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HOUSE BILL 1169

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 DEPARTMENT OF
10 AGRICULTURE - ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
11 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
16 - ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL
18 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 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the
26 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
32	(1) U043U	NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
33	(2) D040C	GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
34	(3) G052N	NATURAL RESOURCES DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
35	(4) B005C	AGRI WATER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS13
36	(5) B004C	AGRI WATER RESOURCES DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS13



1	(6)	B015C ENGINEER SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS12
2	(7)	B023C ENGINEER, P.E.	9	GRADE GS11
3	(8)	B035C GEOLOGY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
4	(9)	B041C STATE CLIMATOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS09
5	(10)	B055C ECOLOGIST COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
6	(11)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
7	(12)	B043C PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	2	GRADE GS08
8	(13)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
9	(14)	B065C ECOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS07
10	(15)	X054C ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
11	(16)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
12	(17)	B060C LAND RESOURCE SPECIALIST SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
13	(18)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
14	(19)	G145C RURAL CONST GRANT/FINANCIAL OFFICER	6	GRADE GS07
15	(20)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
16	(21)	B147C AGRI PROGRAM SPECIALIST	11	GRADE GS06
17	(22)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
18	(23)	A093C STATISTICIAN	1	GRADE GS06
19	(24)	X129C CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	1	GRADE GS05
20	(25)	B093C LAND RESOURCE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS05
21	(26)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>6</u>	GRADE GS04
22		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	65	

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24 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 25 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the 2023-2024
 26 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 27 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 28 herein for such purposes: eight (8) temporary or part-time employees, when
 29 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 30 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 31 appropriate classification.

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33 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 34 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 35 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 36 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources

1 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,237,928
6 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	434,619
7 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	193,182
9 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,165
10 (C) PROF. FEES	0
11 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12 (E) DATA PROC.	0
13 (04) CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXPENSE	941,872
14 (05) SURVEYS & INVESTIGATIONS	3,900
15 (06) WATER PLANNING	<u>130,981</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,952,647</u></u>

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18 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION - CASH. There
 19 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from
 20 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 21 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
 22 the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Cash
 23 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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25 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
27 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$895,653
28 (02) EXTRA HELP	30,800
29 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	336,316
30 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	377,298
32 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,000
33 (C) PROF. FEES	910,002
34 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	225,000
35 (E) DATA PROC.	0
36 (05) SOIL & WATER GRANTS & LOANS	<u>6,202,017</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$9,004,086

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3 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DAM INVENTORY. There is hereby
 4 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 5 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 6 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 7 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Dam Inventory for the fiscal year
 8 ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$62,531
13 (02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
14 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	22,320
15 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	49,216
17 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,000
18 (C) PROF. FEES	130,000
19 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,000
20 (E) DATA PROC.	0
21 (05) GRANTS & AID DAM - SAFETY PROJECTS	76,997
22 (06) HIGH HAZARD DAMS REHAB	<u>226,803</u>
23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$604,867</u>

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25 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is hereby
 26 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 27 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 28 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 29 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Flood Insurance Program for the
 30 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
34 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$148,373
35 (02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
36 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	56,207

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	268,504
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	32,571
4	(C) PROF. FEES	1,700,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(05) GRANTS & AID - FLOOD HAZARD	
8	MITIGATION GRANTS	<u>3,000,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,240,655</u></u>

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11 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - WATER QUALITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION. There is
 12 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 13 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 14 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources
 15 Commission - Water Quality Plan Implementation for the fiscal year ending
 16 June 30, 2024, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$316,876
21	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	101,647
22	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,089
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,000
25	(C) PROF. FEES	0
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
27	(E) DATA PROC.	0
28	(04) WATER QUALITY MATCH GRANTS	762,000
29	(05) WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN	<u>750,000</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,934,612</u></u>

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32 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND POLLUTION
 33 ABATEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 34 Agriculture, to be payable from the Water, Waste Disposal, Pollution
 35 Abatement, Administrative and Research Facilities Construction Fund, for
 36 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -

1 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution
 2 Abatement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$170,169
7 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	61,094
8 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,400
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
11 (C) PROF. FEES	0
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13 (E) DATA PROC.	0
14 (04) PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS	<u>90,000,000</u>
15 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$90,235,663</u>

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17 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM.

18 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 19 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 20 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 21 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Nonpoint Source
 22 Pollution Control Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the
 23 following:

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25 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
27 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$282,533
28 (02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
29 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	109,652
30 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	282,774
32 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
33 (C) PROF. FEES	706,630
34 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
35 (E) DATA PROC.	0
36 (05) NON POINT SOURCE POLLUTION GRANTS	5,642,276

1	(06) HYPOXIA NUTRIENT REDUCTION	200,000
2	(07) SMALL/ DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES	<u>637,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,985,865</u></u>

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5 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE REVOLVING LOAN FUND
 6 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
 7 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 8 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
 9 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Construction
 10 Assistance Revolving Loan Fund Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 11 2024, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$619,282
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	233,934
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	111,841
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	12,219
20	(C) PROF. FEES	13,500
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$990,776</u></u>

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25 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - BEAVER ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is
 26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 27 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants to the conservation districts
 28 for beaver control programs within the districts of the Department of
 29 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Beaver Eradication
 30 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
34	(01) GRANTS FOR BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAMS	<u>\$150,000</u>

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36 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS & ATTORNEY SERVICES. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 2 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department
 3 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Grants and Attorney
 4 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
8 (01) RIVER BASIN COMPACT	\$42,820
9 (02) LEGAL COUNSEL	5,871
10 (03) COMMITTEE/COMMISSION EXPENSES	10,000
11 (04) CONSERVATION PROJECTS	3,500
12 (05) ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT	17,800
13 (06) RED RIVER COMPACT	<u>11,720</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$91,711</u></u>

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 16 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAM GRANTS.

17 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 18 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants to conservation
 19 districts of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources
 20 Commission - Conservation District Program Grants for the fiscal year ending
 21 June 30, 2024, the following:

23 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
25 (01) GRANTS TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS	<u>\$250,000</u>

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 27 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - WATER RESEARCH. There is hereby
 28 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 29 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department
 30 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water Research for
 31 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
35 (01) WATER RESEARCH/CONTRACT	<u>\$42,800</u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES INSURANCE.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services matching of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation District Employees Insurance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) MEDICAL INSURANCE MATCHING	<u>\$528,000</u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE - REVOLVING.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund, for water, sewer, and solid waste grants of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste - Revolving for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS & AID	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE - STATE.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for water, sewer, and solid waste grants or loans that will be repaid to the Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste - Revolving appropriation of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS	<u>\$84,296</u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - WATER USE PROGRAM. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 2 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 3 reporting expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural
 4 Resources Commission - Water Use Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 5 2024, the following:

7	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
9	(01) WATER USE DATA REPORTING	<u>\$125,000</u>

11 SECTION 19. REGULAR SALARIES - CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

12 There is hereby established for the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas
 13 Natural Resources Commission - Conservation Technical Assistance for the
 14 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

			Maximum Annual
17		Maximum	Salary Rate
18	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
19	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
20	(1) X054C ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR	<u>3</u>	GRADE GS07
21	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

23 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. There
 24 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from
 25 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 26 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 27 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation Technical Assistance for
 28 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$146,126
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	54,883
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	120,246
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(04) RESOURCE GRANTS	<u>906,637</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,267,892</u></u>

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7 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM. There is hereby

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

9 Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses of the

10 Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Unpaved

11 Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
15	(01) UNPAVED ROADS GRANTS & AID OR	
16	OPERATING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$300,000</u></u>

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18 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL -

19 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to

20 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer

21 of the State, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to

22 eliminate feral swine by the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural

23 Resources Commission - Feral Swine Eradication and Control - Federal for the

24 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
28	(01) FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL	<u><u>\$3,000,000</u></u>

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30 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

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

32 TRANSFER PROVISION. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer

33 of the State shall authorize the transfer of obligated water, sewer, and

34 solid waste funds, as provided in the appropriation act for the Natural

35 Resources Commission in the appropriation entitled "Water, Sewer and Solid

36 Waste - State", from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, to the Water,

1 Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
3 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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5 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

7 CARRY FORWARD. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of
8 the State shall authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of
9 obligated grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for
10 Matching Grants in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan
11 Implementation".

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

14 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024 the Agency shall by written statement set
15 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
16 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

17 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
18 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
19 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
20 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
21 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward from the first
22 fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item, the
23 funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set
24 forth in (1) above;

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

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

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~

1 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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3 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

5 CARRY FORWARD. At the end of the fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of
6 the State shall authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of
7 obligated grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for
8 Water Quality Technicians in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan
9 Implementation".

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

12 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024 the Agency shall by written statement set
13 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
14 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

15 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
16 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
17 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
18 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
19 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward from the first
20 fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item, the
21 funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set
22 forth in (1) above;

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

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

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
35 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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

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

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 20 SECTION 28. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 21 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
 22 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
 24 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 25 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 26 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm
 27 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 28 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 29 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 30 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.