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2 94th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 296

5 By: Senator Hickey
6 By: Representative Wardlaw
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES - STATEWIDE SHARED
12 SERVICES - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION FOR THE FISCAL
13 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES -
18 STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE
19 BENEFITS DIVISION APPROPRIATION FOR THE
20 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE
27 BENEFITS DIVISION. There is hereby established for the Department of
28 Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee
29 Benefits Division for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number
30 of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
36	(1)	N036N TSS EBD DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02



1	(2)	L038C REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE MP01
2	(3)	D027C SOFTWARE ENGINEER	1	GRADE IT06
3	(4)	R003C TSS ASST EBD ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS15
4	(5)	R052C TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS11
5	(6)	R053C TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS09
6	(7)	X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
7	(8)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
8	(9)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASST TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
9	(10)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
10	(11)	R018C TSS EBD PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS07
11	(12)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
12	(13)	R022C BENEFITS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
13	(14)	R034C TSS EBD BENEFITS SPECIALIST	9	GRADE GS06
14	(15)	A019C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
15	(16)	R033C BENEFITS ANALYST	<u>14</u>	GRADE GS05
16		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	48	

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18 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 19 of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee
 20 Benefits Division for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 21 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 22 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: three (3) temporary or
 23 part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 24 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 25 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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27 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE
 28 BENEFITS DIVISION OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 29 Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the
 30 State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 31 the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared
 32 Services - Employee Benefits Division - Operations for the fiscal year ending
 33 June 30, 2024, the following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,451,862
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	514,474
3	(03) OVERTIME	5,000
4	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,130,172
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
7	(C) PROF. FEES	54,089
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,159,597</u></u>

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12 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - COMMISSION STIPEND AND MILEAGE PAYMENTS.

13 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared
 14 Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee Benefits Division, to be
 15 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for payment of stipends and
 16 mileage to commission members for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the
 17 following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
21	(01) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT	
22	ADVISORY COMMISSION MILEAGE & STIPEND	
23	PAYMENTS	\$50,000
24	(02) STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT	
25	ADVISORY COMMISSION MILEAGE & STIPEND	
26	PAYMENTS	<u>50,000</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

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29 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE

30 BENEFITS DIVISION - MISCELLANEOUS CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 31 Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the cash
 32 fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 33 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 34 Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services
 35 - Employee Benefits Division - Miscellaneous Cash for the fiscal year ending
 36 June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,125,830
(02) EXTRA HELP	100,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	445,926
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	953,222
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	71,800
(C) PROF. FEES	24,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>717,700</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,438,478</u></u>

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

SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General 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 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

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

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