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2 95th General Assembly

**A Bill**

3 Fiscal Session, 2026

SENATE BILL 7

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
11 - STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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**Subtitle**

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AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -  
17 STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION  
18 FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
24 for the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the 2026-2027  
25 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
(1)	EEX23A	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	PPE06C	INSURANCE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER	4	GRADE SPC10
(3)	LAT06C	ATTORNEY IV	1	GRADE SPC09
(4)	PPE10C	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CLAIMS MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC09
(5)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	5	GRADE SPC08
(6)	PRM02C	RISK MANAGEMENT MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC07



1	(7)	FIF06P INSURANCE EXAMINER SUPERVISOR/EXP	2	GRADE SPC07
2	(8)	FIF01P CERTIFIED FINANCIAL EXAMINER	2	GRADE SPC06
3	(9)	FIF05P INSURANCE EXAMINER III	3	GRADE SPC06
4	(10)	PCO02C COMMERCE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC05
5	(11)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	6	GRADE SPC05
6	(12)	PRM03P RISK MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC05
7	(13)	FIF04P INSURANCE EXAMINER II	14	GRADE SPC03
8	(14)	FIF08P SECURITIES EXAMINER II	1	GRADE SPC03
9	(15)	FAU04P AUDITOR II	3	GRADE SPC02
10	(16)	FBF03P BANK EXAMINER II	1	GRADE SPC02
11	(17)	FAU03P AUDITOR I	5	GRADE SPC01
12	(18)	FIF03P INSURANCE EXAMINER I	1	GRADE SPC01
13	(19)	FIN04P INVESTMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE SPC01
14	(20)	PRM01P RISK CONSULTANT	10	GRADE SPC01
15	(21)	PPE02C BURIAL ASSOCIATION BOARD COORD	1	GRADE SGS08
16	(22)	PCO04P COMMERCE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	6	GRADE SGS08
17	(23)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
18	(24)	PCA01P CLAIMS COORDINATOR	7	GRADE SGS07
19	(25)	PCO01P COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS07
20	(26)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
21	(27)	PPE04P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR/EXP	2	GRADE SGS07
22	(28)	PIC01I INSURANCE COMPLIANCE OFFICER	7	GRADE SGS06
23	(29)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS06
24	(30)	PCO03P COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS06
25	(31)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
26	(32)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE SGS05
27	(33)	IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II	2	GRADE SGS05
28	(34)	PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	3	GRADE SGS05
29	(35)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	16	GRADE SGS04
30	(36)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS04
31	(37)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
32	(38)	IIV02P INVESTIGATOR I	9	GRADE SGS04
33	(39)	PCR02P CLAIMS REVIEW SPECIALIST	10	GRADE SGS03
34	(40)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	12	GRADE SGS02
35	(41)	MPA01P PHARMACIST	1	GRADE MED09
36	(42)	SRL03P ENFORCEMENT AGENT III	1	GRADE LES05

1	(43)	SRL01P ENFORCEMENT AGENT I	7	GRADE LES03
2	(44)	IDA02C DATA ENGINEER	1	GRADE IST12
3	(45)	IIS06P IT INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IST08
4	(46)	IAS04P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER I	3	GRADE IST06
5	(47)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	2	GRADE IST06
6	(48)	IUS05P USER SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE IST06
7	(49)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE IST02
8	(50)	FAC11C DIVISION FISCAL ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC07
9	(51)	IAS07C STATE APPLICATIONS ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IST11
10	(52)	IIS11P IT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST09
11		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	188	

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13 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department  
 14 of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the  
 15 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as  
 16 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:  
 17 nineteen (19) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay  
 18 not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation  
 19 Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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21 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 22 to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the State Insurance  
 23 Department Trust Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, special  
 24 maintenance and professional services of the Department of Commerce - State  
 25 Insurance Department - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,  
 26 the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$8,187,821
31	(02) EXTRA HELP	140,000
32	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,871,151
33	(04) OVERTIME	27,500
34	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,250,674
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	188,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	161,600
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	150,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(06) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	956,000
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6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$15,432,746</u></u>

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 8 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FUNERAL SERVICES. There is hereby  
 9 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund  
 10 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 11 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 12 Commerce - State Insurance Department - Funeral Services for the fiscal year  
 13 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$326,284
18	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	122,466
19	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	100,000
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,464
22	(C) PROF. FEES	2,950
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	0
25	(04) LOANS	<u>55,000</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$612,164</u></u>

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 28 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATION DIVISION.  
 29 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 30 from the State Insurance Department Criminal Investigation Division Trust  
 31 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 32 Commerce - State Insurance Department - Insurance Fraud Investigation  
 33 Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$989,458
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	335,422
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	220,635
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
6	(C) PROF. FEES	4,000
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	60,000
8	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,644,515</u></u>

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11 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PREPAID FUNERAL BENEFITS DIVISION. There is  
 12 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 13 State Insurance Department Prepaid Trust Fund, for personal services and  
 14 operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department  
 15 - Prepaid Funeral Benefits Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,  
 16 the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$290,809
21	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	106,399
22	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	36,700
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
25	(C) PROF. FEES	0
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	30,000
27	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$467,908</u></u>

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30 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - PREPAID FUNERAL CONTRACTS RECOVERY PROGRAM.  
 31 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 32 from the State Insurance Department Prepaid Trust Fund, for expenses and  
 33 payment of claims of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department  
 34 - Prepaid Contracts Recovery Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 35 2027, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
3	(01) EXPENSES AND CLAIMS FOR PREPAID	
4	FUNERAL CONTRACTS RECOVERY PROGRAM	<u>\$500,000</u>

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6 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS. There is hereby

7 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

8 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payments of miscellaneous tax and fee

9 refunds by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Refunds

10 of Overpayments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$11,000,000</u>

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16 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is

17 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

18 Insurance Continuing Education Trust Fund, for personal services of the

19 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Continuing Education

20 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$25,268
25	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>5,916</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$31,184</u>

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28 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH INFORMATION COUNSELING. There is

29 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

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

31 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -

32 State Insurance Department - Health Information Counseling for the fiscal

33 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$318,851
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	137,135
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	317,407
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
6	(C) PROF. FEES	471,552
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>55,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,319,945</u></u>

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12 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CONSUMER INFORMATION SYSTEM - CASH. There  
 13 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 14 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal  
 15 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -  
 16 State Insurance Department - Consumer Information System - Cash for the  
 17 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$5,005
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	23,000
24	(C) PROF. FEES	0
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$28,005</u></u>

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29 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CLAIMS SECTION. There is  
 30 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 31 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating  
 32 expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public  
 33 Employee Claims Section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the  
 34 following:

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36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,186,551
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	438,871
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	498,631
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	24,300
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,148,353</u></u>

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12 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby  
 13 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Workers'  
 14 Compensation Revolving Fund, for payment of state employee claims by the  
 15 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - State Employee Claims  
 16 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
20	(01) STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u><u>\$15,500,000</u></u>

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22 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is  
 23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 24 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of public school employee claims by  
 25 the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public School  
 26 Employee Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30	(01) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

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32 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby  
 33 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 34 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of county employee claims by the  
 35 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - County Employee Claims  
 36 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$200,000</u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of city employee claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - City Employee Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$400,000</u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNMENTAL BONDING BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Trust Fund, for operating expenses, refunds, reimbursements, claims, and professional services of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Governmental Bonding Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$5,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	150,000
(03) CLAIMS	1,500,000
(04) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,705,000</u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MULTI-AGENCY INSURANCE TRUST FUND.

1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 2 from the Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund, for expenses and payment  
 3 of claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department -  
 4 Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June  
 5 30, 2027, the following:

6	7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9	(01) FOR EXPENSES AND CLAIMS FROM AMAIT FUND	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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11 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is  
 12 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 13 Public School Insurance Trust Fund, for expenses and payment of claims by the  
 14 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public School Insurance  
 15 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19	(01) EXPENSES AND CLAIMS	<u>\$8,000,000</u>

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21 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS - CASH. There  
 22 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 23 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal  
 24 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -  
 25 State Insurance Department - Criminal Background Checks - Cash for the fiscal  
 26 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
33	(C) PROF. FEES	0
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,000</u>

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SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE DATABASE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Fund, for the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Database, maintenance and operations, data collection and management, and data request fulfillment of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE	
DATABASE EXPENSES	<u>\$3,200,000</u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - FIREFIGHTER CANCER RELIEF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department, to be payable from the Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund, for relief to firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer and participating in a firefighter cancer relief network for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) FIREFIGHTER CANCER RELIEF	<u>\$250,000</u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, 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 Commerce - State Insurance Department - MIPPA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$235,183
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	90,005

1	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	266,229
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	47,630
4	(C) PROF. FEES	541,802
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>105,291</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,286,140</u></u>

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## 10 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SELF-FUNDED CYBER RESPONSE

11 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be  
 12 payable from the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response Program Trust Fund, for  
 13 expenses of the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response Program by the Department  
 14 of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Arkansas Cyber Response Board for  
 15 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19	(01) EXPENSES OF THE AR CYBER RESPONSE	
20	PROGRAM	<u><u>\$10,000,000</u></u>

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22 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL SMP. There is  
 23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 24 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to  
 25 empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries to prevent, detect, and report  
 26 health care fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling and  
 27 education by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the  
 28 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$131,177
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	53,891
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	394,432
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,582

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(04) GRANTS AND AID	192,000
4	(05) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>36,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$817,082</u></u>

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7 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
9 TRANSFER PROVISION. In the event the State Insurance Department is unable to  
10 maintain a full roster of examination personnel, and upon approval of the  
11 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the resulting unused appropriations in  
12 Regular Salaries, Extra Help, and Personal Services Matching may be  
13 transferred to the Professional Services special line item for the purpose of  
14 contracting with qualified individuals or firms for examination assistance.  
15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~  
16 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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18 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO  
20 EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the reimbursement of travel expenses received  
21 by the Arkansas Insurance Department, shall be deposited into the same State  
22 Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original travel expenditure was  
23 incurred as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation from  
24 which the original expenditure was made.  
25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
26 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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28 *SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 23-86-119(a)(1), concerning information*  
29 *required to be disclosed to policyholders, is amended to read as follows:*  
30 *(a)(1) Upon request from a policyholder with more than ~~fifty (50)~~*  
31 *twenty-five (25) insured employees under a comprehensive group health*  
32 *insurance policy, an insurer issuing or delivering a group accident and*  
33 *health insurance policy in this state shall provide to the policyholder the*  
34 *following information for the most recent twelve-month period or for the*  
35 *entire period of coverage, whichever is shorter:*  
36 *(A)(i) A monthly premium, claims, and enrollment report.*

1                                   (ii) A monthly premium, claims, and enrollment  
2 report required under subdivision (a)(1)(A)(i) of this section shall include  
3 without limitation:

- 4                                   (a) Medical claims on a paid basis by month;
- 5                                   (b) Pharmacy claims on a paid basis by month;
- 6                                   (c) Premiums paid by month; and
- 7                                   (d) Total number of enrolled members,  
8 including dependents by month; and

9                                   (B)(i) A high-cost claimant report that is applicable to  
10 an enrolled member with claims exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

11                                   (ii) A high-cost claimant report required under  
12 subdivision (a)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall include for each enrolled  
13 member:

- 14                                   (a) Current coverage status, either active or  
15 terminated;
- 16                                   (b) Total medical claims on a paid basis by  
17 month; and
- 18                                   (c) Total pharmacy claims on a paid basis by  
19 month.

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21           SECTION 29. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
22 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
23 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
24 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
25 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
26 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
27 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
28 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
29 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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31           SECTION 30. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
32 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
33 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
34 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
35 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
36 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

1 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
2 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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4 SECTION 31. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
5 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
6 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
7 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of  
8 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
9 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
10 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm  
11 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
12 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
13 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
14 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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16 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*  
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