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A Bill

SENATE BILL 34

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE
10 DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE
15 DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2018-
16 2019 FISCAL YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
23 for the Arkansas Agriculture Department for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees.
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26				Maximum Annual
27				Salary Rate
28	Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
29	No.	Code	No. of	2018-2019
	<u>Title</u>			<u>Employees</u>
30	(1)	U072U	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1 GRADE SE02
31	(2)	U057U	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE	1 GRADE SE01
32	(3)	U003U	STATE FORESTER	1 GRADE SE01
33	(4)	U044U	PLANT BOARD DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE01
34	(5)	B004N	STATE VETERINARIAN	1 GRADE MP05
35	(6)	L104C	AGRI LABORATORY COORDINATOR	1 GRADE MP04
36	(7)	L106C	VETERINARY SPECIALIST	5 GRADE MP04



1	(8)	D061C INFORMATION SYS COORDINATION SPEC	2	GRADE IT05
2	(9)	D057C INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT05
3	(10)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
4	(11)	D056C SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
5	(12)	D078C GIS TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE IT02
6	(13)	A010N AGRICULTURE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
7	(14)	N001C DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
8	(15)	N058N DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ARLPC	1	GRADE GS13
9	(16)	B001C DEPUTY STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE GS13
10	(17)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
11	(18)	B002C AGRI DIRECTOR OF MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
12	(19)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
13	(20)	G036N PLANT BOARD ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
14	(21)	B010C AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	6	GRADE GS11
15	(22)	B014C ASST STATE FORESTER	2	GRADE GS11
16	(23)	B022C DISTRICT FORESTER	8	GRADE GS10
17	(24)	B128C METROLOGY LABORATORY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
18	(25)	A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
19	(26)	B136C AGRI LAB QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
20	(27)	S005C AVIATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
21	(28)	B037C CHEMIST SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS09
22	(29)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
23	(30)	B034C MICROBIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS09
24	(31)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
25	(32)	B038C STATE FOREST MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
26	(33)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
27	(34)	B049C AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	23	GRADE GS08
28	(35)	X148C AIRCRAFT PILOT	4	GRADE GS08
29	(36)	B127C SENIOR MICROBIOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS08
30	(37)	B058C STAFF FORESTER	6	GRADE GS08
31	(38)	C015C AGRI ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
32	(39)	X058C AGRI COMMODITY AREA SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
33	(40)	X111C AGRI INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS07
34	(41)	X109C AGRI INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS07
35	(42)	B072C AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR	7	GRADE GS07
36	(43)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS07

1	(44)	B081C CHEMIST	15	GRADE GS07
2	(45)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
3	(46)	B080C FORESTER	36	GRADE GS07
4	(47)	B077C MICROBIOLOGIST	10	GRADE GS07
5	(48)	A073C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
6	(49)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS06
7	(50)	X146C AGRI INSPECTOR III	8	GRADE GS06
8	(51)	D076C COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
9	(52)	B088C COUNTY FOREST RANGER	61	GRADE GS06
10	(53)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
11	(54)	B078C METROLOGIST	2	GRADE GS06
12	(55)	B097C NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
13	(56)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
14	(57)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
15	(58)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS06
16	(59)	X132C AGRI COMMODITY COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR	7	GRADE GS05
17	(60)	X157C AGRI INSPECTOR II	3	GRADE GS05
18	(61)	X097C AGRI SPECIALIST	34	GRADE GS05
19	(62)	S036C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
20	(63)	V014C BUYER	5	GRADE GS05
21	(64)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
22	(65)	B098C FOREST RANGER II	114	GRADE GS05
23	(66)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REP	1	GRADE GS05
24	(67)	C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMIN SPECIALIST	10	GRADE GS05
25	(68)	D081C TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS05
26	(69)	C057C ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
27	(70)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	10	GRADE GS04
28	(71)	X149C AGRI COMMODITY COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST	11	GRADE GS04
29	(72)	X165C AGRI INSPECTOR I	51	GRADE GS04
30	(73)	B096C AGRI SEED ANALYST	6	GRADE GS04
31	(74)	S053C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC	4	GRADE GS04
32	(75)	S040C CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
33	(76)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
34	(77)	B111C LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
35	(78)	B101C NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE GS04
36	(79)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	16	GRADE GS03

1 (80) X162C AGRI COMMODITY GRADER II 14 GRADE GS03
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 568

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 4 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas
 5 Agriculture Department for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the following maximum
 6 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 7 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred
 8 seventy-one (171) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of
 9 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 10 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 11 classification.

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 13 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 14 to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Department of
 15 Agriculture Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 16 Arkansas Agriculture Department - Operations for the fiscal year ending June
 17 30, 2019, the following:

19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
21 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,200,955
22 (02) EXTRA HELP	74,131
23 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,678,521
24 (04) OVERTIME	16,571
25 (05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	5,200
26 (06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,858,438
28 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	61,113
29 (C) PROF. FEES	328,500
30 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31 (E) DATA PROC.	0
32 (07) PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	6,148
33 (08) BOLL WEEVIL PROGRAM	<u>20,000</u>
34 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$17,249,577</u>

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 36 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - OPERATIONS. There

1 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable
 2 from the Livestock and Poultry Fund Account, for operating expenses of the
 3 Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission -
 4 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
8 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$77,131
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
11 (C) PROF. FEES	0
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$77,131</u></u>

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 16 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL DISEASE
 17 CONTROL AND ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 18 Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry
 19 Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, for personal services and operating
 20 expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry
 21 Commission - Animal Disease Control and Eradication Program for the fiscal
 22 year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
26 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$586,535
27 (02) EXTRA HELP	55,000
28 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	232,932
29 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	255,592
31 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
32 (C) PROF. FEES	0
33 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	20,000
34 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
35 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,150,059</u></u>

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SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EGG GRADING PROGRAM.
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Egg Grading Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,360,749
(02) EXTRA HELP	67,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	579,956
(04) OVERTIME	300,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	230,902
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,350
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	887,968
(07) EGG PROMOTION EXPENSE	<u>64,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,559,925</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY TESTING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Diagnostic Laboratory Testing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$120,889
(02) EXTRA HELP	14,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	42,142
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,708,077
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	0
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	310,000
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,220,608</u></u>

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8 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - BRAND REGISTRY.

9 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be
 10 payable from the Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for maintenance
 11 of the Brand Registry Book by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock
 12 and Poultry Commission - Brand Registry for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 13 2019, the following:

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15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
17	(01) BRAND REGISTRY	<u><u>\$6,000</u></u>

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19 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - INDEMNITIES -

20 REVOLVING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture
 21 Department, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment
 22 of authorized indemnities by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock
 23 and Poultry Commission - Indemnities - Revolving for the fiscal year ending
 24 June 30, 2019, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
28	(01) INDEMNITIES	<u><u>\$45,000</u></u>

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30 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - POULTRY INDEMNITIES

31 - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture
 32 Department, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-
 33 4-801 of the Arkansas Agriculture Department, for payment of poultry
 34 indemnities by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry
 35 Commission - Poultry Indemnities - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 36 2019, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) POULTRY INDEMNITIES	<u>\$10,000</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - SWINE TESTING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, for the purpose of funding the Pseudorabies Control and Eradication Program of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Swine Testing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) SWINE TESTING PROGRAM	<u>\$1,500</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - SHOW PREMIUMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for show premiums, refunds, and reimbursements of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Show Premiums for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) ARSHS RODEO ASSOCIATION	\$20,000
(02) COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	360,000
(03) DISTRICT JR LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	28,430
(04) DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	144,000
(05) FOUR STATES LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	24,000
(06) STATE LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	120,000
(07) REFUNDS/REIMBURSE 4H CLUBS	20,000
(08) REFUNDS/REIMBURSE FFA CLUBS	20,000
(09) REFUNDS/REIMBURSE MISS AR RODEO	<u>350</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$736,780</u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Equine Infectious Anemia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2018-2019
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$79,380
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	22,113
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	200,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) EDUCATIONAL GRANTS	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$431,493</u></u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL HEALTH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 209, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2018-2019
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$236,267
(02) EXTRA HELP	8,311
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	82,139
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,111
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,350

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$450,178</u></u>

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6 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS AND AID. There is hereby
7 appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the
8 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
9 personal services, operating expenses and assistance to eligible agricultural
10 producers by the Arkansas Agriculture Department for the fiscal year ending
11 June 30, 2019, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
15	(01) AQUACULTURE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	<u><u>\$2,225</u></u>

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17 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - ADMINISTRATION/PEST CONTROL.
18 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be
19 payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating
20 expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board -
21 Administration/Pest Control for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the
22 following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,324,476
27	(02) EXTRA HELP	250,000
28	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,175,403
29	(04) OVERTIME	50,000
30	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,331,613
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	83,613
33	(C) PROF. FEES	244,510
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	435,000
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	(06) PEST ERADICATION	<u><u>1,000,000</u></u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$7,894,615

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3 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PUBLIC GRAIN WAREHOUSE

4 INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas
 5 Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal
 6 services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department -
 7 State Plant Board - Public Grain Warehouse Inspection Program for the fiscal
 8 year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$149,772
13 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	54,264
14 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	67,935
16 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,613
17 (C) PROF. FEES	1,200
18 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$277,784</u>

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22 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE SURVEILLANCE.

23 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be
 24 payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating
 25 expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board -
 26 Pesticide Surveillance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the
 27 following:

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29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
31 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$152,916
32 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	54,979
33 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	52,066
35 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
36 (C) PROF. FEES	0

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$265,961</u></u>

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5 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - APIARY. There is hereby

6 appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the

7 Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the

8 Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Apiary for the fiscal

9 year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$107,845
14	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
15	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,676
16	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	51,085
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
19	(C) PROF. FEES	0
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$208,606</u></u>

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24 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PRODUCT MARKETING PROGRAM.

25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be

26 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

27 the State, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department -

28 State Plant Board - Product Marketing Program for the fiscal year ending June

29 30, 2019, the following:

31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
33	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$147,000
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
36	(C) PROF. FEES	150,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(02) PRODUCT MARKETING GRANTS & AID	200,000
4	(03) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>97,059</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$600,059</u></u>

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7 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - REFUNDS/TRANSFERS. There is

8 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable

9 from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Arkansas

10 Agriculture Department, for operating expenses, refunds and transfers to the

11 State Treasury by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board -

12 Refunds/Transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
16	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$500
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
19	(C) PROF. FEES	0
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	0
22	(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>6,765,100</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,765,600</u></u>

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25 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE/PLANT REGULATORY

26 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture

27 Department, to be payable from the Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide and Plant

28 Regulator Disposal Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Arkansas

29 Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Pesticide/Plant Regulatory

30 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
34	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,500,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u>

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6 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - U OF A AGRICULTURE

7 SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture

8 Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for grants for

9 internships and scholarships from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas

10 Agriculture Department - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June

11 30, 2019, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
15	(01) GRANT TO THE UNIV OF ARK-DIV. OF	
16	AGRICULTURE FOR INTERNSHIPS &	
17	SCHOLARSHIPS	<u><u>\$5,000</u></u>
18		

19 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - ASU AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS.

20 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be

21 payable from the Plant Board Fund, for grants for internships and

22 scholarships from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas Agriculture

23 Department - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the

24 following:

25		
26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
28	(01) GRANT TO THE ARK ST UNIV COLLEGE OF	
29	AGRICULTURE FOR INTERNSHIPS &	
30	SCHOLARSHIPS	<u><u>\$5,000</u></u>
31		

32 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - AR TECH AGRICULTURE

33 SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture

34 Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for grants for

35 internships and scholarships from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas

36 Agriculture Department - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June

1 30, 2019, the following:

2

3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
5 (01) GRANT TO THE ARK TECH UNIV	
6 AGRICULTURE DEPT FOR	
7 INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>\$5,000</u>

8

9 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - SAU AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS.

10 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be
 11 payable from the Plant Board Fund, for grants for internships and
 12 scholarships from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas Agriculture
 13 Department - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the
 14 following:

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16 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
18 (01) GRANT TO THE SAU AGRICULTURE DEPT FOR	
19 INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>\$5,000</u>

20

21 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 22 appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the
 23 State Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 24 Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Operations for
 25 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

26

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,044,469
30 (02) EXTRA HELP	255,855
31 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,883,633
32 (04) OVERTIME	52,400
33 (05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	55,000
34 (06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,292,020
36 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	325,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	743,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(07) FORESTRY GRANTS AND AID - FIREBOAT SCHOOL	15,000
5	(08) FEDERAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM	<u>138,512</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$10,904,889</u></u>

7

8 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION

9 - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture

10 Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief

11 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and

12 federal matching grants to purchase firefighting equipment by the Arkansas

13 Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Rural Community Fire

14 Protection - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$67,510
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	25,453
20	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	366,566
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
23	(C) PROF. FEES	30,000
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25	(E) DATA PROC.	0
26	(04) RURAL COMMUNITY MATCH GRANTS	<u>364,710</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$854,239</u></u>

28

29 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - URBAN FORESTRY SERVICES -

30 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture

31 Department, to be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal

32 services, operating expenses and urban forestry matching grants of the

33 Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Urban Forestry

34 Services - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
2	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$67,500
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
5	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(02) URBAN FORESTRY MATCHING GRANTS	<u>82,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$199,500</u></u>

10

11 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE
 12 LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department,
 13 to be payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to
 14 communities for fire protection by the Arkansas Agriculture Department -
 15 State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Service Loans for the
 16 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

17

18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
20	(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION LOANS	<u><u>\$1,200,000</u></u>

21

22 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - STATE FORESTRY TRUST PROGRAM.
 23 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be
 24 payable from the State Forestry Trust Fund, for management and operating
 25 expenses, fire control, communications, contracting for assistance, and other
 26 services of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission -
 27 State Forestry Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the
 28 following:

29

30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
32	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$200,000
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
35	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,000,000

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(02) FIRE CONTROL/COMMUNICATE	900,000
3	(03) MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS	<u>300,000</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,500,000</u></u>

5

6 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PREVENTION.

7 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be

8 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

9 the State, for grants by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry

10 Commission - Southern Pine Beetle Prevention for the fiscal year ending June

11 30, 2019, the following:

12		
13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
15	(01) SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE GRANTS AND AID	<u>150,000</u>
16	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

17

18 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - FOREST LEGACY. There is hereby

19 appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the

20 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

21 operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry

22 Commission - Forest Legacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the

23 following:

24		
25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
27	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,599
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
30	(C) PROF. FEES	0
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,599</u></u>

34

35 SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SILVICULTURAL NON-POINT PROGRAM.

36 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be

1 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 2 the State, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department -
 3 State Forestry Commission - Silvicultural Non-Point Program for the fiscal
 4 year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
8 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$3,200
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
11 (C) PROF. FEES	0
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,200</u></u>

15
 16 SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE CASH OPERATING FUND. There is
 17 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable
 18 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 19 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Arkansas
 20 Agriculture Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the
 21 following:

23 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
25 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$50,000
27 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
28 (C) PROF. FEES	0
29 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30 (E) DATA PROC.	0
31 (02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>10,000</u>
32 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$60,000</u></u>

33
 34 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXPENSE
 36 REIMBURSEMENT. Funds appropriated in Item (07), (08) and (09) of the

1 Livestock and Poultry - Show Premiums appropriation section shall be used to
2 pay expenses necessary for members of high school 4H clubs, high school FFA
3 clubs and Miss Arkansas Rodeo for expenses incurred while representing the
4 State of Arkansas at national conferences and events outside the State. The
5 State 4H Association and the State FFA Association shall receive funds
6 appropriated for expense reimbursement of student members but shall be
7 limited to \$20,000 each, or so much thereof that is available. Reimbursement
8 of expenses for Miss Arkansas Rodeo shall be limited to \$350 per year.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
10 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

11
12 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
14 TRANSFER. The Deputy Director of the Livestock and Poultry Commission, with
15 prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget
16 Committee, the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and for the
17 reimbursing of documented expenditures designated by law to be made from the
18 transferred special revenue, may transfer funds among the Livestock and
19 Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry
20 Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry Special
21 Revenue Fund, Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, and the
22 Poultry and Egg Grading Fund or from these funds to the Livestock and Poultry
23 Fund Account. The purpose of these transfers shall only be for accurate
24 allocation of incurred costs between the funds. Requests for fund transfer
25 will at least include the total amount to be transferred, to and from which
26 funds, the nature, purpose, and time period of the expenditures being
27 reimbursed, and any other information requested by the Legislative Council or
28 the Joint Budget Committee.

29 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
30 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
31 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
32 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
33 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
34 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
35 has determined that the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and
36 Poultry Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is

1 provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry
2 Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is
3 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight
4 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
5 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the
6 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this
7 section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
8 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
9 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017
11 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

12
13 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
15 PROVISION - PEST ERADICATION. If the State Plant Board determines that the
16 demands of pest eradication efforts require additional personnel expenses,
17 with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and approval by
18 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, appropriations may be
19 transferred from the Pest Eradication Program special line item to the line
20 items for Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Overtime, and Personal Services
21 Matching.

22 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
23 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
24 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
25 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
26 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
27 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
28 has determined that the State Plant Board may operate more efficiently if
29 some flexibility is provided to the State Plant Board authorizing broad
30 powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate
31 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of
32 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this
33 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
34 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement
35 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
36 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is

1 void.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
3 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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5 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA
7 HELP PROVISION. No employee of the Arkansas Forestry Commission who is
8 employed as "Extra Help" may receive an amount to exceed 3/4 of the maximum
9 annual salary for a comparable position as authorized by Arkansas Code 21-5-
10 201 et seq. during any fiscal year, nor may such employee be employed for a
11 period of time to exceed nine (9) months in any single fiscal year.
12 Provided, however, that no employee of the Arkansas Forestry Commission who
13 is employed as "Extra Help" may receive an amount to exceed seventy five
14 percent (75%) of the maximum annual salary for a comparable position as
15 authorized by Arkansas Code 21-5-201 et seq. during any fiscal year, nor
16 shall such employee be employed for a period of time to exceed fourteen
17 hundred (1400) hours in any single fiscal year.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
19 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

20
21 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
23 PROVISION. If the State Forestry Commission determines that temporary
24 firefighters, dispatchers, or pilots are required to meet the demands of a
25 wildfire season, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
26 appropriations may be transferred from either Extra Help or Professional Fees
27 and Services to the proper character code for the employment of such
28 personnel.

29 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the deployment of air
30 tankers for fighting wildfires requires additional Professional Fees and
31 Services, and upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
32 excess appropriation in Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching may be
33 transferred to Professional Fees and Services in the Operations and Forestry
34 - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

35 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the most effective way for
36 it to cooperate in the growing and distribution of forest planting stock is

1 by contracting work with private vendors and/or hiring temporary employees
2 for seasonal work, the Commission is hereby authorized, upon approval by the
3 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to transfer the necessary appropriation
4 authorized for Extra Help and Maintenance and General Operation in the
5 Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal
6 appropriation sections.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
8 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

9

10 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO
12 EXPENDITURE. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is authorized to charge fees
13 to federal agencies and other states to reimburse the Commission for
14 expenditures made on behalf of these governmental units. These fees shall be
15 deposited into the State Forestry Fund in the State Treasury as a refund to
16 expenditure.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
18 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

19

20 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REPORTING
22 REQUIREMENTS. The Arkansas Forestry Commission shall present the following
23 data each month to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Arkansas
24 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. This report shall be due by
25 the 10th day of the month following the reporting period. The first reporting
26 period shall be July 2012.

27 a) All fund transfers completed by the Arkansas Forestry Commission from
28 any funding source including federal funds, and shall include a justification
29 for the completion of the fund transfers.

30 b) All expenditures incurred by the Arkansas Forestry Commission from
31 any funding source including federal funds, and shall include a justification
32 for the expenditure of the funds.

33 c) All revenue receipts of the Arkansas Forestry Commission including
34 but not limited to federal funds, general revenue, severance tax, acreage
35 tax, timber sales and seedlings sales.

36 d) All Arkansas Forestry Commission activities including but not limited

1 to, firefighting activities, fire prevention, and emergency response as it
2 relates to the Commission's statutory mission provided in Arkansas Code 15-
3 31-101.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
5 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

6
7 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

9 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish
10 upon request for the Arkansas Agriculture Department a special Promotional
11 Items appropriation to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.
12 When the Arkansas Agriculture Department wishes to transfer from its
13 operating expenses to the promotional items line, the request shall be
14 forwarded by the Arkansas Agriculture Department to the Chief Fiscal Officer
15 of the State for processing and for prior approval by the Arkansas
16 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the maximum
17 number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general
18 revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the
19 General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums
20 in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue
21 allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the
22 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that
23 the Arkansas Agriculture Department may operate more efficiently if some
24 flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department authorizing
25 broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and
26 appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior
27 approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by
28 this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or
29 Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the
30 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
31 is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire
32 section is void.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
34 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

35
36 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED
2 SERVICES. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall be authorized to create
3 paying accounts, on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of the
4 State and Auditor of State for the payment of all personal services and
5 operating expenses of the Department, as well as grant programs as determined
6 by the Secretary of the Arkansas Agriculture Department. The Chief Fiscal
7 Officer of the state shall direct the transfer of positions, funds and
8 appropriations to the paying accounts on the books of the Treasurer of State,
9 the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for the
10 efficient operations of the Department.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
12 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

13
14 SECTION 45. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
15 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
16 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
17 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
18 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
19 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
20 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
22 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

23
24 SECTION 46. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
25 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
26 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
27 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
28 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
29 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
30 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
31 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

32
33 SECTION 47. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,
34 2018.