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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 24

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 TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES - BUILDING  
11 AUTHORITY DIVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE  
12 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES -  
17 BUILDING AUTHORITY DIVISION APPROPRIATION  
18 FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
25 established for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services -  
26 Building Authority Division for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following  
27 maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2023-2024
33	(1)	U052U TSS ABA DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
34	(2)	B003N TSS STATE ARCHITECT	1	GRADE GS14
35	(3)	B002N TSS STATE ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS14
36	(4)	U080U TSS ABA DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13



1	(5) B023C ENGINEER, P.E.	1	GRADE GS11
2	(6) G036C TSS DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
3	(7) R019C BUDGET MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
4	(8) B042C ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS09
5	(9) B021C LICENSED ARCHITECT	2	GRADE GS09
6	(10) S004C MAINTENANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
7	(11) X047C REAL ESTATE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
8	(12) B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
9	(13) S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
10	(14) S013C TSS BUILDING/PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
11	(15) A088C ASSETS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS05
12	(16) X129C CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	3	GRADE GS05
13	(17) B090C ENGINEER TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS05
14	(18) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
15	(19) X153C REAL ESTATE ANALYST	3	GRADE GS04
16	(20) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
17	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	27	

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19 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 20 appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be  
 21 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services  
 22 and operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and Shared  
 23 Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 24 2024, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,557,180
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	547,517
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	45,955
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,200
33	(C) PROF. FEES	0
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,156,852</u></u>

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - BUILDING MAINTENANCE. There is hereby established for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(1)	G036C	TSS DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(2)	B042C	ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS09
(3)	S107C	TSS BUILDING OPERATIONS ASST MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(4)	S004C	MAINTENANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
(5)	S106C	LICENSED TRADESMAN	3	GRADE GS07
(6)	S017C	MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	6	GRADE GS07
(7)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(8)	S022C	SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS06
(9)	S013C	TSS BUILDING/PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
(10)	V014C	BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
(11)	S031C	SKILLED TRADESMAN	4	GRADE GS05
(12)	S037C	TSS BUILDING MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS05
(13)	S046C	MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
(14)	S065C	MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	34	

SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - BUILDING MAINTENANCE. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the 2023-2024 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: nine (9) 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 - BUILDING MAINTENANCE. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be  
 2 payable from the Building Authority Division Maintenance Fund, for personal  
 3 services and operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and  
 4 Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June  
 5 30, 2024, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,527,123
10 (02) EXTRA HELP	15,000
11 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	600,198
12 (04) OVERTIME	40,000
13 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	13,659,015
15 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
16 (C) PROF. FEES	50,000
17 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18 (E) DATA PROC.	0
19 (06) DEBT SERVICE	5,002,186
20 (07) FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONTINGENCY	125,000
21 (08) RENT OF SPACE	<u>121,000</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$21,154,522</u></u>

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 24 SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - JUSTICE BUILDING OPERATIONS. There is  
 25 hereby established for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services -  
 26 Building Authority Division for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following  
 27 maximum number of regular employees.

30	Maximum	Maximum Annual
31 Item Class	No. of	Salary Rate
32 <u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
		<u>2023-2024</u>
33 (1) S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
34 (2) S037C TSS BUILDING MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS05
35 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

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SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - JUSTICE BUILDING OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the Building Authority Division Maintenance Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$83,257
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	33,159
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	569,453
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$700,869</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - JUSTICE BUILDING MAINTENANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the Justice Building Fund, for maintenance of the Justice Building by the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u><u>\$404,293</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CRITICAL MAINTENANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the Building Authority Division Maintenance Fund, for critical maintenance of various state buildings by the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) CRITICAL MAINTENANCE	<u>\$6,500,000</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - ACQUISITION AND MAINTENANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the Building Authority Division Real Estate Fund, for the acquisition and maintenance of facilities and land by the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$300,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	1,506,650
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) CONSTRUCTION/ACQUISITION/MAINTENANCE	<u>2,500,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,306,650</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - JUSTICE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) CONSTRUCTION	<u>\$8,000,000</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - SUSTAINABLE BUILDING DESIGN PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan

1 Fund, for transfers or loans to state agencies, boards or commissions for  
 2 construction, renovation, maintenance and operating expenses for the  
 3 Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority  
 4 Division - Sustainable Building Design Program for the fiscal year ending  
 5 June 30, 2024, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
9 (01) LOANS	<u>\$10,739,371</u>

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 11 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 12 Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the cash  
 13 fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal  
 14 Officer of the State, for building improvements by the Department of  
 15 Transformation and Shared Services - Building Authority Division for the  
 16 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
20 (01) BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	<u>\$2,865,890</u>

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 22 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
 24 OF FUNDS - JUSTICE BUILDING OPERATIONS ACTUAL EXPENDITURES. Building  
 25 Authority Division may from time to time as may be necessary and in such  
 26 amounts as may be necessary and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer  
 27 of the State, request a transfer of funds from the State Central Services  
 28 Fund to the Arkansas Building Authority Maintenance Fund for operation of the  
 29 Justice Building for actual expenditures, in an amount not to exceed the  
 30 dollar amount appropriated in the Justice Building Operation Section. Upon  
 31 his or her approval, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall then  
 32 initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect the transfer upon the  
 33 fiscal records of the State Auditor, the State Treasurer, the Chief Fiscal  
 34 Officer of the State and Building Authority Division.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
 36 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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2 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
4 OF FUNDS. Building Authority Division is hereby authorized, after seeking  
5 the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Arkansas  
6 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee to request transfer from the  
7 appropriation made in the Building Maintenance Section for Building  
8 Maintenance to the Acquisition and Maintenance appropriation in the  
9 Acquisition and Maintenance Section and to receive from another state agency  
10 that seeks like approvals its authority, appropriation and the transfer of  
11 funds to be deposited into the Building Authority Division Real Estate Fund  
12 to become part of the Acquisition and Maintenance appropriation, and to be  
13 used for any purposes as set forth by law for said Real Estate Fund.

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

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
31 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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33 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BUILDING  
35 AUTHORITY DIVISION CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY. Building  
36 Authority Division may transfer appropriation and funds as needed from the



1 Facilities Management Contingency Appropriation in the Building Maintenance  
2 Section of this Act to any appropriation authorized for Building Authority  
3 Division.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
5 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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7 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
9 TO FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY. (a) In order to  
10 provide a more cost effective method to address the emerging infrastructure  
11 needs of Arkansas State Government, appropriations and funds transferred to  
12 the Facilities Management Contingency Appropriation are to be used in the  
13 event that the Building Authority Division executes one or more building  
14 contracts or maintenance agreements with State Agencies, and the  
15 appropriations or funds otherwise provided for the Building Authority  
16 Division are not sufficient to address those needs, and it is more cost  
17 effective for Building Authority Division to execute these services. Any  
18 State Agency may transfer or deposit funds and appropriations to Building  
19 Authority Division - Facilities Management Contingency Appropriation  
20 authorized in the Building Maintenance Section of this Act to execute one or  
21 more building contracts or maintenance agreements with said State Agencies.  
22 Building Authority Division shall provide justification to the Chief Fiscal  
23 Officer of the State for the need of such appropriations and funds transfers  
24 and seek and receive approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.  
25 Building Authority Division shall then seek and receive the approval of the  
26 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. The requirement of  
27 approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not  
28 a severable part of the section. If the requirement of approval by the  
29 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled  
30 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is  
31 void.

32 (b) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make the necessary  
33 adjustments on his or her books and the books of the Auditor of the State for  
34 the transfer or deposit of the funds and appropriations from each State  
35 Agency to the appropriation authorized in the Building Maintenance Section of  
36 this Act and to the various Building Authority Division accounts to be used

1 exclusively by Building Authority Division for the fiscal year.

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

7 SUSTAINABLE BUILDING DESIGN PROGRAM - TRANSFER. In the event there is not  
8 sufficient appropriation and/or funding provided for by the General Assembly  
9 for any state agency, board or commission to participate in the Sustainable  
10 Building Design Program for renovations of state owned property which exceeds  
11 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), the agency may request a  
12 transfer from the Sustainable Building Design Program appropriation  
13 authorized in the Sustainable Building Design Program Section of this Act  
14 from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The request shall clearly state  
15 the amount required and such other information as may be required by the  
16 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State necessary to make a decision regarding the  
17 request. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior  
18 review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the  
19 State Auditor shall be notified as of the amount and the purposes for which  
20 the appropriation and/or funding is to be transferred and shall be  
21 established upon the books of the Department of Finance and Administration  
22 and the State Auditor. If desired, the appropriation may be supplemental to  
23 those regularly appropriated for like purposes by the General Assembly for  
24 that agency.

25 Provided further, that all state agencies, boards or commissions shall  
26 have prior approval by the Building Authority Division as authorized for the  
27 Sustainable Building Design Program in accordance with established Rules and  
28 Regulations.

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

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32 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

34 SUSTAINABLE BUILDING DESIGN PROGRAM - REVOLVING LOAN FUND. The Sustainable  
35 Building Design Program Appropriation is intended to provide additional  
36 appropriation authority for the Sustainable Building Design Program. Funding

1 for the program may be made available by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
2 State, in the form of a loan, from a transfer from the Sustainable Building  
3 Design Revolving Loan Fund after the required review by the Arkansas  
4 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, approval by the Chief Fiscal  
5 Officer of the State and approval through rules and regulations established  
6 and administered by Building Authority Division. Moneys made available for  
7 the repayment of a loan shall be deposited to the credit of the Sustainable  
8 Building Design Revolving Loan Fund as a "Refund to Expenditure" for the year  
9 in which the deposit is made. In the event that the funds for the repayment  
10 of a loan are held in depositories other than the State Treasury, the  
11 administrative head of the affected state agency shall issue a check drawn  
12 against the funds, which shall be deposited in the Sustainable Building  
13 Design Revolving Loan Fund.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
15 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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17 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING  
19 TRANSFER - DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT FUNDS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of  
20 the State may transfer from time to time on his or her books and those of the  
21 State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State funding which is made available  
22 from Development and Enhancement Funds allocated and distributed to Building  
23 Authority Division in an amount not to exceed three million dollars  
24 (\$3,000,000) from the Development and Enhancement Fund or its successor fund  
25 or fund accounts to the Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan Fund to  
26 provide funds for the appropriation provided herein or for appropriation  
27 authority as may be provided by law to provide loans to agencies for the  
28 Sustainable Building Design Program.

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

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32 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING  
34 TRANSFER - FEDERAL FUNDS. From time to time, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
35 State may transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and  
36 the Auditor of the State the sum not to exceed twelve million dollars

1 (\$12,000,000) from Federal Funds as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
2 the State to the Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan Fund to provide  
3 funds for the appropriations herein.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
5 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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7 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING  
9 TRANSFER - CASH FUND ACCOUNT. Building Authority Division is authorized to  
10 transfer any unspent funds remaining in any cash fund account established for  
11 the management of a state owned facility managed by, but not owned by,  
12 Building Authority Division to the Building Authority Maintenance Fund to  
13 support the facility’s Maintenance and Operations appropriations.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
15 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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

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

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36 SECTION 25. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

1 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
2 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
3 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of  
4 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
5 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
6 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm  
7 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
8 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
9 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
10 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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