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

A Bill

SENATE BILL 8

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5 By: Senator J. Payton
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR USED TIRE
10 RECYCLING AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM EXPENSES FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF
12 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND
13 IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 149 OF
14 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND
19 ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
20 QUALITY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
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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 - USED TIRE RECYCLING AND ACCOUNTABILITY
26 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and
27 Environment, to be payable from the Used Tire Recycling Fund, for expenses of
28 the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality
29 - Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Program for the fiscal year ending
30 June 30, 2025, the following:
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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 NO.	2024-2025
34 (01) USED TIRE RECYCLING AND	
35 ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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1 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
3 TRANSFER - USED TIRE RECYCLING AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM. Immediately upon
4 the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
5 transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor
6 of the State the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the General
7 Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the Used Tire Recycling Fund to provide
8 funds for the appropriation provided herein.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
10 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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12 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
13 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
14 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
15 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
16 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
17 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
18 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
19 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
20 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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22 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
23 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
24 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
25 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
26 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
27 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
28 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
29 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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31 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
32 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
33 the Department of Energy And Environment - Division of Environmental Quality
34 are, due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the Department of
35 Energy And Environment - Division of Environmental Quality to continue to
36 provide essential governmental services; that the provisions of this act will

1 provide the necessary monies for the Department of Energy And Environment -
2 Division of Environmental Quality to continue such services; and that a delay
3 in the effective date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper
4 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,
5 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
6 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
7 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

8 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
9 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
10 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
11 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
12 overrides the veto.

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 201

By: Senator J. Payton

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS FOR
CONGREGATE AND HOME-DELIVERED MEALS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING,
ADULT, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - GRANTS FOR
CONGREGATE AND HOME-DELIVERED MEALS
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS FOR CONGREGATE AND HOME-DELIVERED
MEALS. 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 grants to Arkansas Area Agencies on Aging for congregate
and home-delivered meals by the Department of Human Services - Division of
Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June
30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2024-2025
(01) CONGREGATE/HOME-DELIVERED MEALS	<u>\$5,000,000</u>



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2 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
4 TRANSFER - CONGREGATE AND HOME-DELIVERED MEALS. Immediately upon the
5 effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
6 transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor
7 of the State the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the General
8 Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the paying account as determined by the
9 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for congregate and home-delivered meals.

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11 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
12 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
13 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
14 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
15 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
16 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
17 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
18 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
19 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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21 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
23 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
24 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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30 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
31 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
32 the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
33 Health Services are, due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the
34 Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
35 Health Services to continue to provide essential governmental services; that
36 the provisions of this act will provide the necessary monies for the

1 Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
2 Health Services to continue such services; and that a delay in the effective
3 date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration
4 and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is
5 hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force
7 and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

8 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
9 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
10 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
11 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
12 overrides the veto.

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 359

By: Senator J. Petty

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE
OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM
GRANTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026
FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for a grant program for comprehensive out-of-school time programs for school aged children which shall provide evidence-based academic enhancement programs and activities that align with and support state curriculum standards by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO. _____	<u>2025-2026</u>



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(01) OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS \$1,700,000

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS REQUIREMENTS. (a)Of the amount appropriated to the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for Out-Of-School Time Program Grants in this act, funding shall only be made available to eligible entities for comprehensive out-of-school time programs for school aged children.

(b) Eligible programs shall be limited to applicants meeting the following criteria:

(1) Provide out-of-school time programs during the school year to school aged children;

(2) Provide regular activities designed for evidence-based academic enhancement that aligns and supports state curriculum standards and will include a minimum of two of the following five activity areas:

(A)STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math);

(B)Academic support;

(C)Goal setting / leadership;

(D)Career exposure/Workforce Readiness; and

(E)Community service.

(3) Provide activities above as a part of a comprehensive out-of-school program;

(4) Operate for a minimum of 12 hours weekly during the school year; minimum of four days per week during the calendar school year; not including school breaks such as holiday or seasonal;

(5) Collect data on participants' demographics, attendance and program participation and compile statewide aggregated data;

(6) Implement rigorous safety standards including employee background checks, compliance with mandated reporting laws; and

(7) Must be a qualified 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organization that has been in operation for more than 5 years and has a record of fiscal accountability. Organizations must also provide a sustainability model with a minimum of 50% of funding derived from non-state resources.

(c)The Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall promulgate rules for the determination of eligibility and

1 administration of the Out-Of-School Time Program Grants.

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

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

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15 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
16 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
17 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
18 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
19 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
20 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
21 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
22 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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24 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
26 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
29 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
30 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
31 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
32 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
33 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
34 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 360

By: Senator J. Petty

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE
OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM
GRANTS APPROPRIATION APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS. There is
hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account,
for a grant program for comprehensive out-of-school time programs for school
aged children which shall provide evidence-based academic enhancement
programs and activities that align with and support state curriculum
standards by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and
Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS	<u>\$1,700,000</u>



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SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANTS REQUIREMENTS. (a)Of the amount appropriated to the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for Out-Of-School Time Program Grants in this act, funding shall only be made available to eligible entities for comprehensive out-of-school time programs for school aged children.

(b) Eligible programs shall be limited to applicants meeting the following criteria:

(1) Provide out-of-school time programs during the school year to school aged children;

(2) Provide regular activities designed for evidence-based academic enhancement that aligns and supports state curriculum standards and will include a minimum of two of the following five activity areas:

(A)STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math);

(B)Academic support;

(C)Goal setting / leadership;

(D)Career exposure/Workforce Readiness; and

(E)Community service.

(3) Provide activities above as a part of a comprehensive out-of-school program;

(4) Operate for a minimum of 12 hours weekly during the school year; minimum of four days per week during the calendar school year; not including school breaks such as holiday or seasonal;

(5) Collect data on participants' demographics, attendance and program participation and compile statewide aggregated data;

(6) Implement rigorous safety standards including employee background checks, compliance with mandated reporting laws; and

(7) Must be a qualified 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organization that has been in operation for more than 5 years and has a record of fiscal accountability. Organizations must also provide a sustainability model with a minimum of 50% of funding derived from non-state resources.

(c)The Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall promulgate rules for the determination of eligibility and administration of the Out-Of-School Time Program Grants.

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

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4 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
5 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
6 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
7 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
8 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
9 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
10 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
11 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
12 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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14 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
15 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
16 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
17 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
18 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
19 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
20 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
21 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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23 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
24 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
25 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
26 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
28 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
29 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
30 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
31 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
32 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
33 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 362

By: Senator K. Hammer

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS TO YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION YOUTH ORGANIZATION GRANTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - YOUTH ORGANIZATION GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants to youth organizations by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) YOUTH ORGANIZATION GRANTS	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

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



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1 ORGANIZATION GRANT REQUIREMENTS. (a) Grants authorized in this act shall be
2 granted to youth organizations that are not affiliated in any capacity with
3 local or national organizations that promote, require to be affiliated, or
4 have the presence of DEI requirements, identification by pronouns, or
5 presence of woke ideologies.

6 (b) Grants authorized in this act shall be provided to youth organizations
7 that align with the educational goals of the Governor and General Assembly.

8 (c) Eligible youth organizations shall promote the fundamental values of a
9 healthy home environment and engage youth to become role models in their
10 homes, hometowns, schools, state, nation and the world.

11 (d) The Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary
12 Education shall promulgate rules for the determination of eligible entities,
13 the disbursement of funds, and the ongoing administration of this program in
14 accordance with the requirements of this section.

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

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18 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
19 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
21 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
24 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
25 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
26 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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28 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
29 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
30 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
31 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
32 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
33 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
34 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
35 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

1 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
2 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
3 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
4 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
5 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
6 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
7 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
8 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
9 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
10 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
11 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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