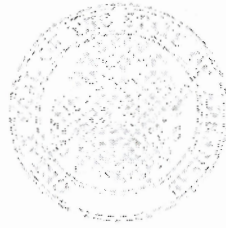


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**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer.

Immediately following Section 36, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. APPROPRIATION - DRUG TASK FORCE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants and aid to assist Drug Task Force operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

Item No.	Fiscal Year
<u>(01) GRANTS AND AID</u>	<u>2026-2027</u> <u>\$7,000,000</u>

The above request is necessary to provide appropriation for grants that support Drug Task Force operations in enforcing state laws related to the possession, manufacture, and distribution of illegal drugs and reducing drug-related crime throughout Arkansas. Allocations will be determined by the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator, who will work directly with Prosecutors and Drug Task Force commanders to determine needs

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and allocate accordingly.

Immediately following Section 36, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. APPROPRIATION - 10:33 INITIATIVE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for program expenses of the 10:33 Initiative for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

Item No.	Fiscal Year 2026-2027
<u>(01) PROGRAM EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

The above request is necessary to connect Arkansans in crisis with faith, community, and workforce partners who address immediate needs and guide them toward long-term economic self-sufficiency.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

April 6, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly State
Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201 Dear

Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations
Appropriation Bill for the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing
Officer.

Please amend SECTION 36 - APPROPRIATION - PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION
GRANTS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01) PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>

Please amend SECTION 37 - SPECIAL LANGUAGE - PREGNANCY HELP
ORGANIZATION GRANTS as follows and renumber accordingly:

SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE
ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND
TEMPORARY LAW. PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS.

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(a)(1) As used in this section, "pregnancy help organization" means a nonprofit corporation or an organization exempt from federal income tax, existing as of January 1, 2024, that:

(A) Seeks to provide a range of services to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy with the intention of encouraging pregnant women to give birth to their unborn children;

(B) Promotes infant and maternal wellness and/or reduces infant and maternal mortality, by:

i) Providing nutritional information and/or nutritional counseling;

ii) Providing prenatal vitamins;

iii) Providing a list of prenatal medical care options;

iv) Providing social, emotional, and/or material support; or

v) Providing referrals for WIC and community-based nutritional services, including but not limited to food banks, food pantries, and food distribution centers; and

(C) Does not perform, prescribe, provide referrals for, or encourage abortion or affiliate with any organization that performs, prescribes, provides referrals for, or encourages abortion.

(2) As used in this section, a "pregnancy help organization" includes without limitation:

(A) Organizations traditionally known as "crisis pregnancy organizations";

(B) Maternity homes;

(C) Adoption agencies; and

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

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

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

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

(2) The rules shall include:

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

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

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

(e) No more than twenty five percent (25%) of the grant award may be used for

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administrative costs.

(e)(f) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025 2026, through June 30, 2026 2027.

The above request is necessary to ensure that administrative costs are limited, thereby promoting responsible use of grant funds, and maximizing the amount of funding directed toward program services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
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Subtitle of House Bill 1064

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING
OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1064

Amend House Bill 1064 as originally introduced:

Page 14, line 32, delete "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$3,500,000"

AND

Page 14, delete SECTION 37 and insert the following sections:

" SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - DRUG TASK FORCE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants and aid to assist Drug Task Force operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$7,000,000</u>

SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - 10:33 INITIATIVE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for program expenses of the 10:33 Initiative for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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ITEM
NO.

FISCAL YEAR
2026-2027

(01) PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$6,000,000

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS. (a)(1) As used in this section, "pregnancy help organization" means a nonprofit corporation or an organization exempt from federal income tax, existing as of January 1, 2024, that:

(A) Seeks to provide a range of services to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy with the intention of encouraging pregnant women to give birth to their unborn children;

(B) Promotes infant and maternal wellness aor reduces infant and maternal mortality, or both, by:

(i) Providing nutritional information or nutritional counseling, or both;

(ii) Providing prenatal vitamins;

(iii) Providing a list of prenatal medical care options;

(iv) Providing social, emotional, or material support, or any combination thereof; or

(v) Providing referrals for Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children and community-based nutritional services, including without limitation food banks, food pantries, and food distribution centers; and

(C) Does not perform, prescribe, provide referrals for, or encourage abortion or affiliate with any organization that performs, prescribes, provides referrals for, or encourages abortion.

(2) "Pregnancy help organization" includes without limitation:

(A) Organizations traditionally known as "crisis pregnancy organizations";

(B) Maternity homes;

(C) Adoption agencies; and

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

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

(2) Grant funds shall be disbursed directly to the pregnancy help organizations from the department.

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

(2) The rules promulgated under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall include:

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

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

(d) Each fiscal year the department shall file with the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, a report summarizing the amount of all funding given to each pregnancy help organization and the purpose of the funds awarded to each pregnancy help organization.

(e) No more than twenty five percent (25%) of the grant award may be used for administrative costs.

~~(e)~~(f) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025 2026, through June 30, 2026 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read
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1 State of Arkansas
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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS
10 GRANTS AND EXPENSES AND VARIOUS AGENCY TRANSFERS FOR
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -
12 DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
13 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
18 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER
19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
20 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STATE'S CONTRIBUTIONS. There is hereby
26 appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable
27 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for disbursements for Arkansas'
28 contribution to various interstate organizations by the Department of Finance
29 and Administration - Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30,
30 2027, the following:
31

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) ASSOCIATION OF RACING COMMISSIONERS	\$21,000
(02) COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENT	192,000
(03) DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY	235,000



1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
2	(01) FEDERAL FUNDS AWARDED DIRECTLY TO	
3	AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS,	
4	CITIES AND COUNTIES	\$2,000,000,000
5	(02) FEDERAL FUNDS AWARDED TO AGENCIES,	
6	DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, CITIES,	
7	AND COUNTIES	<u>1,000,000,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,000,000,000</u>

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10 SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF

11 2021. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and

12 Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from various funds, for

13 providing various state agencies, constitutional offices, and institutions

14 with appropriation for any expenses associated with the Infrastructure

15 Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

16 following:

17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19	(01) FEDERAL FUNDS AWARDED TO AGENCIES,	
20	DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, CITIES AND	
21	COUNTIES	<u>\$3,500,000,000</u>

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24 SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS. There

25 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration -

26 Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

27 Account, for grants for the Pregnancy Help Organizations for the fiscal year

28 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31	(01) PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

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34 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PREGNANCY

36 HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS.

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1 (a)(1) As used in this section, "pregnancy help organization" means a
2 nonprofit corporation or an organization exempt from federal income tax,
3 existing as of January 1, 2024, that:

4 (A) Seeks to provide a range of services to individuals facing an
5 unintended pregnancy with the intention of encouraging pregnant women to give
6 birth to their unborn children;

7 (B) Promotes infant and maternal wellness and/or reduces infant and
8 maternal mortality, by:

9 i) Providing nutritional information and/or nutritional counseling;

10 ii) Providing prenatal vitamins;

11 iii) Providing a list of prenatal medical care options;

12 iv) Providing social, emotional, and/or material support; or

13 v) Providing referrals for WIC and community-based nutritional services,
14 including but not limited to food banks, food pantries, and food distribution
15 centers; and

16 (C) Does not perform, prescribe, provide referrals for, or encourage
17 abortion or affiliate with any organization that performs, prescribes,
18 provides referrals for, or encourages abortion.

19 (2) As used in this section, a "pregnancy help organization" includes
20 without limitation:

21 (A) Organizations traditionally known as "crisis pregnancy organizations";

22 (B) Maternity homes;

23 (C) Adoption agencies; and

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

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

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

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

34 (2) The rules shall include:

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

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

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

9 (e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
10 ~~2025~~ 2026, through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

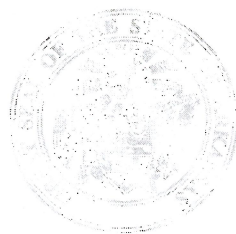
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12 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
14 PROCEDURES - APPROPRIATION - INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021.

15 (i) All appropriation and expenditures for funding received for the
16 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 shall be expended using the
17 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 appropriation sections as
18 authorized in this Act.

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

24 (iii) After reviewing a request, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may
25 deny, modify or approve the request based on the estimated amount of
26 appropriation needed and currently available, purpose, estimated funding
27 available and preferred spending priority. Upon approval or modification of a
28 request by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after meeting the
29 requirements of subsection (iv) herein, the Department of Finance and
30 Administration shall establish the transfer of appropriation on the books of
31 the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor, in
32 compliance with the applicable classifications of appropriations as
33 enumerated in Arkansas Code 19-4-511 through 19-4-516.

34 (iv) Any request approved as authorized in subsection (iii) herein,
35 including requests that establish a new commitment item or new appropriation
36 shall require prior approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget



GL #14

STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Corrections – Division of Correction.

Please amend SECTION 17 – SPECIAL LANGUAGE – REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES as follows:

SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. Upon determination by the Board of Corrections, at the request of the Secretary of Corrections, that a reallocation of resources within the Divisions of Community Correction and Division of Correction is necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the department, the Board, with approval of the Governor and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall have the authority to instruct the Department Secretary, to request from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer of positions, programs, funds, appropriations, and line-item appropriations within or between existing and newly created divisions, offices, sections, or units of the department. If it is determined that the requested transfer should be made, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall then initiate

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the necessary transfer documents to reflect the transfers upon the fiscal records of the State Treasurer, the State Auditor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the Department of Corrections Division of Corrections and Community Correction. Provided, however, that the Department Secretary shall be limited to submitting no more than two requests, encompassing a single purpose listed in this section, during any fiscal year per division. Transfer authority shall further be limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the total General Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding, and positions specific to each division, office, section or unit from which funds are transferred. ~~However, there shall be no fund transfers to or from the County Jail Reimbursement Fund.~~ A Reallocation of Resources Transfer shall be limited to the following specific purposes:

- a) Costs to open and operate temporary beds;
 - b) Payment of Debt Service;
 - c) Payment of Overtime Expenses;
 - d) Unanticipated increases for medical or private prison contracts;
 - e) Construction/renovation/equipping of new beds;
 - f) Deficits in Farm or Industry Program;
 - g) Losses not covered by insurance proceeds;
 - h) Costs of personnel for critical services necessary to carry out the mission of the agency.
- 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 Corrections Divisions of Correction and Community Correction may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Board of Corrections authorizing broad powers 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~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

The above request is necessary to remove conflicting special language regarding the transfer of funds to the County Jail Reimbursement Fund, as it is inconsistent with Section 26 of this bill, thereby ensuring internal consistency and proper fiscal administration.

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Please amend SECTION 29 - SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CARRY FORWARD - GENERAL REVENUE YEAR END FUND BALANCE as follows:

SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD - GENERAL REVENUE YEAR END FUND BALANCE. (a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account on June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 into a sub-fund created within the Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account to be used for County Jail Reimbursement or maintenance needs within the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction. The balance of General Revenue in the sub-fund of the Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account at the beginning of any fiscal year shall not exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000). For this reason, any general revenue which would cause the balance of sub-fund of the Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be reclaimed by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to the same procedures as other general revenue recapture.

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

(1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency, board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward, the program name or line item and the funding source; and

(2) The Department of Corrections - Division of Correction shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivisions (b) (1) of this section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both; and

(3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in subdivision (b) (2) of this section in the budget manuals.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

The above request is necessary to correct the fund name referenced in the special language to ensure consistency with Ark. Code Ann §19-22-102.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Subtitle of House Bill 1011

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1011

Amend House Bill 1011 as originally introduced:

Page 13, line 24, delete "However, there shall be no fund transfers to or from the County Jail Reimbursement Fund." and substitute "~~However, there shall be no fund transfers to or from the County Jail Reimbursement Fund.~~"

AND

Page 21, line 20, immediately following "Correction" insert "Inmate Care and Custody"

AND

Page 21, line 21, immediately following "Correction" insert "Inmate Care and Custody"

AND

Page 21, line 24, immediately following "Correction" insert "Inmate Care and Custody"

AND

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Page 21, line 27, immediately following "Correction" insert "Inmate Care and Custody".

The Amendment was read _____
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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

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HOUSE BILL 1011

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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 CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION FOR THE FISCAL
12 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
17 - DIVISION OF CORRECTION APPROPRIATION
18 FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
24 established for the Department of Corrections for the 2026-2027 fiscal year,
25 the following maximum number of regular employees.
26

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
31	(1)	ESE03A SECRETARY OF CORRECTIONS	1	GRADE EXE04
32	(2)	EEX10A CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
33	(3)	FAC09C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER II	1	GRADE SPC10
34	(4)	LAT08C CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
35	(5)	HDH03C HR ADMINISTRATOR II	1	GRADE SPC08
36	(6)	LAT05P ATTORNEY III	4	GRADE SPC08



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2 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

4 REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. Upon determination by the Board of Corrections,

5 at the request of the Secretary of Corrections, that a reallocation of

6 resources within the Division of Community Correction and Division of

7 Correction is necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the

8 department, the Board, with approval of the Governor and approval by the

9 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall have the

10 authority to instruct the Department Secretary, to request from the Chief

11 Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer of positions, programs, funds,

12 appropriations, and line-item appropriations within or between existing and

13 newly created divisions, offices, sections, or units of the department. If

14 it is determined that the requested transfer should be made, the Chief Fiscal

15 Officer of the State shall then initiate the necessary transfer documents to

16 reflect the transfers upon the fiscal records of the State Treasurer, the

17 State Auditor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the Department of

18 Corrections Divisions of Correction and Community Correction. Provided,

19 however, that the Department Secretary shall be limited to submitting no more

20 than two requests, encompassing a single purpose listed in this section,

21 during any fiscal year per division. Transfer authority shall further be

22 limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the total General Revenue and

23 Special Revenue appropriation, funding, and positions specific to each

24 division, office, section or unit from which funds are transferred. However,

25 there shall be no fund transfers to or from the County Jail Reimbursement

26 Fund. A Reallocation of Resources Transfer shall be limited to the following

27 specific purposes:

28 a) Costs to open and operate temporary beds;

29 b) Payment of Debt Service;

30 c) Payment of Overtime Expenses;

31 d) Unanticipated increases for medical or private prison contracts;

32 e) Construction/renovation/equipping of new beds;

33 f) Deficits in Farm or Industry Program;

34 g) Losses not covered by insurance proceeds;

35 h) Costs of personnel for critical services necessary to carry out the

36 mission of the agency.

Amend

1 of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and
2 operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the
3 Department of Corrections.

4 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer
5 of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account
6 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
7 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

8 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in
9 subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within
10 the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts
11 authorized for the department.

12 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the
13 date of passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

15 SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY

17 FORWARD - GENERAL REVENUE YEAR END FUND BALANCE. (a) The Chief Fiscal
18 Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred on his or her books and
19 those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the balance of General

20 Revenue funds remaining in the Division of Correction Fund Account on June
21 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 into a sub-fund created within the Division of Correction Fund

Amend
Amend

22 Account to be used for County Jail Reimbursement or maintenance needs within
23 the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction. The balance of

24 General Revenue in the sub-fund of the Division of Correction Fund Account at
25 the beginning of any fiscal year shall not exceed five million dollars

Amend

26 (\$5,000,000). For this reason, any general revenue which would cause the
27 balance of sub-fund of the Division of Correction Fund Account to exceed five

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28 million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be reclaimed by the Department of Finance
29 and Administration pursuant to the same procedures as other general revenue
30 recapture.

31 (b) Any carry forward of the unexpended balance of funding as authorized
32 herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

33 (1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration
34 shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
35 September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee
36 meeting which report shall include the name of the agency, board, commission,

1 or institution and the amount of funding carried forward, the program name or
2 line item and the funding source; and

3 (2) The Department of Corrections - Division of Correction shall provide a
4 written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
5 containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this section no
6 later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its
7 budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both;
8 and

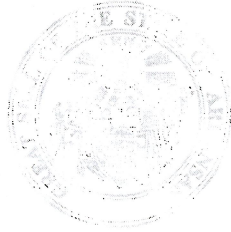
9 (3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
10 all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the budget
11 manuals.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
13 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

14
15 SECTION 30. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
16 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
17 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
18 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
19 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
20 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
21 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
22 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
23 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

24
25 SECTION 31. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
27 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
28 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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34 SECTION 32. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
35 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
36 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the



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March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Education.

Please amend SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(13)	PQA04P	QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR/EXP	2	GRADE SGS08
(14)	FGM03C	GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS07
(16)	EEP03P	EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	27 <u>26</u>	GRADE SGS07
(22)	PQA01P	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	9	GRADE SGS07
(25)	EEP05P	EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
(26)	FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	12 <u>9</u>	GRADE SGS06
(31)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	28 <u>23</u>	GRADE SGS04
(37)	PAS03P	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	24 <u>22</u>	GRADE SGS02
(46)	EEP06P	EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS10
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			335 <u>308</u>	

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Please amend SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP – STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP – STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized for the Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – State Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as “Extra Help”, payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: ~~eight (8)~~ seven (7) temporary of part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

Please amend SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	<u>\$13,840,817</u>
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>4,879,844</u>
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	<u>3,411,057</u>
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	<u>60,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$22,476,718</u>

Please delete SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION – CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM in its entirety and renumber accordingly.

Please amend SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION – EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNTS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNTS	<u>\$277,487,318</u>

The above request increases the appropriation for the Arkansas Children’s Educational Freedom Account program to align with the recommended funding level to give Arkansas families the best possible school options for their children.

Please amend SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – ESTABLISHMENT OF A “POSITION POOL” as follows:

SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ESTABLISHMENT OF A “POSITION POOL”. (a) To address needs

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emerging from statewide education issues and the necessity of recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, the Arkansas Department of Education or its successor agency is authorized for the ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year a pool of no more than five (5) ~~Information Systems and Technology Specialized Services~~ positions at a salary not to exceed the maximum salary for a grade ~~IST12~~ SPC11. These positions are to be used by the Department of Education in the event that the personal services needs of the Department during the ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year require additional positions, either by title or in number, that are not authorized by the General Assembly in the Regular Salaries section of this Act. These positions may also be used to properly classify positions when the Department does not have a vacant position available with the appropriate title and salary level.

This request amends the current special language governing the Department's position pool to serve operational requirements more effectively.

Immediately following SECTION 31, please insert the following new sections and renumber accordingly:

SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-18-722(a)-(c), concerning free and reduced-price meals, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Federal funds appropriated to the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture for a child nutrition program shall be used to provide school breakfasts and lunches at no cost to each qualifying student.

(b)(1) A public school that serves a school breakfast or a school lunch as part of a child nutrition program shall not charge a qualifying student a reduced-price copayment for a school breakfast or a school lunch.

(2)(A) If necessary to comply with the requirements of this section, the department shall provide funds that have been disbursed to the department from the United States Government for purposes of funding child nutrition programs to each public school that serves a school breakfast or a school lunch as part of a child nutrition program to cover the cost of eliminating reduced-price copayments as required by subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(B) If federal funds appropriated to the department for a child nutrition program are insufficient to provide a school breakfast or a school lunch at no cost under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section, the department shall use funds as authorized by law to provide a school breakfast or a school lunch not initially covered by federal funds under subsection (a) of this section or other funds as authorized by law.

(c)(1) Annually by November 15, the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture shall report on and provide to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education an overview of each child nutrition program offered in public schools.

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SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-27-341(c)-(f), concerning the Food Insecurity Fund, are amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) By July 31 each fiscal year:

(A) The Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture shall submit a certification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of the amount expended by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture the prior fiscal year to comply with § 6-18-722(b) to eliminate a charge to students for a reduced-price copayment for a school breakfast or a school lunch, which shall be reviewed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State; and

(B) The Department of Human Services shall submit a certification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of the estimated amount required to fund the state matching funds requirement for the federal Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children, commonly known as "Summer EBT", for the current fiscal year, which shall be reviewed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(2) After reviewing the certifications submitted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may deny, modify, or approve the certifications based on the:

(A) Estimated amount of funding needed and available;

(B) Purpose; and

(C) Preferred spending priority.

(3) Based on the certifications from the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture and the Department of Human Services in subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall instruct the Treasurer of State to transfer those amounts on a pro rata basis to the fund or fund accounts designated by the Secretary of the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture and the Secretary of the Department of Human Services.

(d) Any unexpended balance of moneys in the fund accounts designated by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture and the Department of Human Services to be allocated for the purposes under subsection (c) of this section that are remaining at the end of each fiscal year shall be designated and retained for the purposes under subsection (c) of this section for the following fiscal year, and certifications required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be adjusted to reflect the remaining balances.

(e) After making the transfers under subdivision (c)(3) of this section, the Treasurer of State shall then transfer the remainder of the balance of the Food Insecurity Fund to the fund account designated by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture to be used by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture to comply with § 6-18-722(f).

(f) Any unexpended balance of moneys in the fund account designated by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture allocated for the purposes under subsection (e) of this section that are remaining at the end of each fiscal year shall be designated and retained for the purposes outlined under subsection (e) of this section for the following fiscal year.

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I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Appropriation Bill for the Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Public School Fund.

Please amend SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION – GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(05)	ASSESSMENT/END OF LEVEL TESTING	20,309,189	<u>21,309,189</u>
(14)	COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH	2,000,000	<u>4,200,000</u>
(20)	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	400,000	<u>600,000</u>
(25)	ESA MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM	5,636,400	<u>5,776,183</u>
(26)	FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM	14,700,000	
(39)	OE CHARTER FAC FUNDING AID PROGRAM	10,275,000	<u>10,775,000</u>
(41)	PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	142,000,000	<u>292,000,000</u>
(45)	SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES	7,650,000	
(46)	SCHOOL FOOD LEGISLATIVE AUDIT	75,000	
(52)	SPECIAL EDUCATION - HIGH COST OCCURRENCES	17,934,000	<u>18,378,763</u>
(57)	SURPLUS COMMODITIES	1,125,065	
<u>(XX)</u>	<u>HIGH IMPACT TUTORING</u>		<u>20,000,000</u>
<u>(XX)</u>	<u>IMAGINATION LIBRARY</u>		<u>1,500,000</u>
<u>(XX)</u>	<u>LIERACY COACHES</u>		<u>19,000,000</u>
<u>(XX)</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICES</u>		<u>8,030,000</u>
<u>(XX)</u>	<u>TEACHER ACADEMY</u>		<u>2,089,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,480,713,330</u>	<u>\$3,662,266,811</u>

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK as follows:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	29,245,839	<u>34,845,839</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$33,332,807</u>	<u>\$38,932,807</u>

Immediately following SECTION 25, please insert the following new sections and renumber accordingly:

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SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1117(a), concerning public school employee health insurance, is amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~(1) Beginning January 1, 2023, a school district shall pay each month for each eligible employee electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance program the health insurance contribution rate enacted by the General Assembly.~~

~~(2) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education through the biennial adequacy review process required by § 10-3-2102 shall provide a health contribution rate recommendation to the General Assembly.~~

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(6)(B)(iv), concerning teacher salary equalization funds, is repealed.

~~(iv) A school district shall continue to receive teacher salary equalization funds in the same amount as the preceding fiscal year in addition to the amount eligible for the current fiscal year.~~

The request increases the Assessment/End of Level Testing appropriation to provide for an expanded list of assessments available to students as authorized by Act 724 of 2025; increases the Coordinated School Health appropriation to complement and scale the efforts of public school districts counseling and clinical staff by connecting students and their families to a complete range of behavioral health social services; increases the Economic Education appropriation to provide additional standards-based resources and professional development to students and teachers; increases the Open-Enrollment Charter Facility Funding Aid Program appropriation to provide additional funding for the maintenance of charter school facilities; establishes appropriation to support the mission of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library by promoting a culture of reading and fostering a love of books among underserved children and their families; and increases Operating Expense appropriation for the Arkansas Public School Computer Network to allow an expansion of software for special education documentation.

The request also adopts the 2024 Educational Adequacy Recommendations by increasing the appropriation for the ESA Matching Grant Program, the Public School Employee Insurance, and the Special Education - High Cost Occurrences line items. To comply with Act 909 of 2025, portions of Arkansas law are amended to allow the Department to pay the full employer contribution to the Employee Benefits Division on behalf of public school districts and to allow Teacher Salary Equalization funds to be phased out.

The above requests continue programs created by the LEARNS Act by establishing appropriation for High Impact Tutoring, Literacy Coaches, Supplemental Education Services, and Teacher Academy.

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I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Education – Office of Early Childhood.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(2)	EEP02C	EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC07
(4)	FAC01P	ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE SPC01
(7)	PQA02C	QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	3	GRADE SCS09
(10)	PQA01P	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	5	GRADE SCS07
(11)	CTR02P	TRAINER	1	GRADE SCS07
(13)	HV04P	INVESTIGATOR III	5	GRADE SCS06
(14)	PAS01P	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7 <u>4</u>	GRADE SGS05
(16)	HV03P	INVESTIGATOR II	7	GRADE SCS05
(18)	PPE02P	PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	2	GRADE SCS05
(19)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	8 <u>5</u>	GRADE SGS04
(20)	EEC04P	EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS SPECIALIST	83 <u>79</u>	GRADE SGS04
(22)	FGM01P	GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE SCS04
(23)	TIW01P	INVENTORY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SCS04
(27)	IUS04P	USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4 <u>3</u>	GRADE IST02
(28)	FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SCS06
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	177 <u>138</u>	

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD – OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.	Description	2026-2027	Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,482,755	\$969,539
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	668,714	<u>460,424</u>
(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	7,585,752	<u>7,577,752</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,365,314</u>	<u>\$14,635,808</u>

Please amend SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD – OPEARTIONS – FEDERAL as follows:

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Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	EARLY CHILDHOOD FEDERAL EXPENSES	<u>\$268,667,976</u> <u>\$188,667,976</u>

Please delete SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION AND SALVAGE CONTAINER - CASH in its entirety and renumber accordingly.

The above requests transfer the Department of Education's child nutrition programs to the Department of Agriculture to strengthen the connection between Arkansas agriculture and statewide nutrition programs and to allow for streamlined innovation and efficiency. This is accomplished through the transfer of twenty-seven (27) Regular Positions and one (1) Extra Help Position, the associated Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriation, and the Child Nutrition appropriation from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education; the transfer of Free Breakfast Program, School Food Services, School Food-Legislative Audit, and Surplus Commodities appropriations from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund; the transfer of thirty-nine (39) Regular Positions, the associated Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriation, Early Childhood Federal Expenses appropriation, and the Commodity Distribution and Salvage Container appropriation from the Office of Early Childhood; and technical amendments to Arkansas law to designate the Department of Agriculture as the administrative lead of the program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Subtitle of House Bill 1005

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027
FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1005

Amend House Bill 1005 as originally introduced:

Page 4, delete lines 26 and 27 in their entirety and substitute:

" ~~(13) PQA04P QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR/EXP 2 GRADE SCS08~~
~~(14) FGM03C CRANTS MANAGER 1 GRADE SCS07~~"

AND

Page 4, line 29, delete "27" and substitute "26"

AND

Page 4, delete line 35 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(22) PQA01P QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR 9 GRADE SCS07~~"

AND

Page 5, delete line 2 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(25) EEP05P EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST 1 GRADE SCS06~~"

AND

Page 5, line 3, delete "12" and substitute "9"

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Page 5, line 8, delete "28" and substitute "23"

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Page 5, line 14, delete "24" and substitute "22"

AND

Page 5, delete line 23 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(46) EEPO6P EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT~~ ~~3~~ GRADE SCS10"

AND

Page 5, line 27, delete "335" and substitute "308"

AND

Page 5, line 33, delete "eight (8)" and substitute "seven (7)"

AND

Page 6, line 11, delete "\$13,840,817" and substitute "\$13,520,917"

AND

Page 6, line 13, delete "4,879,844" and substitute "4,756,796"

AND

Page 6, line 15, delete "3,411,057" and substitute "3,399,057"

AND

Page 6, line 16, delete "60,000" and substitute "56,500"

AND

Page 6, line 20, delete "\$22,476,718" and substitute "\$22,018,270"

AND

Page 8, delete SECTION 10 in its entirety

AND

Page 14, line 30, delete "\$277,487,318" and substitute "\$309,487,318"

AND

Page 21, immediately following SECTION 31, insert the following:

" SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-18-722 is amended to read as follows:

6-18-722. Free and reduced-price meals – Definitions.

(a) Federal funds appropriated to the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture for a child nutrition program shall be used to provide school breakfasts and lunches at no cost to each qualifying student.

(b)(1) A public school that serves a school breakfast or a school lunch as part of a child nutrition program shall not charge a qualifying student a reduced-price copayment for a school breakfast or a school lunch.

(2)(A) If necessary to comply with the requirements of this section, the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall provide funds that have been disbursed to the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture from the United States Government for purposes of funding child nutrition programs to each public school that serves a school breakfast or a school lunch as part of a child nutrition program to cover the cost of eliminating reduced-price copayments as required by subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(B) If federal funds appropriated to the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture for a child nutrition program are insufficient to provide a school breakfast or a school lunch at no cost under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section, the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall use funds as authorized by law to provide a school breakfast or a school lunch not initially covered by federal funds under subsection (a) of this section or other funds as authorized by law.

(c)(1) Annually by November 15, the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture shall report on and provide to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education an overview of each child nutrition program offered in public schools.

(2) The report required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall include without limitation:

(A) The procedure for applying for free or reduced-price meals in public schools; and

(B) The number of students who:

(i) Apply for free or reduced-price meals;

(ii) Are accepted to receive free or reduced-price meals;

(iii) Are denied from receiving free or reduced-

price meals; and

(iv) Automatically qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on federal eligibility requirements.

(d)(1) Arkansas Legislative Audit shall audit the Department of Education Child Nutrition Unit by December 15, 2023, and report the audit findings to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.

(2) The audit required under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall determine whether each public school's participation in a child nutrition program effectively:

(A) Serves the intent of the General Assembly to expand students' access to free meals in public schools; and

(B) Complies with federal and state law and rules.

(e) As used in this section:

(1) "Child nutrition program" includes the following as established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2023:

(A) The National School Lunch Program; or

(B) The School Breakfast Program; and

(2) "Qualifying student" means a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) student enrolled in a public school who is eligible for receipt of a reduced-price meal in a child nutrition program.

(f)(1) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter, a public school student who is not a qualifying student under this section and does not receive a free breakfast through any local, state, or federal program shall be provided one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day upon his or her request without consideration of his or her eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meal.

(2)(A) If necessary to comply with the requirements of subdivision (f)(1) of this section, the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall provide funds that have been disbursed to the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture from the United States Government for purposes of funding child nutrition programs to each public school to cover the cost of providing one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day to each public school student who is not a qualifying student under this section.

(B) If federal funds appropriated to the ~~department~~

Department of Agriculture for a child nutrition program are insufficient to cover the cost of providing one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day to each public school student who is not a qualifying student, the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall use funds as authorized by law to cover the cost of providing one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day to each public school student who is not a qualifying student.

(C) The cost of providing one (1) breakfast shall not exceed the rate of reimbursement to public schools established by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq., and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. § 1771 et seq., for a free school breakfast.

(g) The ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture may promulgate rules to implement this section.

SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-27-341(c)-(f), concerning the Food Insecurity Fund, are amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) By July 31 each fiscal year:

(A) The Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture shall submit a certification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of the amount expensed by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture the prior fiscal year to comply with § 6-18-722(b) to eliminate a charge to students for a reduced-price copayment for a school breakfast or a school lunch, which shall be reviewed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State; and

(B) The Department of Human Services shall submit a certification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of the estimated amount required to fund the state matching funds requirement for the federal Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children, commonly known as "Summer EBT", for the current fiscal year, which shall be reviewed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(2) After reviewing the certifications submitted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may deny, modify, or approve the certifications based on the:

(A) Estimated amount of funding needed and available;

(B) Purpose; and

(C) Preferred spending priority.

(3) Based on the certifications from the Department of ~~Education~~

Agriculture and the Department of Human Services in subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall instruct the Treasurer of State to transfer those amounts on a pro rata basis to the fund or fund accounts designated by the Secretary of the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture and the Secretary of the Department of Human Services.

(d) Any unexpended balance of moneys in the fund accounts designated by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture and the Department of Human Services to be allocated for the purposes under subsection (c) of this section that are remaining at the end of each fiscal year shall be designated and retained for the purposes under subsection (c) of this section for the following fiscal year, and certifications required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be adjusted to reflect the remaining balances.

(e) After making the transfers under subdivision (c)(3) of this section, the Treasurer of State shall then transfer the remainder of the balance of the Food Insecurity Fund to the fund account designated by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture to be used by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture to comply with § 6-18-722(f).

(f) Any unexpended balance of moneys in the fund account designated by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture allocated for the purposes under subsection (e) of this section that are remaining at the end of each fiscal year shall be designated and retained for the purposes outlined under subsection (e) of this section for the following fiscal year."

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read
By: Joint Budget Committee
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Chief Clerk

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026
4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1005

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
13
14

Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
17 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 Education - Shared Services for the 2026-
25 2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
26

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
31	(1)	ESE05A SECRETARY OF EDUCATION	1	GRADE EXE04
32	(2)	EEX10A CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
33	(3)	FAC09C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER II	1	GRADE SPC10
34	(4)	LAT08C CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
35	(5)	EEA03C HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE SPC09
36	(6)	EEA01C EDUCATION DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC08



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

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

8 (d) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025
9 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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11 SECTION 32. 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.

21 SECTION 33. 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.

30 SECTION 34. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
31 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
32 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
35 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
36 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm

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Subtitle of House Bill 1007

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-
2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1007

Amend House Bill 1007 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 4, delete "20,309,189" and substitute "21,309,189"

AND

Page 2, line 13, delete "2,000,000" and substitute "4,200,000"

AND

Page 2, line 19, delete "400,000" and substitute "600,000"

AND

Page 2, line 24, delete "5,636,400" and substitute "5,776,183"

AND

Page 2, delete line 25 in its entirety

AND

Page 3, line 2, delete "10,275,000" and substitute "10,775,000"

AND

Page 3, line 4, delete "142,000,000" and substitute "292,000,000"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 8 and 9 in their entirety

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AND

Page 3, line 15, delete "17,934,000" and substitute "18,378,763"

AND

Page 3, delete line 20 in its entirety

AND

Page 3, delete lines 29 and 30 in their entirety and substitute the following:

" (66) YOUTH SHELTERS	165,000
(67) HIGH IMPACT TUTORING	20,000,000
(68) IMAGINATION LIBRARY	1,500,000
(69) LITERACY COACHES	19,000,000
(70) SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICES	8,030,000
(71) TEACHER ACADEMY	<u>2,089,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,662,266,811"</u>

AND

Appropriately renumber all item numbers in SECTION 1

AND

Page 4, line 34, delete "29,245,839" and substitute "34,845,839"

AND

Page 5, line 4, delete "\$33,332,807" and substitute "\$38,932,807"

AND

Page 17, immediately following SECTION 25, insert the following:

" SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1117(a), concerning the health insurance contribution rate for public school employees, is amended to read as follows:

~~(a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2023, a school district shall pay each month for each eligible employee electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance program the health insurance contribution rate enacted by the General Assembly.~~

~~(2) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education through the biennial adequacy review process required by § 10-3-2102 shall provide a health contribution rate recommendation to the General~~

Assembly.

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(6)(B)(iv), concerning the continuation of teacher salary equalization funds, is repealed.

~~(iv) A school district shall continue to receive teacher salary equalization funds in the same amount as the preceding fiscal year in addition to the amount eligible for the current fiscal year."~~

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1007

4
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 PUBLIC SCHOOL
10 FUND GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
11 DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION -
12 PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
13 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
18 DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
19 EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
21 YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
27 SPECIAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
28 Education, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary
29 Education Public School Fund Account, for grants and aid to local school
30 districts and special programs of the Department of Education - Division of
31 Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
32 the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) 98% URT ACTUAL COLLECTION ADJUSTMENT	\$34,500,000



Secondary Education Fund Account for the fiscal year.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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

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

SECTION 28. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.



GL #22

STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Agriculture - Promotion Boards.

Immediately following SECTION 7, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

SECTION X. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SERVICE CHARGE FEE WAIVER. The deductions for the Constitutional Officers Fund and State Central Services Fund required under §§ 19-21-103 and 19-21-105 for collections of special revenue deposited into the fund created under § 2-9-112, or the deduction under §§ 2-20-406(c)(1), 2-20-507(c)(1), 2-20-606(b)(2)(A), 2-20-805(c)(2), and 2-35-308(b)(1) may be waived by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State after consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall notify the Treasurer of State and the secretary of the waiver.

The above request allows the deductions for the Constitutional Officers Fund and State Central Services Fund to be waived for the Department of Agriculture - Promotion Boards upon review by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Sanders". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sarah" being more prominent than the last name "Sanders".

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas

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Subtitle of House Bill 1017

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - PROMOTION BOARDS
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1017

Amend House Bill 1017 as originally introduced:

Page 4, Immediately following SECTION 7, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
SERVICE CHARGE FEE WAIVER.

(a)(1) After consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may waive the deductions for the Constitutional Officers Fund and the State Central Services Fund required under §§ 19-21-103 and 19-21-105 for:

(A) Collections of special revenue under § 2-9-112; or

(B) The deductions under §§ 2-20-406(c)(1), 2-20-507(c)(1), 2-20-606(b)(2)(A), 2-20-805(c)(2), and 2-35-308(b)(1).

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall notify the Treasurer of State and the secretary of the waiver.

(b) The provision of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read _____
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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1017

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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 OPERATING,
10 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF AGRICULTURE - PROMOTION BOARDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
13

Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
16 - PROMOTION BOARDS APPROPRIATION FOR THE
17 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - BEEF COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated,
24 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Beef Council Fund,
25 for operating, research and development expenses of the Department of
26 Agriculture - Arkansas Beef Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
27 the following:
28

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$22,076
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
(C) PROF. FEES	3,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0



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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
4	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,500
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
7	(C) PROF. FEES	2,000
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(02) RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	<u>8,537,500</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,600,000</u></u>

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13 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD. There is hereby

14 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

15 Arkansas Wheat Promotion Fund, for operating, research and development

16 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board

17 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$3,599
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
24	(C) PROF. FEES	0
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	0
27	(02) RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	<u>440,895</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$444,494</u></u>

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30 SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

31 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

33 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal

36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by



GL #23

**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Public Safety.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(37)	IUS01P	USER SUPPORT ANALYST	4 <u>3</u>	GRADE IST04
(XX)	IIE02P	IT SECURITY ANALYST I	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE IST06</u>

The above request reflects a position classification realignment to better align the position with the scope, complexity, and level of responsibility currently associated with the role.

Immediately following SECTION 59. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

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SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. FACILITY MAINTENANCE. All revenues collected by any division within the Department of Public Safety for use of a facility owned or operated by the department at Camp Robinson shall be deposited into a fund and uniquely identified. These revenues shall only be used for the maintenance of facilities owned or operated by the department at Camp Robinson. The department shall work with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to determine the best method of recording these revenues in the funds of the State.

The above request allows the Department to leverage revenue generated from the use of facilities it owns or operates for facility maintenance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas

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Subtitle of House Bill 1009

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-
2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1009

Amend House Bill 1009 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 31, delete "4" and substitute "3"

AND

Page 2, line 33, delete "____1" and substitute " 1"

AND

Page 2, immediately following line 33, insert a new line that reads as follows:

"(40) IIE02P IT SECURITY ANALYST I _____ 1 GRADE IST06"

AND

Page 29, immediately following SECTION 59, insert a new section that reads as follows:

" SECTION 60. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. FACILITY MAINTENANCE.(a) All revenues collected by any division within the Department of Public Safety for use of a facility owned or operated by the department at Camp Robinson shall:

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(1) Be deposited into a fund;
(2) Be uniquely identified; and
(3) Only be used for the maintenance of facilities owned or operated by the department at Camp Robinson.

(b) The department shall work with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to determine the best method of recording the revenues referred to in subsection (a) of this section in the funds of the state.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent section numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
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1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1009

4
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 PUBLIC
11 SAFETY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
13

Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
17 SAFETY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027
18 FISCAL YEAR.
19

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
22

23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
24 established for the Department of Public Safety for the 2026-2027 fiscal
25 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
26

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
31	(1)	ESE12A SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY	1	GRADE EXE04
32	(2)	EEX10A CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
33	(3)	FAC09C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER II	1	GRADE SPC10
34	(4)	LAT08C CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
35	(5)	HDH03C HR ADMINISTRATOR II	1	GRADE SPC08
36	(6)	LAT05P ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08



1 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

2 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in
3 subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within
4 the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts
5 authorized for the department.

6 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the
7 date of passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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8 SECTION 60. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SALARY GRID.

11 (a) In the event additional General Revenue funds become available to
12 the Department of Public Safety, as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
13 the State, the division shall implement a salary administration grid, after
14 review by Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the
15 Joint Budget Committee.

16 (b) All employees in the certified law enforcement officer
17 classifications, including recruits, at the Department of Public Safety are
18 eligible for the increase provided in the salary administration grid
19 established in section (a); the grid increase shall be in addition to any
20 performance-based increase provided. Notwithstanding other provisions of law,
21 salaries established by this section may exceed the maximum pay level for the
22 grade assigned to the classification by no more than twenty percent (20%) for
23 any affected employee.

24 (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
25 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

26 SECTION 61. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
28 RECRUITMENT EXPENSES. The Department of Public Safety - Crime Lab is
29 authorized to pay for recruitment expenses of potential Medical Examiner
30 employees. During the recruitment phase of interviewing potential employees,
31 Crime Lab is authorized to pay for airfare, hotel, and meal expenses.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
33 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.



GL #24

**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Shared Administrative Services.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year	
		2025-2026	
(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,431,672	3,131,672
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$14,889,911</u>	<u>\$15,589,911</u>

The above request is necessary to secure and maintain recruitment tools in furtherance of the initiative to centralize recruiting functions, enhance coordination, and improve the efficiency of hiring efforts across the agency.

Immediately following Section 41, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

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SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CENTRALIZED SERVICES. The Department of Shared Administrative Services is authorized to establish fair and reasonable schedules of rates or fees to be assessed to agencies or entities receiving services, for the purpose of recovering allowable costs associated with providing such services. The same rate or fee structure shall apply uniformly to all agencies or entities receiving substantially similar services.

The Department of Shared Administrative Services and any participating division, office, or program providing centralized services are authorized to establish estimated billing rates to be developed for a period to coincide with the state budgeting process. The department shall have the authority to adjust billing as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Any such billing adjustments shall be subject to the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

This request authorizes the Department of Shared Administrative Services to enter interagency agreements and establish a billing structure for centralized services.

Immediately following Section 41, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 25-36-104

~~(c)(1), Each state agency shall include in its budget report to the Joint Budget Committee a list of all contracts in amounts exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) awarded to minority-owned businesses.~~

~~(2) The vice president or vice chancellor for finance of each state college and university shall include in his or her budget report to the Joint Budget Committee a listing of all contracts in amounts exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000) awarded to minority-owned businesses.~~

~~(d)(c) The director shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this chapter.~~

The above request is necessary to remove duplicative reporting requirements already provided for in Ark. Code Ann. §25-36-104.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
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Subtitle of Senate Bill 3

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 3

Amend Senate Bill 3 as originally introduced:

Page 4, line 3, delete "2,431,672" and insert "3,131,672"

AND

Page 4, line 8, delete "\$14,889,911" and insert "\$15,589,911"

AND

Page 24, immediately following SECTION 41, insert the following:

" SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

CENTRALIZED SERVICES. (a) The Department of Shared Administrative Services may enter into contracts with a state agency or governmental entity as necessary for the centralization of governmental services.

(b) The Department of Shared Administrative Services may establish fair and reasonable rate or fee schedules to be assessed to a state agency or governmental entity receiving services for the purpose of recovering allowable costs associated with providing such services.

(c) The same rate or fee schedule shall apply uniformly to all state agencies or governmental entities receiving substantially similar services.

(d) The authority provided in this section is limited to the:

(1) Office of State Procurement,

(2) Office of Personnel Management, and

(3) Fleet Management Program within the Department of Shared Administrative Services.

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(e) The offices in subsection (d) are authorized to establish estimated billing rates to be developed for a period of time to coincide with the state budgeting process.

(f) The department shall have the authority to adjust billing as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable:

(1) State laws,

(2) Federal laws, and

(3) State rules and federal regulations.

(g) Billing adjustments under subsection (e) of this section are subject to the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(h) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 25-36-104 is amended to read as follows:

~~(c)(1), Each state agency shall include in its budget report to the Joint Budget Committee a list of all contracts in amounts exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) awarded to minority owned businesses.~~

~~(2) The vice president or vice chancellor for finance of each state college and university shall include in his or her budget report to the Joint Budget Committee a listing of all contracts in amounts exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000) awarded to minority owned businesses.~~

~~(d)(c) The director shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this chapter."~~

AND

Appropriately renumber all subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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

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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 SHARED
11 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
12 JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SHARED
17 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR
18 THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES. There is
24 hereby established for the Department of Shared Administrative Services for
25 the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
26

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate
				Fiscal Year 2026-2027
31	(1)	ESE14A SEC OF TRANSFORM & SHARED SERVICES	1	GRADE EXE04
32	(2)	EEX10A CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
33	(3)	EEX45A STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
34	(4)	EEX48A STATE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
35	(5)	EEX49A STATE PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
36	(6)	FAC09C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER II	1	GRADE SPC10



1 System's Office, shall be transferred to the Geographic Information Systems
 2 Fund to be used for operating and maintaining the Arkansas Spatial Data
 3 Infrastructure, creating, updating, maintaining and disseminating framework
 4 spatial data as defined by Arkansas Code §15-21-502.

5 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set
 6 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
 7 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

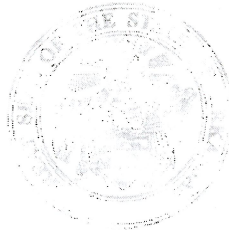
15 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
 16 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
 17 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
 18 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose,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

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

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 28 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

29 **SECTION 42. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS.** Disbursement of funds
 30 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 31 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 32 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 33 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 34 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 35 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
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GL #25

**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services.

Immediately following SECTION 14, please insert the following section and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Unemployment Insurance Modernization for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

Item No.	Fiscal Year
(01) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION	2026-2027 \$10,000,000

This request establishes appropriation to improve technology systems and hardware utilized in the administration of the unemployment insurance program.

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Immediately following SECTION 40, please insert the following section and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. APPROPRIATION - ADULT EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

Item No.	Fiscal Year
<u>(01) ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM</u>	<u>2026-2027</u> <u>\$2,500,000</u>

This request establishes appropriation to support the workforce related activities for the Adult Education Program.

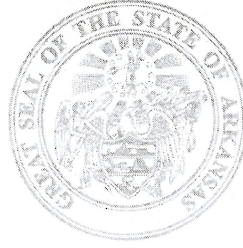
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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April 6, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services.

Immediately following Section 62, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY – VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

(A) Appropriation and Funding Alignment.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, appropriations, positions, and related funding associated with vocational rehabilitation services shall be utilized in a manner that supports the planned consolidation of services, subject to existing appropriation authority and applicable provisions of law.

(B) Transitional Authority for State Plan Submission.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Division of Workforce Services, through Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, is authorized during the transition period to:

(1) Submit amendments to Arkansas’s vocational rehabilitation services portion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Unified or Combined State Plan;

(2) Represent to the United States Department of Education and other appropriate

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federal agencies that Arkansas intends to operate as a combined vocational rehabilitation agency.

(3) Undertake planning, coordination, and other administrative actions necessary to obtain federal approval for the transition to a combined vocational rehabilitation agency structure; and

(4) Take such actions prior to the effective date of any statutory amendments necessary to fully implement the consolidation of vocational rehabilitation services.

(C) Designated Agency and Designated State Unit.

To ensure compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Division of Workforce Services shall serve as the designated state agency, and Arkansas Rehabilitation Services shall serve as the designated state unit for the administration of vocational rehabilitation services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired shall continue to be provided through a distinct organizational unit within Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be known as the Office of Blind Services, in a manner consistent with federal law and ensuring the provision of specialized and comprehensive services.

(D) Limitation of Authority. The authority granted under this section:

(1) Is limited to actions necessary for fiscal alignment, federal planning, submission, approval, and transition coordination; and

(2) Shall not, by itself, effectuate the transfer of statutory authority, programs, appropriations, positions, or funding except as otherwise authorized by law or by further action of the General Assembly.

(E) Continuity of Services and Federal Compliance.

This section is intended to ensure continuity of services and funding and shall not be construed to interrupt services or federal funding. All actions taken under this section shall:

(1) Preserve services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired;

(2) Maintain eligibility for all federal vocational rehabilitation funding;

(3) Protect maintenance-of-effort requirements; and

(4) Ensure uninterrupted service delivery to current and future program participants.

(F) Expiration.

This section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

The above request will give Arkansas Rehabilitation Services transitional authority and allow them to act as the designated state unit for administering State Vocational Rehabilitation grants.

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 10

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE
SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 10

Amend Senate Bill 10 as originally introduced:

On page 9, immediately following SECTION 14, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Division of Workforce Services
Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund, for personal services and
operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce
Services - Unemployment Insurance Modernization for the fiscal year ending
June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION	<u>\$10,000,000"</u>

AND

On page 21, immediately following SECTION 40, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 41. APPROPRIATION - ADULT EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby
appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund
deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Adult Education - Cash for the
fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM	2026-2027 <u>\$2,500,000"</u>

AND

Page 34, immediately following SECTION 62, add an additional section to read as follows:

" SECTION 63. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

(a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the appropriations, positions, and related funding associated with vocational rehabilitation services shall be utilized in a manner that supports the planned consolidation of services, subject to existing appropriation authority and applicable law.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Division of Workforce Services, through Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, is authorized during the transition period to:

(1) Submit amendments to Arkansas's vocational rehabilitation services portion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Unified or Combined State Plan;

(2) Represent to the United States Department of Education and other appropriate federal agencies that Arkansas intends to operate as a combined vocational rehabilitation agency;

(3) Undertake planning, coordination, and other administrative actions necessary to obtain federal approval for the transition to a combined vocational rehabilitation agency structure; and

(4) Take any action before the effective date of any statutory amendments necessary to fully implement the consolidation of vocational rehabilitation services.

(c)(1) To ensure compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025:

(A) The Division of Workforce Services shall serve as the designated state agency; and

(B) Arkansas Rehabilitation Services shall serve as the designated state agency for the administration of vocational rehabilitation services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025.

(2) Services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired shall continue to be provided through a distinct organizational unit within Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be known as the Office of Blind Services, in a manner consistent with federal law, and ensuring the provision of specialized and comprehensive services.

(d) The authority granted under this section:

(1) Is limited to actions necessary for fiscal alignment, federal planning, submission, approval, and transition coordination; and

(2) Shall not, by itself, effectuate the transfer of statutory authority, programs, appropriations, positions, or funding except as otherwise authorized by law or by further action of the General Assembly.

(e) This section is intended to ensure the continuity of services and funding, and it shall not be construed to interrupt services or federal funding.

(f) All actions taken under this section shall:

(1) Preserve services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired;

(2) Maintain eligibility for all federal vocational rehabilitation funding;

(3) Protect maintenance-of-effort requirements; and

(4) Ensure uninterrupted service delivery to current and future program participants.

(g) This section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.”

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

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

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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 COMMERCE
11 - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
17 DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
19 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 Commerce - Division of Workforce Services for the 2026-2027
26 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
27

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
32	(1) LAT06C	ATTORNEY IV	1	GRADE SPC09
33	(2) LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	2	GRADE SPC08
34	(3) FAC11C	DIVISION FISCAL ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC07
35	(4) FAC04C	ACCOUNTING MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC06
36	(5) FAC10C	CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC06



1 fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose.

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

4 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set
5 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
6 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025
26 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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28 SECTION 63. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
29 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
30 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
31 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
32 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
33 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
34 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
35 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
36 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.



**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality.

Immediately following Section 40, please insert the following new sections and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-404(a)(3)(B), concerning definitions and commercial generator fees, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(3)(B) Except for the rim removal fees fee imposed under this section, a tire retailer shall not charge any other fee to a person who purchases the service of removal of a tire from a rim and replaces it with a used tire.

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-404(d)(3), concerning definitions and commercial generator fees, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(3)(A) The commercial generator fee shall be imposed at the rate of three dollars

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(\$3.00) for each new tire that is sold or delivered to an end user that removes used tires from the rim and replaces them with a new tire.

~~(B) Except for the commercial generator fees imposed under this section, the commercial generator shall not charge any other fee to the end user.~~

~~(C)~~ (B)

(i) For any used tires collected by a commercial generator, the first transportation of the used tire from the end user to the commercial generator's facility does not require a licensed tire transporter.

(ii) Any subsequent transportation of the used tire by the commercial generator for recycling or disposal requires a licensed tire transporter and shall be accounted for using the electronic uniform used tire manifest system.

~~(D)~~ (C) Each commercial generator shall register with the department and comply with all requirements related to collecting and reporting commercial generator fees.

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code §8-9-404(e), Rim removal fees - Import fees - Commercial generator fees - Definitions, is repealed:

~~(e)(1) It is the purpose and intent of this section that only one (1) of the following fees imposed under this section be charged for the transaction of removing a tire from a rim that is related to the sale of a replacement tire:~~

~~(A) The rim removal fee; or~~

~~(B) The commercial generator fee.~~

~~(2) If a person establishes that he or she has paid one (1) of the fees for a tire, the tire retailer or tire generator shall not charge an additional fee for that tire.~~

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-405(a)(1), Used tire program reimbursements, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Division of Environmental Quality shall establish the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Program to:

(1) Reimburse used tire programs for used tire transportation, recycling, and disposal costs at a rate not to exceed \$2.31 per tire;

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-405(b)(9) and (10), concerning used tire program reimbursements, is amended to read as follows:

(9)

~~(A) Establish tire collection centers within each county served by the used tire program that accepts tires from tire retailers at no charge if the tire retailer establishes that it:~~

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~~(i) Collects the rim removal fee imposed under § 8-9-404(a);~~
and

~~(ii) Complies with the electronic uniform used tire manifest system under § 8-9-407.~~

~~(B) The tire collection centers under this subdivision (b)(9) may be at any one (1) or more of the following:~~

~~(i) (A) A solid waste disposal facility;~~

~~(ii) (B) A tire processing facility; or~~

~~(iii) (C) A tire retailer; and~~

~~(10) Establish at least one (1) tire collection centers within each county served by the used tire program that adequately serves the program area.~~

The above requests will allow the Department to stabilize funding for the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Program by capping the reimbursement rates for all used tire districts to the actual amount available for reimbursement (\$2.31 per tire according to Legislative Audit's 2022 Waste Tire report) and by removing the restriction on participating retailers of charging additional fees to cover costs to transport and recycle or dispose of used tires. The current reimbursement rates of \$2.80 to \$2.92 per tire are unsustainable and create a persistent deficit which must be covered by the Used Tire Recycling Fund.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas

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Subtitle of House Bill 1066

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1066

Amend House Bill 1066 as originally introduced:

Page 21, immediately following SECTION 40, insert the following SECTIONS to read as follows:

"SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-404(a)(3)(B), concerning limitations on fees charged by tire retailers under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Except for the rim removal fees fee imposed under this section, a tire retailer shall not charge any other fee to a person who purchases the service of removal of a tire from a rim and replaces the removed tire with a used tire.

SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-404(d)(3)(B), concerning limitations on fees charged by commercial generators under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, is repealed.

~~(B) Except for the commercial generator fees imposed under this section, the commercial generator shall not charge any other fee to the end user.~~

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-404(e), concerning limitations on the imposition of certain fees related to

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tire removal under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, is repealed.

~~(e)(1) It is the purpose and intent of this section that only one (1) of the following fees imposed under this section be charged for the transaction of removing a tire from a rim that is related to the sale of a replacement tire:~~

~~(A) The rim removal fee; or~~

~~(B) The commercial generator fee.~~

~~(2) If a person establishes that he or she has paid one (1) of the fees for a tire, the tire retailer or tire generator shall not charge an additional fee for that tire.~~

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-405(a)(1), concerning reimbursement to used tire programs under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Reimburse used tire programs for used tire transportation, recycling, and disposal costs at a rate not to exceed two dollars and thirty-one cents (\$2.31) per used tire;

SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-405(b)(9) and (10), concerning the requirement to establish tire collection centers for reimbursement eligibility of used tire programs under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, are amended to read as follows:

(9)(A) Establish tire collection centers that adequately serve the used tire program area within each county served by the used tire program that accepts tires from tire retailers at no charge if the tire retailer establishes that it:

~~(i) Collects the rim removal fee imposed under § 8-9-404(a); and~~

~~(ii) Complies with the electronic uniform used tire manifest system under § 8-9-407.~~

(B) The tire collection centers under this subdivision (b)(9) may be at any one (1) or more of the following:

(i) A solid waste disposal facility;

(ii) A tire processing facility; or

(iii) A tire retailer; and

~~(10) Establish at least one (1) tire collection center within each county served by the used tire program."~~

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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HOUSE BILL 1066

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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 ENERGY
10 AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
11 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND
16 ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
17 QUALITY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027
18 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 - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
25 established for the Department of Energy and Environment for the 2026-2027
26 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
32	(1) ESE06A SECRETARY OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT	1	GRADE EXE04
33	(2) EEX19A ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE01
34	(3) EEX09A CHIEF OF STAFF I	1	GRADE EXE01
35	(4) LAT08C CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
36	(5) FAC08C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09



1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LANDFILL
2 POST-CLOSURE CLEAN UP RESTRICTIONS. Any expenditures in excess of \$2,000,000
3 per site from the Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund, as appropriated in the
4 Contractual Services line item of the Landfill Post-Closure Program
5 appropriation section, for corrective action to remedy environmental impacts
6 of closed disposal sites previously operated as a landfill pursuant to state
7 law, shall be subject to review and approval by the Arkansas Pollution
8 Control and Ecology Commission after addressing corrective actions needed to
9 address environmental impacts from permitted landfills closed properly.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025
11 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

Insert new sections here
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13 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED
15 SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared
16 Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the
17 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal
18 services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account
19 Appropriation by the Department of Energy and Environment.

20 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer
21 of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account
22 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
23 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

24 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in
25 subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within
26 the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts
27 authorized for the department.

28 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of
29 passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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31 SECTION 41. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
32 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
33 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
34 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
35 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
36 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal