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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.

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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

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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.
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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.
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			Maximum Annual
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	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.

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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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By: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

By: Senator Irvin

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Secretary

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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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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
16 HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND
17 TOURISM DIVISIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE
18 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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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.
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		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
		No. of	Fiscal Year
Item	Class		
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 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	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$0</u></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
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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 NO.	MAXIMUM ALLOCATION FISCAL YEAR
	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 NO.	FISCAL YEAR 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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Subtitle of Senate Bill 36

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT,
AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to Senate Bill 36

Amend Senate Bill 36 as engrossed S3/17/25 (version: 3/17/25 04:21:25 PM):

On page 9, immediately following Section 13, insert the following:

" SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - FIGHT SENIOR HUNGER COMMUNITY GRANT MATCH PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant match payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) FIGHT SENIOR HUNGER GRANT MATCH	<u>\$400,000"</u>

AND

On page 16, immediately following Section 21, insert the following:

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" SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 20, Subtitle 5, Chapter 76, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 9 – Fight Senior Hunger Community Grant Match Program

20-76-901. Fight Senior Hunger Community Grant Match Program –
Creation – Definitions.

(a) There is created a grant program to be known as the "Fight Senior Hunger Community Grant Match Program" to incentivize Arkansas counties, cities, and nonprofit organizations to help fight senior hunger in their respective communities.

(b) The Department of Human Services is authorized to award a grant to a county, city, or nonprofit organization from funds provided if:

(1) The county, city, or nonprofit organization develops a written plan for providing meals or food to senior citizens in its community and submits the written plan to the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for approval; and

(2) The members of the county quorum court, city council, or nonprofit organization submits proof that, through either donations of money or property in kind, citizens of the county or city, or persons associated with the nonprofit organization, have pledged or will make available no less than one-half (1/2) of the cost of the program.

(c)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2) of this section, upon the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services approval of compliance required by subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the department may approve a state grant to be used for the benefit of the county, city, or nonprofit organization program in an amount that equals up to one-half (1/2) of the estimated program cost.

(2) The state's share of the county, city, or nonprofit organization program shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

(d) As used in this section:

(1) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization formed under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as it existed on January 1, 2025; and

(2) "Property in kind" is limited to kitchen and dining space operational costs that would be associated with the county, city, or

nonprofit organization's program.

20-76-902. Reporting.

Each Area Agency on Aging shall report on its active programs and expenditures to address senior food insecurity under this subchapter to the:

(1) House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs at least one (1) time each year and during a legislative session; and

(2) Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth at least one (1) time each year during a legislative interim."

AND

Appropriately renumber 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

By: Representative Cavanaugh

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Secretary

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

1 State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S3/17/25

2 95th General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 36

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
11 SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND BEHAVIORAL
12 HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
13 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

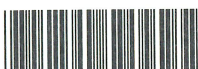
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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
17 SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND
18 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION
19 FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

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

24
25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
26 established for the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult,
27 and Behavioral Health Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
28 maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
		No. of	Fiscal Year
		Employees	2025-2026
34	(1) N221N ARKANSAS STATE HOSPITAL COO	1	GRADE SE03
35	(2) N220N DHS CHIEF ATTORNEY	1	GRADE SE02
36	(3) N249N DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02



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1 (01) VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM \$5,000,000

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3 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - MEALS ON WHEELS. There is hereby
4 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
5 Aging and Adult Services Fund Account, for the Meals on Wheels Program and
6 transportation services for the elderly of the Department of Human Services -
7 Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year
8 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 NO.	2025-2026
12 (01) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	<u>\$2,400,000</u>

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14 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SENIOR OLYMPICS. There is hereby
15 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
16 Behavioral Health Services Fund Account, for matching funds for the Arkansas
17 Senior Olympics of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging,
18 Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30,
19 2026, the following:

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21 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22 NO.	2025-2026
23 (01) STATE MATCH	<u>\$70,000</u>

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25 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - INDEPENDENT CHOICES GRANTS. There is hereby
26 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
27 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
28 grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging,
29 Adult, and Behavioral Health Services 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) INDEPENDENT CHOICES GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$400,000</u>

35

36 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

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1 general revenue is recouped and carried forward.

2 (e)(1) The Department of Human Services shall provide a written report to
3 the Department of Finance and Administration Budget Office, the Arkansas
4 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee the total amount of general
5 revenue carried forward and distributed as set forth in this section no later
6 than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget
7 request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

8 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall include all
9 information obtained in subsection (e)(1) herein in the budget manual
10 submitted to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for
11 the Department.

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

22
23 SECTION 23. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
24 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
25 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
26 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
27 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
28 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
29 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

31
32 SECTION 24. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
33 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
34 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in



STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

March 18, 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 amendments to SB88, the 2025-2026 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Education – Division of Higher Education.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – GENERAL OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.	Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(05) STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROMOTION	<u>295,000</u>

* Please amend SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – DHE – STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROMOTION as follows:

SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DHE – STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROMOTION. Of the general revenue that is received by and distributed from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer two hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$295,000) to the Division of Higher Education Fund Account to be allocated, budgeted, committed and distributed to the Statewide ~~Scholarship and Grant~~ Promotion line item in the General Operations section of this Act for the purpose of increasing public awareness of the scholarships and grants programs and initiatives offered by the State

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through the Arkansas Department of Education – Division of Higher Education. The Department shall utilize a minimum of one hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$147,500) of the aforementioned total specifically for the promotion of the Arkansas Future Grant Program.

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

The above requests are necessary to allow the Department of Education – Division of Higher Education to promote general college enrollment and FAFSA completion in conjunction with scholarships and grants.

Please amend SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION – STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(02)	NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	1,400,000 <u>4,400,000</u>
(07)	DEPENDENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ETC. SCHOLARSHIPS	1,000,000
(08)	DEPENDENTS KIA'S, MIA'S, POW'S, ETC.	4,500,000
<u>(X)</u>	<u>ARKANSAS HEROES SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>5,500,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$68,550,000 <u>\$71,550,000</u>

The above request is necessary to allow the Department of Education – Division of Higher Education to meet the demand for the state national guard program. The request also adds appropriation for the Arkansas ACCESS Act that creates the Arkansas Heroes Scholarship, which combines the Dependents of Law Enforcement Officers, Etc. Scholarships and the Dependents-KIA's, MIA's, POW's, Etc.

Please amend SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION – SUSTAINABLE BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(01)	LOANS	\$4,555,985 <u>\$7,437,405</u>

The above request is necessary to allow the Department of Education – Division of Higher Education to provide loans to State-Supported Institutions for building maintenance.

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 88

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to Senate Bill 88

Amend Senate Bill 88 as engrossed S3/17/25 (version: 3/17/25 04:21:01 PM):

Page 3, line 16, delete "SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT"

AND

Page 4, line 24, delete "1,400,000" and substitute "4,400,000"

AND

Page 4, delete lines 30-31 in their entirety and substitute the following:

" (07) ARKANSAS HEROES SCHOLARSHIP	5,500,000"
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AND

Appropriately renumber all item numbers in SECTION 6

AND

Page 5, line 4, delete "\$68,550,000" and substitute "\$71,550,000"

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AND

Page 12, line 30, delete "\$4,555,985" and substitute "\$7,437,405"

AND

Page 19, line 6, delete "SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT" and substitute "~~SCHOLARSHIP~~
~~AND GRANT~~"

AND

Page 19, line 11, delete "Scholarship and Grant" and substitute "~~Scholarship~~
~~and Grant~~"

AND

Page 19, line 13, delete "scholarships and grants" and substitute
"~~scholarships and grants~~ programs and initiatives".

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

By: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Secretary

State of Arkansas
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SENATE BILL 88

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 - DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
established for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education
for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular
employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2025-2026
(1)	U024U DHE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	D022N IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(3)	D012C DATABASE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT08



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1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
2 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

Amend
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4 → SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
6 DHE - STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROMOTION. Of the general revenue that
7 is received by and distributed from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account,
8 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer two hundred ninety-five
9 thousand dollars (\$295,000) to the Division of Higher Education Fund Account
10 to be allocated, budgeted, committed and distributed to the Statewide
11 Scholarship and Grant Promotion line item in the General Operations section
12 of this Act for the purpose of increasing public awareness of the
13 scholarships and grants offered by the State through the Arkansas Department
14 of Education - Division of Higher Education. The Department shall utilize a
15 minimum of one hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$147,500)
16 of the aforementioned total specifically for the promotion of the Arkansas
17 Future Grant Program.

18 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 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
23 GOVERNOR'S HIGHER EDUCATION TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Department
24 of Education - Division of Higher Education shall provide for the
25 administration of the "Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship
26 Program" as appropriated in the Student Assistance Grants and Various
27 Scholarships Appropriation section of this Act to assist students accepted
28 into transitional programs for students with intellectual and/or
29 developmental disabilities at state institutions of higher education and
30 shall promulgate rules for the implementation of the program and for the
31 disbursement of scholarships to eligible students.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
33 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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35 SECTION 38. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
36 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency



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March 18, 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 amendments to SB37, the 2025-2026 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Commerce.

Please delete SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – SHARED SERVICES. in its entirety and insert the following new section:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	SC002	ACOM SECRETARY OF COMMERCE	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	G329C	CHIEF WORKFORCE OFFICER	1	GRADE SE04
(3)	N263N	COMMERCE CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE03
(4)	A152C	ACOM CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
(5)	G330C	ACOM CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL II	1	GRADE SE01
(6)	D150C	ACOM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT12
(7)	D002N	STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR LEAD	1	GRADE IT11
(8)	D001C	STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT09

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a county or municipality based only on the infrastructure needs for animal rescues or animal shelters for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<u>ITEM</u> <u>NO.</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) <u>ANIMAL RESCUE AND SHELTER</u> <u>GRANTS</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division - Community Assistance Grant program, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for community assistance grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<u>ITEM</u> <u>NO.</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) <u>COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE</u> <u>GRANT PROGRAM</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>



SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. Upon determination by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce that a reallocation of resources for purposes of reorganization or consolidation of administrative functions within or between divisions is necessary for efficient and effective operations of the department, the Secretary, with approval of the Governor and prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall have the authority to request from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer of positions, appropriations, programs, and funds between divisions or other budgetary units of the department. The transfers of positions, programs, or activities shall be used for those purposes for which the appropriations were approved by the General Assembly. Upon approval by the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce shall request to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer of positions, programs, funds, appropriations, and/or line-item appropriations within or between existing and newly created divisions, offices, sections, and/or units. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall then initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect transfers upon the fiscal records of the State Treasurer, the State Auditor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and Divisions of the Commerce Department. Provided, however, that the Secretary shall be limited to submitting no more than two (2) individual transaction transfer requests during any fiscal year.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the

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prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency 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 the Department of Commerce may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Commerce under the Reallocation of Resources provisions herein. 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 jurisdiction, this entire section is void. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026."

Please renumber all sections accordingly.

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
Governor of Arkansas

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95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 37

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

Amendment No. ____ to Senate Bill 37

Amend Senate Bill 37 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete SECTION 1 in its entirety and substitute:

" SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES — SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	SC002	ACOM SECRETARY OF COMMERCE	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	G329C	CHIEF WORKFORCE OFFICER	1	GRADE SE04
(3)	N263N	COMMERCE CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE03
(4)	A152C	ACOM CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
(5)	G330C	ACOM CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL II	1	GRADE SE01
(6)	D150C	ACOM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT12
(7)	D002N	STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR LEAD	1	GRADE IT11
(8)	D001C	STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT09
(9)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
(10)	D029C	SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT07
(11)	D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
(12)	D064C	WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE IT04

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as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for community assistance grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM	<u>\$10,000,000"</u>

INSERTS
NEW
SPECIAL
LANGUAGE
SECTION

→ SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. Upon determination by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce that a reallocation of resources for purposes of reorganization or consolidation of administrative functions within or between divisions is necessary for efficient and effective operations of the department, the Secretary, with approval of the Governor and prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall have the authority to request from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer of positions, appropriations, programs, and funds between divisions or other budgetary units of the department. The transfers of positions, programs, or activities shall be used for those purposes for which the appropriations were approved by the General Assembly. Upon approval by the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce shall request to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer of positions, programs, funds, appropriations, and/or line-item appropriations within or between existing and newly created divisions, offices, sections and/or units. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall then initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect transfers upon the fiscal records of the State Treasurer, the State Auditor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and Divisions of the Commerce Department. Provided, however, that the Secretary shall be limited to submitting no more than two (2) individual transaction transfer requests during any fiscal year.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency 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 the Department of Commerce may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Commerce under the Reallocation of Resources provisions herein. 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 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 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

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
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SENATE BILL 37

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 COMMERCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
established for the Department of Commerce for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code	Title	2025-2026
(1)	SC002	ACOM SECRETARY OF COMMERCE	1 GRADE SE05
(2)	G329C	CHIEF WORKFORCE OFFICER	1 GRADE SE04
(3)	N263N	COMMERCE CHIEF OF STAFF	1 GRADE SE03
(4)	A152C	ACOM CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1 GRADE SE01
(5)	D150C	ACOM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1 GRADE IT12
(6)	D128C	TSS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1 GRADE IT11



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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	NO.	2025-2026
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,000
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,146
6	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,335
9	(C) PROF. FEES	37,927
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(04) SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION AND	
12	INTELLIGENCE NETWORK	<u>317,592</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$400,000</u>

INSERT
NEW
SECTIONS
HERE →

15 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
 17 TRANSFER PROVISION. As requested from time to time by the Director of the
 18 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Chief Fiscal Officer may
 19 transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the
 20 State, the sum not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from
 21 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Minority and
 22 Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, to provide funds for
 23 the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization
 24 appropriation herein.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
 26 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.

28 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
 30 FORWARD — MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS LOAN MOBILIZATION REVOLVING FUND.
 31 Any unexpended balance of funds for the Minority and Women-Owned Business
 32 Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriation which remain at the close of each
 33 state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to
 34 be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
 36 2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.



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STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

March 18, 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 SB39, the 2025-2026 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services.

Please delete SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES in its entirety and insert the following two new sections, and renumber accordingly:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026	
				GRADE	
(1)	<u>U070U</u>	<u>ACOM DWS DEPUTY DIRECTOR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SE01</u>
(2)	<u>U076U</u>	<u>DWS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT DIRECTOR</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SE01</u>
(3)	<u>D002N</u>	<u>STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR LEAD</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>IT11</u>
(4)	<u>D006N</u>	<u>STATE SYSTEMS ARCHITECT</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>IT10</u>

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(3)	<u>G110C</u>	<u>ACOM DWS PROGRAM</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>GS09</u>
		<u>MANAGER</u>			
(4)	<u>G288C</u>	<u>ACOM DWS DIVISION MANAGER</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>GS09</u>
(5)	<u>G127C</u>	<u>ACOM DWS PROGRAM</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>GS08</u>
		<u>OPERATIONS MANAGER</u>			
(6)	<u>G149C</u>	<u>ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>GS07</u>
(7)	<u>G181C</u>	<u>ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>GS07</u>
(8)	<u>G209C</u>	<u>ACOM DWS PROGRAM</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>GS07</u>
		<u>SUPERVISOR</u>			
(9)	<u>B076C</u>	<u>RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>GS06</u>
(10)	<u>C037C</u>	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>GS06</u>

MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 18

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - WORKFORCE POLICY & INNOVATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Workforce Policy & Innovation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) <u>REGULAR SALARIES</u>	<u>\$1,285,000</u>
(02) <u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>	<u>428,792</u>
	<u>MATCHING</u>
(03) <u>MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</u>	
(A) <u>OPER. EXPENSE</u>	<u>250,000</u>
(B) <u>CONF. & TRAVEL</u>	<u>15,000</u>
(C) <u>PROF. FEES</u>	<u>15,000</u>
(D) <u>CAP. OUTLAY</u>	<u>0</u>
(E) <u>DATA PROC.</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u>	
<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>\$1,993,792</u>

This request provides for the consolidation of HB1115, the 2025-2026 Operations Appropriations Bill for the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services to support realignment. This request establishes a new salary section for the Division of Workforce Services Workforce Policy & Innovation.



Please insert the following new special language sections, as follows and renumber

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accordingly:

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES. Any balance in the funds made available by this Act for the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services which remain on June 30, 2026, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose. Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions: (1) Prior to June 30, 2026, the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget; (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above; (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council / Joint Budget Committee; and (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and / or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

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

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND. Any balance in the funds made available by this Act for the Division of State Services for the Blind which remain on June 30, 2026, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose. Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions: (1) Prior to June 30, 2026, the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget; (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council

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

This request allows for the carryforward of general revenue funds for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services and State Services for the Blind. These funds are used to match federal grant funds.

This request consolidates the Division of Workforce Services, Adult Education, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, State Services for the Blind, Office of Skills Development, and the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network/Existing Business into one appropriation bill. Authorization to operate within one business area, subdivided into four divisions under the Division of Workforce Services: Administration, Reemployment, Arkansas Workforce Connections, and Workforce Policy & Innovation, will enable the department to centralize administrative functions funded by state and federal grant funds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
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95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 39

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE
SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to Senate Bill 39

Amend Senate Bill 39 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete SECTION 1 in its entirety and substitute the following:

" SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of	Salary Rate
No.	Code	Title	Employees	Fiscal Year
				2025-2026
(1)	U070U	ACOM DWS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	U076U	DWS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	D002N	STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR LEAD	1	GRADE IT11
(4)	D006N	STATE SYSTEMS ARCHITECT	3	GRADE IT10
(5)	D001C	STATE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT09
(6)	D022N	IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(7)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	3	GRADE IT08
(8)	D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
(9)	D017C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT07

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SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - WORKFORCE POLICY & INNOVATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Workforce Policy & Innovation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,285,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	428,792
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	250,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,993,792"</u>

and



Page 15, immediately following SECTION 23, insert the following SECTIONS:

" SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES. Any balance in the funds made available by this Act for the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services which remain on June 30, 2026, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose.

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

(1) Prior to June 30, 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the

Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

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

SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND. Any balance in the funds made available by this Act for the Division of State Services for the Blind which remain on June 30, 2026, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

and

Appropriately renumber all the SECTION numbers of the bill.

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Secretary

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S3/10/25

95th General Assembly

A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 39

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 COMMERCE
- DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
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 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the 2025-2026
fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
		No. of	Fiscal Year
Item	Class		
No.	Code Title	Employees	2025-2026
(1)	G323C DIR OF ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CONNECTION	1	GRADE SE04
(2)	U037U ACOM DWS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE03
(3)	U065U ACOM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	U070U ACOM DWS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	2	GRADE SE01
(5)	U036U AR APPEALS TRIBUNAL CHAIRMAN	1	GRADE SE01



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1 distribution of funds to local units the Board shall consider performance in
2 meeting state and federal performance indicators. Unallocated funds will be
3 redistributed based upon need as determined by the Division of Workforce
4 Services.

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 24. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
9 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
10 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
11 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
14 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
16 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

17
18 SECTION 25. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
19 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
20 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
21 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
22 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
23 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
24 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
25 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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27 SECTION 26. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
28 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
29 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
32 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
33 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
34 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
35 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
36 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health