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SENATE BILL 77

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND GRANTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MONITORING AND EVALUATING PROGRAM EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROGRAM ACCOUNTS OF THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROGRAM FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - ARKANSAS TOBACCO SETTLEMENT COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - ARKANSAS TOBACCO SETTLEMENT COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
			Fiscal Year
			2020-2021
No.	Code	Title	Employees
(1)	X014C	TOBACCO SETTLEMENT COMM. DIRECTOR	1
(2)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			2



SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the Tobacco Settlement Commission Fund, for personal services and operating expenses necessary to monitor and evaluate the various program accounts established within the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, and to provide grants as authorized in Section 17 of Initiated Act 1 of 2000 for the Department of Health - Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$90,277
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	30,898
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	42,575
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
(C) PROF. FEES	250,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) TOBACCO SETTLEMENT GRANTS	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$416,750</u></u>

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

INDEPENDENT MONITORING AND EVALUATION. The Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission shall file a quarterly progress report to the Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees and shall hire an independent third party to perform monitoring and evaluation of program expenditures made from tobacco settlement funds. This independent third party shall have appropriate experience in health, preventive resources, health statistics and evaluation expertise. The third party retained to perform such services shall prepare a biennial report to be delivered to the General Assembly and the Governor by each August 1 preceding a regular session of the General Assembly. The report shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission as to the continued funding for each program.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~
2 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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4 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
6 RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be
7 transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as
8 provided by this act.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~
10 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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12 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFERS
14 OF APPROPRIATIONS. In the event the amount of any of the budget
15 classifications of maintenance and general operation in this act are found by
16 the administrative head of the agency to be inadequate, then the agency head
17 may request, upon forms provided for such purpose by the Chief Fiscal Officer
18 of the State, a modification of the amounts of the budget classification. In
19 that event, he shall set out on the forms the particular classifications for
20 which he is requesting an increase or decrease, the amounts thereof, and his
21 reasons therefor. In no event shall the total amount of the budget exceed
22 either the amount of the appropriation or the amount of the funds available,
23 nor shall any transfer be made from the capital outlay or data processing
24 subclassifications unless specific authority for such transfers is provided
25 by law, except for transfers from capital outlay to data processing when
26 determined by the Department of Information Systems that data processing
27 services for a state agency can be performed on a more cost-efficient basis
28 by the Department of Information Systems than through the purchase of data
29 processing equipment by that state agency. In considering the proposed
30 modification as prepared and submitted by each state agency, the Chief Fiscal
31 Officer of the State shall make such studies as he deems necessary. The Chief
32 Fiscal Officer of the State shall, after obtaining the approval of the
33 Legislative Council, approve the requested transfer if in his opinion it is
34 in the best interest of the state.

35 The General Assembly has determined that the agency in this act could be
36 operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency and

1 that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer
2 between certain items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General
3 Assembly has granted the agency broad powers under the transfer of
4 appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
5 Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring
6 prior approval of the Legislative Council in the utilization of the transfer
7 authority. Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council
8 is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by
9 the Legislative Council is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
10 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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12 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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

16 POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the
17 State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding
18 any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event
19 that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

20 (b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when
21 such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized
22 by the Governor.

23 (c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section
24 shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the
25 proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Tobacco Settlement Commission.

26 (d) Whenever applicable the information contained in (a) and (b) of this
27 Section shall be included in the employee handbook and/or Professional
28 Services Contract paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement.

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30 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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

34 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act
35 shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made
36 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions

1 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures
2 Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors,
3 and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and
4 regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as
5 authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said
6 funds.

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10 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
12 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds
13 disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act
14 shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was
15 adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests,
16 Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the
17 budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration,
18 letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas
19 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and
20 adoption.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2019
22 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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24 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
26 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2020 is essential to the operation of
28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
29 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
30 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2020 could work irreparable harm
31 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
32 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
33 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
34 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2020.