
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -
12 DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
13 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
18 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER
19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
20 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STATE'S CONTRIBUTIONS. There is hereby
26 appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable
27 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for disbursements for Arkansas'
28 contribution to various interstate organizations by the Department of Finance
29 and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30,
30 2026, the following:
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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 NO.	2025-2026
34 (01) ASSOCIATION OF RACING COMMISSIONERS	\$21,000
35 (02) COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENT	183,000
36 (03) DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY	235,000



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1 including requests that establish a new commitment item or new appropriation
 2 shall require prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or if
 3 meeting in Regular or Fiscal Session the Joint Budget Committee.
 4 (iv) Any appropriation approved as authorized in this Section shall not be
 5 carried forward to the next fiscal year and shall be identified as a change
 6 level increase by the state agency or institution, if requested.
 7 (v) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation for a state agency or
 8 institution each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.
 9 This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the
 10 appropriation act(s) for a state agency or institution. Further, the General
 11 Assembly has determined that a state agency or institution may operate more
 12 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the state agency or
 13 institution authorizing broad powers under this section. Therefore, it is
 14 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight
 15 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
 16 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the
 17 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this
 18 section. If the requirement or approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
 19 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
 20 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.
 21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
 22 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.

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 24 SECTION 73. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 25 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 26 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 27 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 28 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 29 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 30 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 31 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 32 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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34 SECTION 74. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 35 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 36 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

1 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 2 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 3 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 4 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 5 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 7 ~~DELETE~~ SECTION 75. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 8 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
 9 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 10 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
 11 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 12 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 13 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
 14 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 15 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 16 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 17 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 106

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to Senate Bill 106

Amend Senate Bill 106 as engrossed S1/29/25 (version: 1/29/25 11:05:20 AM):

On Page 18, Line 28, delete "160,682" and substitute "660,682".

AND

On Page 18, Line 29, delete "\$402,682" and substitute "\$902,682".

AND

On Page 40, immediately following SECTION 69, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

"SECTION 70. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL OR TEMPORARY LAW. BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED GRANTS AND PROJECTS. The Department of Agriculture shall budget, allocate, and expend five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in grants for projects to the Buffalo River Watershed Grants and Projects line item in the Agriculture Cash Operation Fund appropriation section, to be used exclusively to award grants for projects in the Buffalo River Watershed.

The provision of this section shall be in affect only from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026."

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AND

Appropriately renumber the 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

By: Senator Irvin

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Secretary

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025

As Engrossed: 5/1/29/25

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SENATE BILL 106

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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
11 AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
13

Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
18 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 Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2025-
25 2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
26

			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	No. of	
		Employees	2025-2026
31	(1) SC001 SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE05
32	(2) U072U DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE02
33	(3) U057U AGRI LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
34	(4) L104C AGRI LABORATORY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP04
35	(5) D022N IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
36	(6) D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08



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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	NO.	2025-2026
4	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$36,000
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$40,000</u>

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12 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE CASH OPERATING FUND. There is

13 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

14 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal

15 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture

16 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	NO.	2025-2026
20	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$40,000
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
23	(C) PROF. FEES	0
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25	(E) DATA PROC.	0
26	(02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	2,000
27	(03) BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED GRANTS &	
28	PROJECTS	<u>160,682</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$402,682</u>

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31 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM. There is

32 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

33 Arkansas Industrial Hemp Program Fund, for personal services and operating

34 expenses to administer the Industrial Hemp Program of the Department of

35 Agriculture - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

36 following:

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2 SECTION 69. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
4 FORWARD - NRC.

5 At the end of the fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
6 authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of obligated
7 grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for Water
8 Quality Technicians in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan
9 Implementation".

10 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may
11 be carried forward under the following conditions:

12 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set
13 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
14 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

15 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
16 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
17 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
18 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
19 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward from the first
20 fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item, the
21 funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set
22 forth in (1) above;

23 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
24 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
25 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
26 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
27 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
28 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
29 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
30 Committee; and

31 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
32 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
33 statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
35 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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1 SECTION 70. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
2 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
3 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
4 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
5 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
6 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
7 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
8 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
9 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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11 SECTION 71. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
12 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
13 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
14 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
15 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
16 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
17 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
18 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

19
20 SECTION 72. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
21 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
22 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
24 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
25 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
26 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
27 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
28 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
29 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
30 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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32 */s/Joint Budget Committee*
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Subtitle of Senate Bill 81

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS
AND TOURISM DIVISIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to Senate Bill 81

Amend Senate Bill 81 as originally introduced:

Page 15, immediately following Section 23, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

"SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL OR TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING TRANSFER — BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED GRANTS AND PROJECTS. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the Tourism Development Trust Fund to the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury operated by the Department of Agriculture to provide funds for the Department of Agriculture to award grants for projects in the Buffalo River watershed.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

By: Senator Irvin

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Secretary

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025

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SENATE BILL 81

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
10 HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND TOURISM
11 DIVISIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
17 HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND
18 TOURISM DIVISIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE
19 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
23

24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
25 Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism
26 Divisions for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
27 regular employees.
28

			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
			Fiscal Year
Item	Class	No. of	
No.	Code	Title	Employees
			2025-2026
33	(1)	U068U ADPHT PARKS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE01
34	(2)	U067U ADPHT TOURISM DIVISION DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE01
35	(3)	N223N ADPHT PARKS DIV DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1 GRADE GS14
36	(4)	S001C ADPHT PARKS OPERATIONS MGR	1 GRADE GS12



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1 maximum of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours during seasonal events at
 2 War Memorial Stadium. The rates of pay may not exceed those provided in the
 3 Uniform Classification Act, or its successor, for the appropriate
 4 classification.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
 6 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.

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 8 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 10 PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. The Division of Arkansas State Parks
 11 and Tourism is hereby authorized to purchase from Maintenance and General
 12 Operations appropriations provided by this Act, up to an amount not to exceed
 13 \$75,000 each fiscal year, promotional and educational merchandise, authorized
 14 by the Secretary of the Department of Arkansas Parks, Heritage, and Tourism,
 15 to inform the public of the Division's programs, to promote the functions of
 16 the Division, and to inform the public regarding services provided by the
 17 Division.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025,
 19 through June 30, 2026.

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 21 SECTION 24. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 22 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 23 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 24 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 25 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 26 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 27 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 28 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 29 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 31 SECTION 25. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 32 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 33 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 34 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 35 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 36 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 130

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to Senate Bill 130

Amend Senate Bill 130 as originally introduced:

Page 12, immediately following Section 5, insert the following:

" SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ASU SYSTEM SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from the Arkansas State University Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University System Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$0
(02) EXTRA HELP	0
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	0
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$0</u>

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SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - ASU SYSTEM SHARED SERVICES.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University System Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$0
(02) EXTRA HELP	0
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	0
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$0</u>

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ASU SYSTEM SHARED SERVICES REALLOCATIONS. Upon determination by the President of the ASU System that a reallocation of resources for purposes of reorganization or consolidation of administrative functions within the System is necessary for efficient and effective operations of the System, the President, with approval of the board of trustees, may have the authority to transfer positions, appropriations and related funds between campuses, divisions, branches, and other budgetary units of the System, after receiving prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. The transfers of positions, programs, or activities shall be used for those purposes for which the appropriations were approved by the General Assembly. The transfers, consolidations, or reorganizations which involve academic programs shall be reviewed by the Division of Higher Education as applicable.

No Tobacco Settlement funds or appropriations may be reallocated pursuant to this section.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for institutions of higher education each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for institutions of higher education and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that institutions of higher education may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to institutions of higher education authorizing broad powers under this section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. "

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator J. Dismang

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Secretary

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 130

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Arkansas State University for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - SYSTEM</u>		
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, Arkansas State University	1 \$435,855
(2)	Executive Vice President	1 \$273,183
(3)	Vice President	5 \$253,319



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provided by law, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	MAXIMUM ALLOCATION FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(1) JONESBORO CAMPUS	\$72,767,154
(2) ASU - SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	3,325,358
(3) HERITAGE SITES	2,476,122
(4) DELTA CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<u>453,563</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED	<u>\$79,022,197</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$36,000,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,970,000
(03) OVERTIME	30,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	15,500,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	47,000,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000,000
(C) PROF. FEES	27,675,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	11,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	51,396,158
(07) DEBT SERVICE	18,000,000
(08) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	200,000
(09) RESALE	<u>125,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$223,896,158</u>

SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

February 28, 2025

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 HB1202, the 2025-2026 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer.

Please amend SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – TRANSFER PROCEDURES – APPROPRIATION – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 as follows on Page 19, line 23:

“(viii) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall submit a ~~monthly~~ report biannually, July 15th and January 15th, to the Legislative Council ~~during the extended recess, beginning on May 1, 2021, of the 2021 Regular Session or during the interim,~~ or the Joint Budget Committee during a regular session, fiscal session, or extraordinary session of the General Assembly or to a designated subcommittee listing all American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 beginning balance of funds received, each appropriation approved ~~as authorized in subsection (v)~~ herein with the date the appropriation is established, state entity, purpose, amount, funding distributed, and remaining balance. A final report shall be filed six months after the last expenditure and the report shall be sunset.”

This request changes the reporting requirements for American Rescue Plan appropriation, funding, and expenditures from monthly to biannually. This also adds a sunset clause that the

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reporting requirement shall end when the final report is filed six months after the last expenditure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sarah Sanders", written in a cursive style.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
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Subtitle of House Bill 1202

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING
OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to House Bill 1202

Amend House Bill 1202 as originally introduced:

Page 19, line 23, delete lines 23-31 in their entirety and insert the following:

" (viii) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall submit a monthly report biannually, July 15th and January 15th, to the Legislative Council ~~during the extended recess, beginning on May 1, 2021, of the 2021 Regular Session or during the interim~~, or the Joint Budget Committee during a regular session, fiscal session, or extraordinary session of the General Assembly or to a designated subcommittee listing all American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 beginning balance of funds received, each appropriation approved ~~as authorized in subsection (v)~~ herein with the date the appropriation is established, state entity, purpose, amount, funding distributed, and remaining balance. A final report shall be filed six months after the last expenditure and the report shall be sunset."

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The Amendment was read _____
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Subtitle of Senate Bill 354

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION
DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Amendment No. ____ to Senate Bill 354

Amend Senate Bill 354 as originally introduced:

Page 1, immediately following SECTION 1, insert a new section that reads as follows:

" SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION. (a) The appropriation titled "Capital Improvement Projects" for costs associated with prison construction in Section 1 of this Act shall only be able to be budgeted, allocated or expended under the following conditions;

(1) The General Assembly establishes a Restricted Reserve Fund Set-Aside for Prison Construction in an amount no less than one billion (\$1,000,000,000) dollars;

(2) The funds that make up the Restricted Reserve Fund Set-Aside for Prison Construction shall not originate, be diverted from or transferred from the Catastrophic Reserve Fund or the Arkansas Reserve Fund Set-Aside in the Restricted Reserve Fund; and

(3) The Restricted Reserve Fund Set-Aside for Prison Construction shall require prior approval of the greater of three-fifths (3/5) of the quorum present or a majority of the membership of the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee as set out in 19-5-1263(c).

(b) Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of

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appropriation, funding and construction projects for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by funds set-aside for projects, delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency, and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Department of Corrections may operate more efficiently if some funds are set-aside with the ability to disburse funds as needed during the interim, providing flexibility to the Department. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026."

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: Senator Hickey

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 354

By: Senator J. Dismang
By: Representative Jean

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION FOR DEVELOPMENT
AND ENHANCEMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
- DIVISION OF CORRECTION DEVELOPMENT AND
ENHANCEMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections - Division of
Correction, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the
following:

(A) for costs associated with prison construction, in a sum not to
exceed\$750,000,000.

SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or



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Subtitle of House Bill 1127

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to House Bill 1127

Amend House Bill 1127 as originally introduced:

Page 6, immediately following SECTION 10, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LIBRARY FUNDING RESTRICTION.

(a) As used in this section, "library" means a public library, a school library, an academic library, or a special library.

(b) The Arkansas State Library shall not budget, allocate, or expend any funding to any library that:

(1) Has an affiliation or membership with the American Library Association;

(2) Makes a reference to the American Library Association in any library policies or official documents; or

(3)(A) Except as provided under subdivision (b)(3)(B) of this section, makes payments or grants of any kind to the American Library Association, including without limitation:

(i) A payment for membership;

(ii) A payment for conference attendance;

(iii) A scholarship; or

(iv) A grant for a library, a group, or an

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individual affiliated with the library.

(B) A payment for staff professional development with the American Library Association may be made for a library employee when the staff professional development does not conflict with state law.

(c)(1) The State Library Board shall evaluate and certify the funding eligibility of all libraries in the state on a quarterly basis using the criteria under subsection (b) of this section.

(2)(A) The State Library Board shall prepare and submit a written funding schedule based on certifications under subdivision (b)(1) of this section on a quarterly basis for approval to the:

(i) Legislative Council; or

(ii) If the General Assembly is in regular session, fiscal session, or extraordinary session, the Joint Budget Committee.

(B) The written funding schedules under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section shall be submitted prior to any fund disbursement to a public library, a school library, an academic library, or a special library by the Arkansas State Library.

(3)(A) If the Arkansas State Library has budgeted, allocated, or expended any funding to a library described in subsection (b) of this section, the full amount of funding for the current fiscal year for the library shall be returned to the Arkansas State Library as appropriated in this act upon notification by the Arkansas State Library.

(B) The proceeds from returned funding under subdivision (c)(3)(A) of this section shall be deposited into the same fund or fund account from which the original expenditure was incurred as a refund to the credit of the appropriation from which the original expenditure was made.

(C) Returned funding under subdivision (c)(3)(A) of this section shall be reallocated to libraries determined by the Arkansas State Library to be in compliance with this section.

(d) If the State Library Board is abolished, the Arkansas State Library shall perform the duties under subdivision (c)(1) and subdivision (c)(2) of this section.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
By: Senator D. Sullivan
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HOUSE BILL 1127

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
Department of Education - Arkansas State Library for the 2025-2026 fiscal
year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	U031U STATE LIBRARY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	N161N STATE LIBRARY DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
(3)	E012C STATE LIBRARY DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(4)	E021C STATE LIBRARY MANAGER	8	GRADE GS09
(5)	E030C LIBRARY COORDINATOR	5	GRADE GS08
(6)	E041C SENIOR LIBRARIAN	7	GRADE GS07



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The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
~~2025~~ through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STATE
 FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES PROVISIONS.

(i) The Department of Education – Arkansas State Library provides
 grants and aid to Libraries across the state. The Arkansas State Library
 has developed the Standards for State Aid to public libraries which creates
 standards public libraries must meet to be eligible for state aid.

(ii) The Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries contains the
 requirement that a public library shall maintain a one-mill county or city
 property tax, and the requirement that the library have a qualified
 librarian.

(iii) Less populated areas in the State may not have the ability to
 pass and maintain a one-mill county or city property tax.

(iv) Due to the importance that the public library represents to rural
 communities, the Arkansas State Library shall review and modify the
 requirements that prevent rural public libraries from receiving state grant
 and aid that is authorized by the General Assembly, as set out in subsection
 (v).

(v) Therefore, the Arkansas State Library shall promulgate rules that
 allow a public library to adequately demonstrate a source of revenue in lieu
 of the requirement to maintain a one-mill county or city property tax.

(vi) One month prior to the distribution of state aid to public
 libraries for the ~~2025~~ 2026 Fiscal Year, the Arkansas State Library shall
 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, if
 meeting in legislative session, the revised Standards for State Aid to Public
 Libraries which shall address in writing the actions taken to address the
 issues as set out in this section. The report shall include all criteria,
 including but not limited to how a local public library may become certified
 to receive funding from the Arkansas State Library.

(vii) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July
 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

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AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING
OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to House Bill 1202

Amend House Bill 1202 as originally introduced:

Page 16, delete lines 18 and 19 in their entirety and insert the following:

" (d) Each fiscal year the Department of Finance and Administration shall file with the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, a report summarizing the amount of all funding given to each Pregnancy Help Organization and the purpose of the funds awarded to each Pregnancy Help Organization.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 2025, through June 30, 2025 2026."

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The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative D. Garner
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HOUSE BILL 1202

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS
10 GRANTS AND EXPENSES AND VARIOUS AGENCY TRANSFERS FOR
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -
12 DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
13 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
17 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
19 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STATE'S CONTRIBUTIONS. There is hereby
26 appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable
27 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for disbursements for Arkansas'
28 contribution to various interstate organizations by the Department of Finance
29 and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30,
30 2026, the following:
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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 NO.	2025-2026
34 (01) ASSOCIATION OF RACING COMMISSIONERS	\$21,000
35 (02) COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENT	183,000
36 (03) DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY	235,000



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1 (C) Adoption agencies; and

2 (D) Social services agencies that provide material support and other
3 assistance to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy to help those
4 individuals give birth to their unborn children.

5 (b)(1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall create a grant
6 program to provide funding to pregnancy help organizations.

7 (2) Grant funds shall be disbursed directly to the pregnancy help
8 organizations from the Department of Finance and Administration.

9 (c)(1) The department shall promulgate rules to implement the disbursement of
10 the grant moneys from the Pregnancy Help Organization Grant Sub-Fund in the
11 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.

12 (2) The rules shall include:

13 (A) A requirement that the entity requesting the grant monies submit a
14 plan describing how the entity will spend the grant moneys; and

15 (B) A statement that the funds shall not be disbursed all at once, but
16 in increments in accordance with the plan described in subdivision (c)(2)(A)
17 of this section.

Amend 18→ (d) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
19→ 2025, through June 30, 2025 2026.

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21 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
23 PROCEDURES - APPROPRIATION - INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021.

24 (i) All appropriation and expenditures for funding received for the
25 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 shall be expended using the
26 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 appropriation sections as
27 authorized in this Act.

28 (ii) Any state agency, constitutional office, or institution shall request
29 a transfer of appropriation, as provided in the Infrastructure Investment &
30 Jobs Act of 2021 appropriation sections of this Act, from the Chief Fiscal
31 Officer of the State, stating clearly the amount requested, purpose and any
32 additional information requested by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

33 (iii) After reviewing a request, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may
34 deny, modify or approve the request based on the estimated amount of
35 appropriation needed and currently available, purpose, estimated funding
36 available and preferred spending priority. Upon approval or modification of a