Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.

1	State of Arkans	sas As	Engrossed: \$3/.	15/21	
2	93rd General A	assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Sessio	n, 2021			SENATE BILL 97
4					
5	By: Joint Budg	get Committee			
6					
7		For	An Act To Be E	ntitled	
8		AN ACT TO MAKE AN	APPROPRIATION FO	R PERSONAL SE	RVICES
9		AND OPERATING EXP	ENSES FOR THE DEP	PARTMENT OF	
10		INSPECTOR GENERAL	FOR THE FISCAL Y	EAR ENDING JU	NE 30,
11		2022; AND FOR OTH	ER PURPOSES.		
12					
13			Subtitle		
14		AN ACT FOR T	HE DEPARTMENT OF	INSPECTOR	
15		GENERAL APPR	OPRIATION FOR THE	E 2021-2022	
16		FISCAL YEAR.			
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18					
19	BE IT ENACT	ED BY THE GENERAL	ASSEMBLY OF THE S	TATE OF ARKAN	SAS:
20					
21	SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby			is hereby	
22	established	for the Departmen	t of Inspector Ge	eneral for the	2021-2022 fiscal
23	year, the f	ollowing maximum n	umber of regular	employees.	
24					
25					Maximum Annual
26				Maximum	Salary Rate
27	Item Clas	s		No. of	Fiscal Year
28	No. Code	Title		Employees	2021-2022
29	(1) SC00	9 SECRETARY OF INS	PECTOR GENERAL	1	GRADE SE05
30	(2) U125	U INSPECTOR GENERA	L CHIEF COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE01
31	(3) D056	C SYSTEMS COORDINA	TION ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
32	(4) N199	N DIG DEPUTY ADMIN	ISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS14
33	(5) A115	C DIG CHIEF FINANC	IAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS12
34	(6) G249	C DIG PROGRAM ADMI	NISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS12
35	(7) G076	C ADMINISTRATIVE S	ERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10



(9) CO10C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	0	
	2	GRADE GS07
(10) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(11) A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
(12) G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(13) G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(14) PO27C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(15) CO46C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
(16) CO73C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u> </u>	GRADE GS03
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	17	
SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PA	YING ACC	OUNT. There is
hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector	General	, to be payable
from the paying account as determined by the Chief	Fiscal 0	fficer of the
State with transfers from the State Central Service	s Fund,	for personal
services and operating expenses of the Department o	of Inspec	tor General -
Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30,	2022, t	he following:
ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
NO.		2021-2022
(01) REGULAR SALARIES		\$1,182,108
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING		364,359
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE		194,511
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL		5,000
(C) PROF. FEES		40,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY		
		0
(E) DATA PROC.		0 0
(E) DATA PROC. TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED		
		0
	FICE OF	0 \$1,785,978
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED		0 \$1,785,978 MEDICAID INSPECTOR
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - OF	tment of	0 \$1,785,978 MEDICAID INSPECTOR Inspector General
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - OF GENERAL. There is hereby established for the Depar	tment of	0 \$1,785,978 MEDICAID INSPECTOR Inspector General
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - OF GENERAL. There is hereby established for the Depar - Office of Medicaid Inspector General for the 2021	tment of	0 \$1,785,978 MEDICAID INSPECTOR Inspector General
	(14) PO27C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST (15) CO46C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST (16) CO73C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PARTICLES PARTICLES appropriated, to the Department of Inspector from the paying account as determined by the Chief State with transfers from the State Central Services services and operating expenses of the Department of Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, ITEM NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION (A) OPER. EXPENSE (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	(14) PO27C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST (15) CO46C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST (16) CO73C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 17 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACC hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal O State with transfers from the State Central Services Fund, services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspec Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to ITEM NO. (01) REGULAR SALARIES (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION (A) OPER. EXPENSE (B) CONF. & TRAVEL

 ${\tt Maximum}$

Salary Rate

1	Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal Year
2	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2021-2022
3	(1)	U124U	MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL	1	GRADE SE03
4	(2)	L009C	NURSE MANAGER	1	GRADE MP03
5	(3)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE MP02
6	(4)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	3	GRADE MP01
7	(5)	G250C	DIG OPERATIONS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS11
8	(6)	M009C	LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE GS09
9	(7)	G251C	DIG PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
10	(8)	A113C	DIG SR. AUDITOR	10	GRADE GS08
11	(9)	A114C	DIG AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS06
12	(10)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
13	(11)	A101C	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
14		MAX.	NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25	

SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR

GENERAL. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Inspector General

Office of Medicaid Inspector General for the 2021-2022 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: two

(2) temporary or 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.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector General - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

32	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
33	NO.		2021-2022
34	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$521,809
35	(02)	EXTRA HELP	4,999
36	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	176 , 842

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE 112,962		
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL 900		
4	(C) PROF. FEES 2,800		
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY		
6	(E) DATA PROC0		
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED <u>\$820,312</u>		
8			
9	SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF MEDICAID		
10	INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of		
11	Inspector General, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the		
12	Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating		
13	expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Office of Medicaid		
14	Inspector General - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,		
15	2022, the following:		
16			
17	ITEM FISCAL YEAR		
18	NO. 2021-2022		
19	(01) REGULAR SALARIES \$966,700		
20	(02) EXTRA HELP 5,001		
21	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING 309,888		
22	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE 134,489		
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL 1,300		
25	(C) PROF. FEES 2,800		
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY		
27	(E) DATA PROC		
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$1,420,178		
29			
30	SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM - STATE - OFFICE OF		
31	MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department		
32	of Inspector General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund		
33	Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Enterprise Fraud		
34	Program of the Department of Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector		
35	General - Enterprise Fraud Program - State for the fiscal year ending June		
36	30, 2022, the following:		

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR		
3	NO.	2021-2022		
4	(01) ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM	\$900,000		
5				
6	SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM -	FEDERAL - OFFICE		
7	OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated	d, to the		
8	Department of Inspector General, to be payable from the federal	eral funds as		
9	designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for per	rsonal services		
10	and operating expenses of the Enterprise Fraud Program of th	ne Department of		
11	Inspector General - Office of Medicaid Inspector General - I	Enterprise Fraud		
12	Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022,	the following:		
13				
14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR		
15	NO.	2021-2022		
16	(01) ENTERPRISE FRAUD PROGRAM	\$3,600,000		
17				
18	SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS - OFFICE OF	F MEDICAID		
19	INSPECTOR GENERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of			
20	Inspector General, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State			
21	Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal			
22	services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector General -			
23	Office of Medicaid Inspector General - Cash Operations for the fiscal year			
24	ending June 30, 2022, the following:			
25				
26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR		
27	NO.	2021-2022		
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$136,226		
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	41,787		
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION			
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,645		
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,710		
33	(C) PROF. FEES	1,200		
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0		
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0		
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$201,568</u>		

1 2 SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION. 3 is hereby established for the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair 4 Housing Commission for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum 5 number of regular employees. 6 7 Maximum Annual 8 Maximum Salary Rate No. of 9 Item Class Fiscal Year 10 Code Title Employees 2021-2022 No. 11 N226N ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIR 1 (1) GRADE GS15 1 12 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 13 14 SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION. There is 15 hereby authorized, for the Department of Inspector General - Arkansas Fair 16 Housing Commission for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum 17 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", 18 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary 19 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those 20 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its 21 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification. 22 23 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING 24 COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector 25 General, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for 26 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Inspector 27 General - Arkansas Fair Housing Commission - Operations for the fiscal year 28 ending June 30, 2022, the following: 29 30 ITEM FISCAL YEAR 31 NO. 2021-2022 32 (01)REGULAR SALARIES \$139,073 33 40,000 (02) EXTRA HELP 34 PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING (03)42,646 35 MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION (04) 36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE 144,250

1		(B) CONF. & TRAVEL		58,000
2		(C) PROF. FEES		17,007
3		(D) CAP. OUTLAY		0
4		(E) DATA PROC.		0
5	(05)	PUBLIC EDUCATION		899
6		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED		\$441,875
7				
8		SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - EDUCATION -	TRUST - ARKANSA	AS FAIR HOUSING
9	COMMIS	SSION. There is hereby appropriated, to	the Department	of Inspector
10	Genera	al, to be payable from the Arkansas Fair	Housing Commiss	sion Trust Fund,
11	for op	perating expenses of the Department of In	nspector General	l - Arkansas Fair
12	Housin	ng Commission - Education - Trust for the	e fiscal year en	nding June 30,
13	2022,	the following:		
14				
15	ITEM			FISCAL YEAR
16	NO.			2021-2022
17	(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
18		(A) OPER. EXPENSE		\$115,000
19		(B) CONF. & TRAVEL		55,000
20		(C) PROF. FEES		0
21		(D) CAP. OUTLAY		0
22		(E) DATA PROC.		0
23		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED		\$170,000
24				
25		SECTION 14. REGULAR SALARIES - INTERNAL	AUDIT. There	is hereby
26	establ	ished for the Department of Inspector Ge	eneral - Interna	al Audit for the
27	2021-2	2022 fiscal year, the following maximum m	number of regula	ar employees.
28				
29			ľ	Maximum Annual
30			Maximum	Salary Rate
31	Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
32	No.	Code Title	Employees	2021-2022
33	(1)	N219N DFA ADMINISTRATOR—INTERNAL AUDIT	1	GRADE SE02
34	(2)	A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
35	(3)	A044C AUDIT COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS10
36	(4)	A081C AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS07

1 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 7 2 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - INTERNAL AUDIT - OPERATIONS. 3 4 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable 5 from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating 6 expenses of the Department of Inspector General - Internal Audit - Operations 7 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following: 8 9 ITEM FISCAL YEAR 10 NO. 2021-2022 11 (01) REGULAR SALARIES \$573,556 12 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING 169,546 MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION 13 (03) 14 (A) OPER. EXPENSE 51,542 15 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL 3,500 (C) PROF. FEES 20,000 16 17 (D) CAP. OUTLAY 0 0 18 (E) DATA PROC. 19 (04) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES 70,000 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED 20 \$888,144 21 22 SECTION 16. REGULAR SALARIES - INVESTIGATIONS. There is hereby 23 established for the Department of Inspector General - Investigations for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees. 24 25 26 Maximum Annual 27 Maximum Salary Rate 28 Item Class No. of Fiscal Year 29 No. Code Title Employees 2021-2022 30 (1) X112C AFHC CHIEF INVESTIGATOR 1 GRADE GS07 1 31 (2) X200C MEDICAID FRAUD INVESTIGATOR GRADE GS07 32 X150C AFHC INVESTIGATOR <u>5</u> GRADE GS06 (3) 33 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 7

35 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - INVESTIGATIONS - OPERATIONS. 36

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hereby appropriated, to the Department of Inspector General, to be payable

- 1 from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
- 2 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
- 3 Inspector General Investigations Operations for the fiscal year ending
- 4 June 30, 2022, the following:

6	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
7	NO.		2021-2022
8	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$296,813
9	(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	105,977
10	(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11		(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,812
12		(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
13		(C) PROF. FEES	0
14		(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
15		(E) DATA PROC.	0
16		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$405,602

- SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

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

 SERVICES.
 - (a)(1)(A) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Inspector General.
 - (B) Upon prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council, or if meeting in Legislative Session the Joint Budget Committee, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act and the transfer of positions to the Regular Salaries Shared Services appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.
 - (2) The transfer authority provided in subdivision (a)(1) of this section for efficiencies and to eliminate duplication of services are limited only to those services that are provided for multiple divisions of a department, including without limitation to administration, human resources, procurement, communications, fleet operations, and information services.

- 1 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in 2 subdivision (a)(1) of this section may be used to make transfers only within 3 the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts 4 authorized for the department.
 - (b)(1) Each department utilizing the Shared Services Paying Account section or Regular Salaries Shared Services section of this act shall submit a report to be included in the Budget Manuals for hearings, conducted by the General Assembly, listing all shared services transfers of positions, funds, and appropriation under this section, which shall be submitted as instructed by the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget for uniformity.
- 12 (2) A report submitted under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall include the following:
- (A) The position number, authorized position title, class code, grade, business area, and name of the division, section, or unit for the position being transferred to the Regular Salaries Shared Services section of this act; and
- 18 (B) The fund center, appropriation, appropriation amount,
 19 commitment item or items, business area, and name of the division, section,
 20 or unit for the fund or appropriation being transferred to the Shared
 21 Services Paying Account.
 - (c)(1) It is the intent of the Ninety-Second General Assembly that the authority under this section to transfer positions is intended for use for the time period prior to Fiscal Year 2022 2023 to allow cabinet-level departments to establish a centralized Regular Salaries Shared Services section, with the recommendation that the position transfer authority granted under this section be discontinued after that time.
 - (2) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall bring the recommendation in subdivision (c)(l) of this section to the attention of the chairs conducting the 2021 2022 Regular Fiscal Session pre-session budget hearings, the chairs of the Special Language Subcommittee, and the members of the Special Language Subcommittee during pre-session budget hearings.
 - (d) Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a cabinet-level department each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually accomplished by delineating the maximums in the appropriation act or acts and

- l establishing authorized positions and the general revenue allocations
- 2 authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue
- 3 Stabilization Law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the
- 4 cabinet-level departments created under Acts 2019, No. 910, may operate more
- 5 efficiently if some flexibility is provided as authorized under this section.
- 6 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
- 7 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or,
- 8 if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, as
- 9 provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative
- 10 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.
- 11 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
- 12 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,
- 13 this entire section is void.
- 14 (e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, 2021 2022.

- 17 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
- 18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
- 19 FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal
- 20 Officer of the State, the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission is hereby
- 21 authorized to transfer appropriation from Operating Expenses to Promotional
- 22 Items in the Education Trust Appropriation provided by this Act in an amount
- 23 not to exceed eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) each fiscal year to meet the
- 24 Commission's educational needs.
- 25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2020
- 26 <u>2021</u> through June 30, 2021 <u>2022</u>.

- 28 SECTION 20. 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.

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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 22. 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, 2021 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, 2021 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, 2021.

/s/Joint Budget Committee