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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 83

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL  
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby  
established for the Department of Agriculture for the 2023-2024 fiscal year,  
the following maximum number of regular employees.

			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	No. of	2023-2024
		Employees	
(1)	SC001 SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	U072U DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE02
(3)	U057U AGRI LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	L104C AGRI LABORATORY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP04
(5)	D022N IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(6)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
(7)	D054C COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05



1	(8)	D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
2	(9)	D061C INFORMATION SYS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE IT05
3	(10)	D057C INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT05
4	(11)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
5	(12)	D056C SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
6	(13)	A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
7	(14)	B006C AGRI CONSERVATION DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS13
8	(15)	A010N AGRICULTURE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
9	(16)	N001C DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
10	(17)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS13
11	(18)	B002C AGRI DIRECTOR OF MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
12	(19)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
13	(20)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
14	(21)	B010C AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
15	(22)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS11
16	(23)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
17	(24)	T110C AGRI LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEF	1	GRADE GS10
18	(25)	B144C FARM SCHOOL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
19	(26)	A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
20	(27)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	4	GRADE GS09
21	(28)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
22	(29)	T121C AGRI LAW ENFORCEMENT ASST CHIEF	1	GRADE GS08
23	(30)	B049C AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
24	(31)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
25	(32)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
26	(33)	X109C AGRI INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS07
27	(34)	B072C AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
28	(35)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS07
29	(36)	A073C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
30	(37)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
31	(38)	P049C GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE GS06
32	(39)	G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
33	(40)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
34	(41)	V014C BUYER	3	GRADE GS05
35	(42)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
36	(43)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04

(44) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS04
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	63	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services 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: three (3) 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 3. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,016,734
(02) EXTRA HELP	21,900
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,359,181
(04) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	140,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,962,067
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,500
(C) PROF. FEES	904,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,697,882</u></u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Agriculture 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	(1)	U048U LIVESTOCK & POULTRY DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE	SE01
2	(2)	U044U PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE	SE01
3	(3)	U003U STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE	SE01
4	(4)	B004N STATE VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE	MP05
5	(5)	L106C VETERINARY SPECIALIST	5	GRADE	MP04
6	(6)	B001C DEPUTY STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE	GS13
7	(7)	N058N LIVESTOCK & POULTRY DIV DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE	GS13
8	(8)	G036N PLANT INDUSTRY DIV DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE	GS12
9	(9)	B010C AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	6	GRADE	GS11
10	(10)	B014C ASST STATE FORESTER	2	GRADE	GS11
11	(11)	B149C SR LABORATORY SCIENTIST	1	GRADE	GS11
12	(12)	B022C DISTRICT FORESTER	8	GRADE	GS10
13	(13)	E013C EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE	GS10
14	(14)	X217C NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN COORD	1	GRADE	GS10
15	(15)	B136C AGRI LAB QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE	GS09
16	(16)	S005C AVIATION MANAGER	1	GRADE	GS09
17	(17)	B037C CHEMIST SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE	GS09
18	(18)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE	GS09
19	(19)	B034C MICROBIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE	GS09
20	(20)	B038C STATE FOREST MANAGER	1	GRADE	GS09
21	(21)	B049C AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	21	GRADE	GS08
22	(22)	X148C AIRCRAFT PILOT	3	GRADE	GS08
23	(23)	B067C ARCHAEOLOGIST	3	GRADE	GS08
24	(24)	B127C SENIOR MICROBIOLOGIST	1	GRADE	GS08
25	(25)	B058C STAFF FORESTER	5	GRADE	GS08
26	(26)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE	GS07
27	(27)	C015C AGRI ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE	GS07
28	(28)	X058C AGRI COMMODITY AREA SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE	GS07
29	(29)	X111C AGRI INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE	GS07
30	(30)	B072C AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR	9	GRADE	GS07
31	(31)	B081C CHEMIST	16	GRADE	GS07

1	(32)	B080C FORESTER	38	GRADE GS07
2	(33)	B077C MICROBIOLOGIST	12	GRADE GS07
3	(34)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	4	GRADE GS06
4	(35)	X146C AGRI INSPECTOR III	34	GRADE GS06
5	(36)	B147C AGRI PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
6	(37)	D076C COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
7	(38)	B088C COUNTY FOREST RANGER	61	GRADE GS06
8	(39)	B078C METROLOGIST	2	GRADE GS06
9	(40)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
10	(41)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
11	(42)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS06
12	(43)	X157C AGRI INSPECTOR II	99	GRADE GS05
13	(44)	X097C AGRI SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
14	(45)	S036C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
15	(46)	V014C BUYER	2	GRADE GS05
16	(47)	B098C FOREST RANGER II	110	GRADE GS05
17	(48)	C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	10	GRADE GS05
18	(49)	D081C TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS05
19	(50)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	8	GRADE GS04
20	(51)	X165C AGRI INSPECTOR I	2	GRADE GS04
21	(52)	B096C AGRI SEED ANALYST	5	GRADE GS04
22	(53)	S053C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC	4	GRADE GS04
23	(54)	S040C CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
24	(55)	B101C NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE GS04
25	(56)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	11	GRADE GS03
26	(57)	S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	<u>3</u>	GRADE GS02
27		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	539	

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29 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department  
 30 of Agriculture for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of  
 31 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from  
 32 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred seventy-three (173)  
 33 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed  
 34 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 35 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Department of Agriculture Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,924,559
(02) EXTRA HELP	74,131
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,814,343
(04) OVERTIME	21,571
(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	3,200
(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,716,272
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,613
(C) PROF. FEES	33,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(07) PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	6,148
(08) BOLL WEEVIL PROGRAM	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,632,337</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL AND ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Disease Control and Eradication Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$554,459
(02) EXTRA HELP	55,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	233,211

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	213,846
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,000
6	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,176,516</u>

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## 9 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EGG GRADING PROGRAM.

10 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
 11 from the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund, for personal services and operating  
 12 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission  
 13 - Egg Grading Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the  
 14 following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,547,261
19	(02) EXTRA HELP	67,500
20	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	719,486
21	(04) OVERTIME	300,000
22	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	252,971
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,350
25	(C) PROF. FEES	0
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
27	(E) DATA PROC.	0
28	(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	1,462,968
29	(07) EGG PROMOTION EXPENSE	<u>64,500</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,533,036</u>

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32 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - AGRI LABORATORY TESTING. There is hereby  
 33 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the  
 34 Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for personal services and  
 35 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Agri Laboratory Testing  
 36 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$265,550
(02) EXTRA HELP	34,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	110,847
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,625,245
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	310,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) NAHLN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT	<u>71,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,442,642</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Equine Infectious Anemia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$76,551
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,560
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	233,046
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$439,157</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL HEALTH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable



from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$388,822
(02) EXTRA HELP	8,311
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	160,938
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,111
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,350
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$681,532</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - ADMINISTRATION/PEST CONTROL.  
There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Administration/Pest Control for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,850,252
(02) EXTRA HELP	700,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,600,045
(04) OVERTIME	200,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,102,968
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	103,613
(C) PROF. FEES	594,510
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	885,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0

1	(06) PROJECT PLANNING, EDUCATION, AND	
2	OUTREACH GRANTS AND AID	394,140
3	(07) PEST ERADICATION	1,000,000
4	(08) LICENSING & ENFORCEMENT	<u>55,346</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,485,874</u>

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7 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PUBLIC GRAIN WAREHOUSE

8 INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
 9 Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services  
 10 and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board -  
 11 Public Grain Warehouse Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 12 2024, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$186,439
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	72,969
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,614
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,613
21	(C) PROF. FEES	1,200
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$325,835</u>

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26 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE SURVEILLANCE.

27 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
 28 from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of  
 29 the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Pesticide Surveillance  
 30 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) REGULAR SALARIES	\$179,329
35	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	71,243
36	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	40,783
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	0
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$297,355</u></u>

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8 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - APIARY. There is hereby  
 9 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant  
 10 Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 11 Agriculture - State Plant Board - Apiary for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 12 2024, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$112,555
17	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
18	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	42,071
19	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	42,170
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
22	(C) PROF. FEES	0
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$206,796</u></u>

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27 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - AGRI PRODUCT MARKETING PROGRAM. There is  
 28 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the  
 29 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 30 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -  
 31 Agri Product Marketing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the  
 32 following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$242,308

1	(02)	EXTRA HELP	50,000
2	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	94,159
3	(04)	OVERTIME	13,000
4	(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	187,210
6	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	93,210
7	(C)	PROF. FEES	50,000
8	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E)	DATA PROC.	0
10	(06)	PRODUCT MARKETING GRANTS & AID	739,059
11	(07)	PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>5,000</u>
12		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,473,946</u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - REFUNDS/TRANSFERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses, refunds, and transfers to the State Treasury by the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Refunds/Transfers 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	\$500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>4,515,100</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,515,600</u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE/PLANT REGULATORY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide and Plant Regulator Disposal Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Pesticide/Plant Regulatory Program for the fiscal year

ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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

*SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri Scholarship Program Fund for grants for internships and scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Agri Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:*

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>\$970,000</u>

*SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:*

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,144,968
(02) EXTRA HELP	255,855
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,911,073
(04) OVERTIME	52,400
(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	0
(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,510,744
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	280,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,663,000
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(07) FORESTRY GRANTS AND AID	269,981
7	(08) DISTRICT OFFICE REPLACEMENT	600,000
8	(09) FOREST ACTION PLAN	70,000
9	(10) FEDERAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM	138,512
10	(11) FORESTRY LEGACY PROGRAM	<u>3,190,000</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$19,186,533</u>

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13 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION  
 14 - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture,  
 15 to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal  
 16 Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and federal  
 17 matching grants to purchase firefighting equipment by the Department of  
 18 Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Community Fire Protection -  
 19 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
23	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$98,376
24	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	37,736
25	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	364,816
27	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
28	(C) PROF. FEES	30,000
29	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	185,000
30	(E) DATA PROC.	0
31	(04) RURAL COMMUNITY MATCH GRANTS	<u>602,563</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,318,491</u>

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34 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - URBAN FORESTRY SERVICES -  
 35 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to  
 36 be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services, operating

expenses and urban forestry matching grants of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Urban Forestry Services - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$67,500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) URBAN FORESTRY MATCHING GRANTS AND AID	<u>82,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$199,500</u></u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to communities for fire protection by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Service Loans for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION LOANS	<u><u>\$1,200,000</u></u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - STATE FORESTRY TRUST PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Forestry Trust Fund, for management and operating expenses, fire control, communications, contracting for assistance, and other services of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - State Forestry Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$200,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
3	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,250,000
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(02) FIRE CONTROL/COMMUNICATE	900,000
7	(03) MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS	<u>300,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,750,000</u></u>

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## SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PREVENTION.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Southern Pine Beetle Prevention for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE GRANTS AND AID	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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## SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - FOREST LEGACY. There is hereby

appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Forest Legacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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

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(01) MAINT. &amp; GEN. OPERATION

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(A) OPER. EXPENSE \$6,599

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(B) CONF. &amp; TRAVEL 1,800

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(C) PROF. FEES 5,000

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(D) CAP. OUTLAY 0

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(E) DATA PROC. 0

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(02) GRANTS & AID FOR LAND ACQUISITION 137,500



TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$150,899

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SILVICULTURAL NON-POINT PROGRAM.  
There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Silvicultural Non-Point Program 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	\$36,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$40,000</u>

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE CASH OPERATING FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants of the Department of Agriculture 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	\$40,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	2,000
(03) BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED GRANTS & PROJECTS	<u>1,000,000</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$1,042,000

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3 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM. There is  
4 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the  
5 Arkansas Industrial Hemp Program Fund, for personal services and operating  
6 expenses to administer the Industrial Hemp Research Program of the Department  
7 of Agriculture - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,  
8 the following:

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10 ITEM FISCAL YEAR  
11 NO. 2023-2024  
12 (01) INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM \$300,000  
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14 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - FORESTERS REGISTRATION BOARD.  
15 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
16 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
17 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of  
18 the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas State Board of Registration for  
19 Foresters for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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21 ITEM FISCAL YEAR  
22 NO. 2023-2024  
23 (01) EXTRA HELP \$37,000  
24 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING 2,839  
25 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION  
26 (A) OPER. EXPENSE 6,329  
27 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL 0  
28 (C) PROF. FEES 0  
29 (D) CAP. OUTLAY 0  
30 (E) DATA PROC. 0  
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$46,168  
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33 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING  
34 BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be  
35 payable from the Veterinary Examiners Board Fund, for personal services  
36 operating expenses, and for grants for internships and scholarships of the

Department of Agriculture - Veterinary Medical Examining Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$60,331
(02) EXTRA HELP	21,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	22,150
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,996
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	281
(C) PROF. FEES	16,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$165,758</u></u>

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - SOIL CLASSIFIERS REGISTRATION BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Soil Classifiers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,296
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,296</u></u>

SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM	<u>\$70,000</u>

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Meat Inspection Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) STATE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM	<u>\$750,000</u>

SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM - GENERAL REVENUE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$368,792
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	144,946
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	340,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$853,738</u>

SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - FERAL HOG ERADICATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Feral Hog Eradication Fund, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to eliminate feral hogs by the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) FERAL HOG ERADICATION	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - AGRI FAIR FUNDING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri Fair Fund, for personal services, fair funding and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) COUNTY FAIRS	\$580,272
(02) FOUR STATES FAIR	30,000
(03) ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA FAIR	30,000
(04) ARKANSAS STATE FAIR	84,000
(05) PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES	105,000
(06) GRANTS FOR FAIR EXPENSES	<u>523,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,352,272</u>

SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund, for scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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

(01) SCHOLARSHIPS \$30,000

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

FAIR FUND TRANSFER. On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as is practical, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer the amount needed for distribution by the Department of Agriculture to fund fairs from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Agri Fair Fund.

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

SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

SHARED SERVICES.

(a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of the State and Auditor of State for the payment of all personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture.

(2) 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 on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriations acts authorized for the department.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

FUND TRANSFER. The Deputy Director of the Livestock and Poultry Commission, with prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and for the reimbursing of documented expenditures designated by law to be made from the transferred special revenue, may transfer funds among the Livestock and

1 Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry  
2 Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry Special  
3 Revenue Fund, Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, and the  
4 Poultry and Egg Grading Fund or from these funds to the Livestock and Poultry  
5 Fund Account. The purpose of these transfers shall only be for accurate  
6 allocation of incurred costs between the funds. Requests for fund transfer  
7 will at least include the total amount to be transferred, to and from which  
8 funds, the nature, purpose, and time period of the expenditures being  
9 reimbursed, and any other information requested by the Legislative Council or  
10 the Joint Budget Committee.

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

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

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31 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

33 TRANSFER PROVISION - PEST ERADICATION. If the State Plant Board determines  
34 that the demands of pest eradication efforts require additional personnel  
35 expenses, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and  
36 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, appropriations

1 may be transferred from the Pest Eradication Program special line item to the  
2 line items for Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Overtime, and Personal Services  
3 Matching.

4 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
5 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
6 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
7 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
8 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
9 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
10 has determined that the State Plant Board may operate more efficiently if  
11 some flexibility is provided to the State Plant Board authorizing broad  
12 powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate  
13 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of  
14 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this  
15 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint  
16 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement  
17 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled  
18 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is  
19 void.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
21 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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23 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

25 TRANSFER PROVISION. If the State Forestry Commission determines that  
26 temporary firefighters, dispatchers, or pilots are required to meet the  
27 demands of a wildfire season, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer  
28 of the State, appropriations may be transferred from either Extra Help or  
29 Professional Fees and Services to the proper character code for the  
30 employment of such personnel.

31 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the deployment of air  
32 tankers for fighting wildfires requires additional Professional Fees and  
33 Services, and upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
34 excess appropriation in Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching may be  
35 transferred to Professional Fees and Services in the Operations and Forestry  
36 - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.



1 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the most effective way for  
2 it to cooperate in the growing and distribution of forest planting stock is  
3 by contracting work with private vendors and/or hiring temporary employees  
4 for seasonal work, the Commission is hereby authorized, upon approval by the  
5 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to transfer the necessary appropriation  
6 authorized for Extra Help and Maintenance and General Operation in the  
7 Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal  
8 appropriation sections.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
10 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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12 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

14 REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is authorized to  
15 charge fees to federal agencies and other states to reimburse the Commission  
16 for expenditures made on behalf of these governmental units. These fees  
17 shall be deposited into the State Forestry Fund in the State Treasury as a  
18 refund to expenditure.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
20 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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22 SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

24 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish  
25 upon request for the Arkansas Agriculture Department a special Promotional  
26 Items appropriation to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.  
27 When the Arkansas Agriculture Department wishes to transfer from its  
28 operating expenses to the promotional items line, the request shall be  
29 forwarded by the Arkansas Agriculture Department to the Chief Fiscal Officer  
30 of the State for processing and for prior approval by the Arkansas  
31 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the maximum  
32 number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general  
33 revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the  
34 General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums  
35 in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue  
36 allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the

1 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that  
2 the Arkansas Agriculture Department may operate more efficiently if some  
3 flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department authorizing  
4 broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and  
5 appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior  
6 approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by  
7 this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or  
8 Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the  
9 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
10 is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire  
11 section is void.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
13 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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15 SECTION 46. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
16 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
17 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
18 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
19 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
20 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
21 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
22 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
23 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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25 SECTION 47. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
27 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
28 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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34 SECTION 48. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
35 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
36 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

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

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