

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026
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As Engrossed: H4/15/26

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1004

5 By: Representative Unger
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION FOR
12 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
18 - DIVISION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION
19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
20 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - REENTRY CENTER GRANTS. There is hereby
26 appropriated, to the Department of Corrections - Division of Community
27 Correction, to be payable from the Division of Community Correction Fund
28 Account, *for a Reentry Center Grant to Returning Home* for the fiscal year
29 ending June 30, 2027, the following:
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31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 NO.	2026-2027
33 (01) REENTRY CENTER GRANT - RETURNING HOME	<u>\$506,000</u>

35 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REENTRY



1 CENTER GRANTS. The Department of Corrections shall budget, allocate, and
2 expend up to five hundred six thousand dollars (\$506,000) from the Division
3 of Community Correction Fund Account for a reentry center grant to Returning
4 Home appropriated in this Act.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
6 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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

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18 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
19 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
20 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
21 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
22 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
23 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
24 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
25 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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27 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
29 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
32 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
33 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
34 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
35 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
36 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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