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A Bill

SENATE BILL 63

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL
17 YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
23 established for the Department of Agriculture for the 2024-2025 fiscal year,
24 the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
30	(1) SC001	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE05
31	(2) U072U	DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE02
32	(3) U057U	AGRI LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
33	(4) L104C	AGRI LABORATORY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP04
34	(5) D022N	IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
35	(6) D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
36	(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

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

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4 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby authorized,

5 for the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal

6 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be

7 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such

8 purposes: three (3) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates

9 of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and

10 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate

11 classification.

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13 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is

14 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

15 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

16 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -

17 Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
21	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,018,834
22	(02) EXTRA HELP	21,900
23	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,401,244
24	(04) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	140,000
25	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,962,067
27	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,500
28	(C) PROF. FEES	904,500
29	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
30	(E) DATA PROC.	0
31	(06) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,742,045</u></u>

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34 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established

35 for the Department of Agriculture for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the

36 following maximum number of regular employees.

			Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of	Salary Rate
	Item Class		Employees	Fiscal Year
	No. Code Title			2024-2025
6	(1) U048U LIVESTOCK & POULTRY DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01	
7	(2) U044U PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01	
8	(3) U003U STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE SE01	
9	(4) B004N STATE VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE MP05	
10	(5) L106C VETERINARY SPECIALIST	5	GRADE MP04	
11	(6) B001C DEPUTY STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE GS13	
12	(7) N058N LIVESTOCK & POULTRY DIV DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13	
13	(8) G036N PLANT INDUSTRY DIV DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12	
14	(9) B010C AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	6	GRADE GS11	
15	(10) B014C ASST STATE FORESTER	2	GRADE GS11	
16	(11) B149C SR LABORATORY SCIENTIST	1	GRADE GS11	
17	(12) B022C DISTRICT FORESTER	8	GRADE GS10	
18	(13) E013C EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10	
19	(14) X217C NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN COORD	1	GRADE GS10	
20	(15) B136C AGRI LAB QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09	
21	(16) S005C AVIATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09	
22	(17) B037C CHEMIST SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS09	
23	(18) G109C GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09	
24	(19) B034C MICROBIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS09	
25	(20) B038C STATE FOREST MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09	
26	(21) B049C AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	21	GRADE GS08	
27	(22) X148C AIRCRAFT PILOT	3	GRADE GS08	
28	(23) B067C ARCHAEOLOGIST	3	GRADE GS08	
29	(24) B127C SENIOR MICROBIOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS08	
30	(25) B058C STAFF FORESTER	5	GRADE GS08	
31	(26) A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07	
32	(27) C015C AGRI ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07	
33	(28) X058C AGRI COMMODITY AREA SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07	
34	(29) X111C AGRI INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS07	
35	(30) B072C AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR	9	GRADE GS07	
36	(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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SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Agriculture for the 2024-2025 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: one hundred seventy-three (173) 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.

1 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 2 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Department of
 3 Agriculture Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 4 Department of Agriculture - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 5 2025, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,924,559
10 (02) EXTRA HELP	74,131
11 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,947,118
12 (04) OVERTIME	21,571
13 (05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	3,200
14 (06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,716,272
16 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,613
17 (C) PROF. FEES	33,500
18 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19 (E) DATA PROC.	0
20 (07) PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	6,148
21 (08) BOLL WEEVIL PROGRAM	<u>5,000</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,765,112</u>

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24 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL DISEASE
 25 CONTROL AND ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 26 Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry
 27 Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, for personal services and operating
 28 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission
 29 - Animal Disease Control and Eradication Program for the fiscal year ending
 30 June 30, 2025, the following:

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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
34 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$554,459
35 (02) EXTRA HELP	55,000
36 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	242,172

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>\$1,185,477</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, 2025, the

14 following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,550,361
19	(02) EXTRA HELP	67,500
20	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	745,484
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>\$4,562,134</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, 2025, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$265,600
(02) EXTRA HELP	34,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	115,019
(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>\$2,446,864</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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(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

1 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
2 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
3 Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Health for the fiscal
4 year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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6	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
8	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$389,331
9	(02) EXTRA HELP	8,311
10	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	167,396
11	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,111
13	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,350
14	(C) PROF. FEES	0
15	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
16	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
17	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$688,499</u></u>

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19 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - ADMINISTRATION/PEST CONTROL.
20 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
21 from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
22 the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Administration/Pest
23 Control for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,852,252
28	(02) EXTRA HELP	700,000
29	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,653,331
30	(04) OVERTIME	200,000
31	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,102,968
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	103,613
34	(C) PROF. FEES	594,510
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	885,000
36	(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>\$10,541,160</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 2025, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$186,439
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	75,609
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>\$328,475</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, 2025, the following:

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$179,529
35	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	73,932
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>\$300,244</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 2025, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$112,555
17	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
18	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	43,391
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>\$208,116</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, 2025, the
32 following:

34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$242,608

1	(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
2	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	96,871
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><u>\$1,476,958</u></u>

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14 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - REFUNDS/TRANSFERS. There is
 15 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from
 16 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses,
 17 refunds, and transfers to the State Treasury by the Department of Agriculture
 18 - State Plant Board - Refunds/Transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 19 2025, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
23	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$500
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
26	(C) PROF. FEES	0
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
28	(E) DATA PROC.	0
29	(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>4,515,100</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,515,600</u></u>

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

1 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
5 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,500,000
7 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
8 (C) PROF. FEES	0
9 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
10 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
11 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u>

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13 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby
 14 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri
 15 Scholarship Program Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships of the
 16 Department of Agriculture - Agri Scholarship Program for the fiscal year
 17 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
21 (01) AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u><u>\$970,000</u></u>

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23 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 24 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State
 25 Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
 26 of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year
 27 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
31 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,152,968
32 (02) EXTRA HELP	255,855
33 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,021,713
34 (04) OVERTIME	52,400
35 (05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	0
36 (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>\$19,305,173</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, 2025, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
23	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$98,576
24	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,104
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>\$1,476,958</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

1 expenses and urban forestry matching grants of the Department of Agriculture
2 - State Forestry Commission - Urban Forestry Services - Federal for the
3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(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>

16 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

17 LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be
18 payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to
19 communities for fire protection by the Department of Agriculture - State
20 Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Service Loans for the fiscal year
21 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION LOANS	<u><u>\$1,200,000</u></u>

27 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - STATE FORESTRY TRUST PROGRAM.

28 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
29 from the State Forestry Trust Fund, for management and operating expenses,
30 fire control, communications, contracting for assistance, and other services
31 of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - State Forestry
32 Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(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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10 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PREVENTION.

11 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

12 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the

13 State, for grants by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry

14 Commission - Southern Pine Beetle Prevention for the fiscal year ending June

15 30, 2025, the following:

17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
19	(01) SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE GRANTS AND AID	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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

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

23 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

24 operating expenses and grants and aid by the Department of Agriculture -

25 State Forestry Commission - Forest Legacy for the fiscal year ending June 30,

26 2025, the following:

28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
30	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,599
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,800
33	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	(02) GRANTS & AID FOR LAND ACQUISITION	<u>137,500</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$150,899

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3 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SILVICULTURAL NON-POINT PROGRAM.

4 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
5 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
6 State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State
7 Forestry Commission - Silvicultural Non-Point Program for the fiscal year
8 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

12	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$36,000
14	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
15	(C) PROF. FEES	0
16	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
18	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$40,000</u>

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20 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE CASH OPERATING FUND. There is
21 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
22 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
23 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture
24 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

28	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$40,000
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
31	(C) PROF. FEES	0
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33	(E) DATA PROC.	0
34	(02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	2,000
35	(03) BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED GRANTS &	
36	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, 2025,
 8 the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
12 (01) INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM	<u>\$300,000</u>

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14 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - REGISTERED FORESTERS. There
 15 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from
 16 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 - Registered Foresters for the fiscal year
 19 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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21 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
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.	<u>0</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$46,168</u>

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33 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - VETERINARY MEDICINE. There is
 34 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 35 Veterinary Examiners Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses
 36 and for grants for internship and scholarships of the Department of

1 Agriculture - Veterinary Medicine for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,
2 the following:

3	4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
6	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$61,131
7	(02) EXTRA HELP	21,000
8	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	22,993
9	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,996
11	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	281
12	(C) PROF. FEES	16,000
13	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14	(E) DATA PROC.	0
15	(05) RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>30,000</u>
16	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$167,401</u></u>

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18 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM.

19 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
20 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the
21 Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection
22 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
26	(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM	<u><u>\$70,000</u></u>

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28 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby
29 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State
30 Meat Inspection Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
31 the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection Program for the fiscal
32 year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
36	(01) STATE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM	<u><u>\$750,000</u></u>

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SECTION 34. 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$368,792
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	150,226
(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><u>\$859,018</u></u>

SECTION 35. 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) FERAL HOG ERADICATION	<u><u>\$3,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 36. 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
2	(01) COUNTY FAIRS	\$959,272
3	(02) FOUR STATES FAIR	54,000
4	(03) ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA FAIR	54,000
5	(04) ARKANSAS STATE FAIR	84,000
6	(05) PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES	77,000
7	(06) NORTHEAST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
8	(07) NORTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
9	(08) SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
10	(09) SOUTHEAST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
11	(10) ARKANSAS YOUTH EXPO	48,000
12	(11) DISTRICT JR LIVESTOCK SHOWS	<u>27,000</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,519,272</u></u>

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15 SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE FUTURE

16 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

17 Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Foresters for the Future

18 Scholarship Fund, for scholarships of the Department of Agriculture -

19 Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program for the fiscal year

20 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
23	(01) SCHOLARSHIPS	<u><u>\$30,000</u></u>

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26 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

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

28 FAIR FUND TRANSFER. On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as is

29 practical, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer the amount

30 needed for distribution by the Department of Agriculture to fund fairs from

31 the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Agri Fair Fund.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,

33 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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35 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

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

1 SHARED SERVICES.

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

6 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer
7 of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account
8 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
9 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

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

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

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

19 FUND TRANSFER. The Deputy Director of the Livestock and Poultry Commission,
20 with prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget
21 Committee, the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and for the
22 reimbursing of documented expenditures designated by law to be made from the
23 transferred special revenue, may transfer funds among the Livestock and
24 Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry
25 Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry Special
26 Revenue Fund, Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, and the
27 Poultry and Egg Grading Fund or from these funds to the Livestock and Poultry
28 Fund Account. The purpose of these transfers shall only be for accurate
29 allocation of incurred costs between the funds. Requests for fund transfer
30 will at least include the total amount to be transferred, to and from which
31 funds, the nature, purpose, and time period of the expenditures being
32 reimbursed, and any other information requested by the Legislative Council or
33 the Joint Budget Committee.

34 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
35 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
36 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by

1 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
2 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
3 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
4 has determined that the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and
5 Poultry Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is
6 provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry
7 Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is
8 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight
9 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
10 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the
11 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this
12 section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
13 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
14 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
16 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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18 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
20 TRANSFER PROVISION - PEST ERADICATION. If the State Plant Board determines
21 that the demands of pest eradication efforts require additional personnel
22 expenses, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and
23 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, appropriations
24 may be transferred from the Pest Eradication Program special line item to the
25 line items for Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Overtime, and Personal Services
26 Matching.

27 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
28 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
29 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
30 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
31 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
32 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
33 has determined that the State Plant Board may operate more efficiently if
34 some flexibility is provided to the State Plant Board authorizing broad
35 powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate
36 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of

1 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this
2 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
3 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement
4 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
5 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is
6 void.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
8 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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

18 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the deployment of air
19 tankers for fighting wildfires requires additional Professional Fees and
20 Services, and upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
21 excess appropriation in Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching may be
22 transferred to Professional Fees and Services in the Operations and Forestry
23 - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

24 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the most effective way for
25 it to cooperate in the growing and distribution of forest planting stock is
26 by contracting work with private vendors and/or hiring temporary employees
27 for seasonal work, the Commission is hereby authorized, upon approval by the
28 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to transfer the necessary appropriation
29 authorized for Extra Help and Maintenance and General Operation in the
30 Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal
31 appropriation sections.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
33 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
7 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

11 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish
12 upon request for the Arkansas Agriculture Department a special Promotional
13 Items appropriation to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.
14 When the Arkansas Agriculture Department wishes to transfer from its
15 operating expenses to the promotional items line, the request shall be
16 forwarded by the Arkansas Agriculture Department to the Chief Fiscal Officer
17 of the State for processing and for prior approval by the Arkansas
18 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the maximum
19 number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general
20 revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the
21 General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums
22 in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue
23 allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the
24 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that
25 the Arkansas Agriculture Department may operate more efficiently if some
26 flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department authorizing
27 broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and
28 appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior
29 approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by
30 this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or
31 Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the
32 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
33 is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire
34 section is void.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
36 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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2 SECTION 45. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
3 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
4 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
5 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
6 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
7 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
8 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
9 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
10 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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12 SECTION 46. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
13 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
14 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
15 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
16 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
17 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
18 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
19 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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21 SECTION 47. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
22 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
23 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
24 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
25 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
26 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
27 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
28 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
29 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
30 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
31 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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33 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*
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