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SENATE BILL 53

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 FOR THE FISCAL
11 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL
17 YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SECRETARY'S OFFICE. There is hereby
24 established for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services for the
25 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate Fiscal Year
No.	Code			2024-2025
31	(1)	SC014 SEC OF TRANSFORMATION & SHARED SERVICES	1	GRADE SE05
32	(2)	U061U TSS CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE03
33	(3)	G307C TSS LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15
34	(4)	R051C TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS13
35	(5)	R028C TSS STATEWIDE PAYROLL SYS SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08
36		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5	



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SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SECRETARY'S OFFICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$566,076
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	165,795
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$731,871</u></u>

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES - ADMINISTRATION. There is hereby established for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2024-2025</u>
(1)	G293C TSS CHIEF GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	D006N STATE SYSTEMS ARCHITECT	1	GRADE IT10
(3)	D136C TSS IT PROJECT MANAGER DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT10
(4)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(5)	D142C TSS ERP ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(6)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
(7)	R001C TSS ASST PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS15
(8)	V001C TSS ASST PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS15

1	(9)	A132C TSS BUSINESS SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS15
2	(10)	G306C TSS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	1	GRADE GS15
3	(11)	N207N TSS CHIEF PRIVACY OFFICER	1	GRADE GS15
4	(12)	A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
5	(13)	R051C TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS13
6	(14)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
7	(15)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
8	(16)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
9	(17)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
10	(18)	V035C TSS STATEWIDE PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS08
11	(19)	A065C PAYROLL SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
12	(20)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
13	(21)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
14	(22)	V040C TSS BUYER	1	GRADE GS06
15	(23)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
16		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	23	

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18 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES - ADMINISTRATION. There is
19 hereby authorized, for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services
20 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
21 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
22 appropriated herein for such purposes: twenty (20) temporary or part-time
23 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
24 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
25 for the appropriate classification.

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27 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES - ADMINISTRATION. There is
28 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services,
29 to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and
30 operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services
31 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,763,356
36	(02) EXTRA HELP	80,000

1	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	585,744
2	(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	875,000
4	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
5	(C)	PROF. FEES	100,000
6	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E)	DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
8		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,429,100</u></u>

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10 SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES. There is
 11 hereby established for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services
 12 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular
 13 employees.

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15				Maximum Annual
16				Salary Rate
17	Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
18	No.	Code	No. of	2024-2025
	<u>Title</u>			<u>Employees</u>
19	(1)	N032N	TSS OPM DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE02
20	(2)	N031N	TSS OSP DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE02
21	(3)	D012N	TSS DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	1 GRADE SE01
22	(4)	D141C	TSS ERP SYSTEM MANAGER	1 GRADE IT09
23	(5)	D033C	DFA ERP ANALYST	5 GRADE IT06
24	(6)	D027C	SOFTWARE ENGINEER	2 GRADE IT06
25	(7)	D142C	TSS ERP ANALYST	1 GRADE IT06
26	(8)	R001C	TSS ASST PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATOR	1 GRADE GS15
27	(9)	V001C	TSS ASST PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATOR	1 GRADE GS15
28	(10)	R051C	TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM MANAGER	3 GRADE GS13
29	(11)	V003C	TSS PROCUREMENT DIVISION MANAGER	2 GRADE GS12
30	(12)	A031C	ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1 GRADE GS11
31	(13)	R052C	TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	12 GRADE GS11
32	(14)	V034C	TSS STATEWIDE PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	7 GRADE GS09
33	(15)	R053C	TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	7 GRADE GS09
34	(16)	A041C	PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1 GRADE GS08
35	(17)	R028C	TSS STATEWIDE PAYROLL SYS SPECIALIST	2 GRADE GS08
36	(18)	V035C	TSS STATEWIDE PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	17 GRADE GS08

1	(19) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
2	(20) A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
3	(21) V040C TSS BUYER	1	GRADE GS06
4	(22) V033C TSS OSP SURPLUS PROPERTY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
5	(23) C057C ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
6	(24) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	4	GRADE GS04
7	(25) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
8	(26) V021C SURPLUS PROPERTY AGENT	11	GRADE GS04
9	(27) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>6</u>	GRADE GS03
10	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	93	

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12 SECTION 7. EXTRA HELP - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
 13 authorized, for the Department of Transformation and Shared Services -
 14 Statewide Shared Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following
 15 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 16 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7)
 17 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 18 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 19 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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21 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - OFFICES OF
 22 PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AND STATE PROCUREMENT OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 23 appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be
 24 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and
 25 operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services -
 26 Statewide Shared Services - Offices of Personnel Management and State
 27 Procurement Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the
 28 following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,955,498
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	11,512
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,716,013
35	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	426,500

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,600
2	(C) PROF. FEES	8,500
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,135,623</u></u>

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7 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - MARKETING AND
8 REDISTRIBUTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
9 Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the Property Sales
10 Holding Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
11 of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Marketing
12 and Redistribution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$651,495
17	(02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
18	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	279,061
19	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	358,605
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,000
22	(C) PROF. FEES	24,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,319,161</u></u>

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27 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - PURCHASE AND
28 CORPORATE TRAVEL CARD PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the
29 Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the
30 Purchase and Corporate Travel Card Program Fund, for providing appropriation
31 to allow for rebates coming into the State from vendor banks and for
32 distribution to participating agencies and for operating expenses connected
33 with the administration of the program by the Department of Transformation
34 and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Purchase and Corporate
35 Travel Card Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
3	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

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5 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - INFORMATION
 6 TECHNOLOGY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 7 Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the State Central
 8 Services Fund, for information technology services expenses of the Department
 9 of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services for the
 10 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
14	(01) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	<u>\$600,000</u>

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16 SECTION 12. REGULAR SALARIES - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE
 17 BENEFITS DIVISION. There is hereby established for the Department of
 18 Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee
 19 Benefits Division for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 20 of regular employees.

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22				Maximum Annual
23				Salary Rate
24	Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
25	<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
	<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Employees</u>	
26	(1)	N036N	TSS EBD DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE02
27	(2)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	1 GRADE MP01
28	(3)	D027C	SOFTWARE ENGINEER	1 GRADE IT06
29	(4)	R003C	TSS ASST EBD ADMINISTRATOR	1 GRADE GS15
30	(5)	R052C	TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3 GRADE GS11
31	(6)	R053C	TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1 GRADE GS09
32	(7)	X038C	QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	1 GRADE GS09
33	(8)	X062C	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1 GRADE GS08
34	(9)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASST TO THE DIRECTOR	1 GRADE GS07
35	(10)	P013C	PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	2 GRADE GS07
36	(11)	R018C	TSS EBD PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	3 GRADE GS07

1	(12) B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
2	(13) R022C BENEFITS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
3	(14) R034C TSS EBD BENEFITS SPECIALIST	9	GRADE GS06
4	(15) A019C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
5	(16) R033C BENEFITS ANALYST	<u>14</u>	GRADE GS05
6	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	48	

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8 SECTION 13. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 9 of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee
 10 Benefits Division for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 11 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 12 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: three (3) temporary or
 13 part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 14 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 15 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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17 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE
 18 BENEFITS DIVISION OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 19 Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the
 20 State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 21 the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared
 22 Services - Employee Benefits Division - Operations for the fiscal year ending
 23 June 30, 2025, the following:

25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,453,462
28	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	532,001
29	(03) OVERTIME	5,000
30	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,130,172
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
33	(C) PROF. FEES	54,089
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,178,724</u>

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SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - COMMISSION STIPEND AND MILEAGE PAYMENTS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee Benefits Division, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for for payment of stipends and mileage to commission members for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT ADVISORY COMMISSION MILEAGE & STIPEND PAYMENTS	\$50,000
(02) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT ADVISORY COMMISSION MILEAGE & STIPEND PAYMENTS	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION - MISCELLANEOUS CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee Benefits Division - Miscellaneous Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,125,830
(02) EXTRA HELP	100,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	460,446
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	953,222
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	71,800
(C) PROF. FEES	24,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>717,700</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,452,998</u></u>

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6 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED
8 SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared
9 Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the
10 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal
11 services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account
12 Appropriation by the Department of Transformation and Shared Services.

13 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer
14 of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account
15 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
16 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

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

21 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of
22 passage through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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24 SECTION 18. *Arkansas Code § 19-11-206, concerning the definitions used*
25 *regarding intergovernmental relations under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is*
26 *amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:*

27 (6) "Consumer Price Index" means the most recent Consumer Price
28 Index for All Urban Consumers published by the United States Department of
29 Labor, or its successor; and

30 (7)(A) "Public school construction services" means services
31 procured by a public school district or open-enrollment public charter school
32 under a contract with a corresponding cooperative purchasing verification
33 letter providing for the making of repairs, alterations, erection, or other
34 permanent improvements to a public building, property, or structure that do
35 not exceed a total aggregate amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for a
36 public procurement unit in a fiscal year.

1 (B)(i) Annually on July 1, at the direction of the Office
 2 of State Procurement and with the approval of the Legislative Council or, if
 3 the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, the amount
 4 stated in subdivision (7)(A) of this section shall be adjusted by the
 5 percentage, if any, by which the Consumer Price Index for the current
 6 calendar year exceeds the Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar
 7 year, not to exceed three percent (3%).

8 (ii) The Consumer Price Index for a calendar year is
 9 the average of the Consumer Price Index as of the close of the twelve-month
 10 period ending on August 31 of that calendar year.

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 12 SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 19-11-249(a)(1), concerning cooperative
 13 purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

14 (a)(1) A public procurement unit may participate in, sponsor, conduct,
 15 or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of
 16 public school construction services, commodities, or other services in
 17 accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants.

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 19 SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 19-11-249(a)(2)(A), concerning cooperative
 20 purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

21 (2)(A) A cooperative purchasing agreement is limited to public
 22 school construction services, commodities, and other services for which the
 23 public procurement unit may realize savings or material economic value, or
 24 both.

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 26 SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 19-11-249(b)(2), concerning the annual
 27 report of all purchases made under cooperative purchasing agreements under
 28 the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

29 (2) The reports required under this subsection shall be
 30 submitted by July 1 in the format required by the Legislative Council and
 31 shall include the following:

- 32 (A) The name of the contractor;
- 33 (B) The name of the procuring agency;
- 34 (C) The contact information for the contractor and
- 35 procuring agency;
- 36 (D) The total cost of the contract, including all

1 available extensions;

2 (E) A description of the public school construction
3 services, goods, or other services procured; and

4 (F) Any other information requested by the Legislative
5 Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

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7 SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 19-11-249, concerning cooperative
8 purchasing under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to add an
9 additional subsection to read as follows:

10 (d) If a public procurement unit needs to procure public school
11 construction services in excess of the amount provided in § 19-11-206(7), the
12 public procurement unit may submit a request for a waiver to the Executive
13 Subcommittee of the Legislative Council.

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15 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-11-
16 231 is amended to read as follows:

17 19-11-231. Small procurements.

18 (a) Any procurement not exceeding the amount under § 19-11-204(13),
19 which refers to small procurements, may be made in accordance with this
20 section and the small procurement procedures promulgated by the State
21 Procurement Director.

22 (b)(1) However, procurement requirements shall not be artificially
23 divided so as to constitute a small procurement under this section.

24 (2) The prohibition stated in subdivision (b)(1) of this section
25 includes without limitation purchasing commodities or services, or both, from
26 more than one (1) vendor owned by the same person or entity if the aggregate
27 amount of the purchases from the vendors owned by the same person or entity
28 exceeds the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section.

29 (c) A state agency shall not provide information to a vendor regarding
30 the amount the state agency is willing to pay for commodities or services, or
31 both, before receiving a quote from the vendor for the amount the vendor
32 would charge for the commodities or services, or both.

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34 SECTION 24. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
35 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
36 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

1 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
2 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
3 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
4 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
5 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
6 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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17 SECTION 26. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
18 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
19 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
20 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
21 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
22 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
23 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
24 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
25 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
26 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
27 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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29 /s/Joint Budget Committee
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