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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 23

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 COMMERCE  
10 - STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
11 ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -  
15 STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION  
16 FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
23 for the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the 2024-2025  
24 fiscal year, 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) U047U	ACOM STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	1	GRADE SE03
31	(2) U042U	ACOM INSURANCE CHIEF DEPUTY COMM	1	GRADE SE02
32	(3) N025N	ACOM INSURANCE DEP COMM INFO SVCS	1	GRADE SE01
33	(4) D028N	REGULATORY HEALTH LINK TECH OFFICER	1	GRADE IT10
34	(5) D010N	ACOM INSURANCE CHIEF TECH OFFICER	1	GRADE IT08
35	(6) D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
36	(7) D034C	DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT07



1	(8)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
2	(9)	D022C SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	4	GRADE IT06
3	(10)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	4	GRADE IT05
4	(11)	D044C SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
5	(12)	N014N ACOM INSURANCE DEP COMM FINANCIAL REGS	1	GRADE GS15
6	(13)	N201N DEPUTY COMM OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	1	GRADE GS15
7	(14)	G018N ACOM DIRECTOR RISK MANAGEMENT	1	GRADE GS14
8	(15)	N140N ACOM INS ASST DEP COMM FINANCE	1	GRADE GS14
9	(16)	A128C ACOM INSURANCE CLAIMS DIR PUBLIC EMP	1	GRADE GS14
10	(17)	N190N ACOM INSURANCE GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
11	(18)	X002N PROPERTY & CASUALTY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS14
12	(19)	N073N ACOM INS CHIEF FIN/MKT CONDUCT EXMR	1	GRADE GS13
13	(20)	A004N CERTIFIED FINANCIAL EXAMINER MANAGER	3	GRADE GS13
14	(21)	G019C GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS13
15	(22)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS13
16	(23)	G043N RISK MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
17	(24)	A004C CERTIFIED FINANCIAL EXAMINER	12	GRADE GS12
18	(25)	R013C AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
19	(26)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	7	GRADE GS11
20	(27)	P074C ACOM AID PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS10
21	(28)	X009C ACOM INSURANCE DEPT DIR OF SECURITY	1	GRADE GS10
22	(29)	G259C ACOM INSURANCE PROGRAM MANAGER	3	GRADE GS10
23	(30)	A044C AUDIT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
24	(31)	X032C ACOM SENIOR SECURITIES EXAMINER	1	GRADE GS09
25	(32)	G241C HEALTH INFO TECH OPER & TECH OFFICER	1	GRADE GS09
26	(33)	A042C INSURANCE SENIOR EXAMINER	7	GRADE GS09
27	(34)	X020C ACOM BURIAL ASSOCIATION BD EXEC SEC	1	GRADE GS08
28	(35)	X018C ACOM INSURANCE CONSUMER PROTECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
29	(36)	X017C ACOM INSURANCE LICENSING MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
30	(37)	G304C ACOM WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROG MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
31	(38)	X192C ASST DIRECTOR FRAUD INVESTIGATION	1	GRADE GS08
32	(39)	X072C CRIMINAL INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATOR	7	GRADE GS08
33	(40)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
34	(41)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
35	(42)	A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS08
36	(43)	G064C SR HLTH INSURANCE INFO PRG MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08

1	(44)	G106C WCC CLAIMS SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS08
2	(45)	A067C ACOM INSURANCE EXAMINER	2	GRADE GS07
3	(46)	X083C ACOM INSURANCE LIFE & HEALTH COMP OFF	4	GRADE GS07
4	(47)	X066C ACOM INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX EXAMINER	4	GRADE GS07
5	(48)	G125C ACOM INSURANCE SPECIAL PROJECTS COORD	1	GRADE GS07
6	(49)	A081C AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS07
7	(50)	X080C PROPERTY & CASUALTY COMPLIANCE OFFICER	3	GRADE GS07
8	(51)	G120C RISK CONSULTANT	9	GRADE GS07
9	(52)	A080C ACOM FINANCE AUTHORITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
10	(53)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
11	(54)	X088C EMBALMERS & FUNERAL DIR INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS06
12	(55)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
13	(56)	G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
14	(57)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
15	(58)	G202C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS06
16	(59)	C016C ACOM INSURANCE ADMINISTRATIVE COORD	3	GRADE GS05
17	(60)	R033C BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
18	(61)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
19	(62)	X123C INSURANCE INVESTIGATOR	9	GRADE GS05
20	(63)	G201C WCC CLAIMS ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
21	(64)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	13	GRADE GS04
22	(65)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
23	(66)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
24	(67)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
25	(68)	X180C ACOM INSURANCE LICENSING TECHNICIAN	7	GRADE GS03
26	(69)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	10	GRADE GS03
27	(70)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS02
28	(71)	C084C MAIL SERVICES SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS02
29		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>190</u>	

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31 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department  
 32 of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the  
 33 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as  
 34 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:  
 35 nineteen (19) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay  
 36 not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation

1 Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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3 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
4 to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the State Insurance  
5 Department Trust Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, special  
6 maintenance and professional services of the Department of Commerce - State  
7 Insurance Department - Operations 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) REGULAR SALARIES	\$8,091,957
13 (02) EXTRA HELP	140,000
14 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,913,677
15 (04) OVERTIME	27,500
16 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,250,674
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	188,000
19 (C) PROF. FEES	161,600
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	150,000
21 (E) DATA PROC.	0
22 (06) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	956,000
23 (07) AHIM EXPENSES	<u>500,000</u>
24 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,379,408</u>

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26 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FUNERAL SERVICES. There is hereby  
27 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund  
28 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
29 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
30 Commerce - State Insurance Department - Funeral Services for the fiscal year  
31 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	\$264,828
36 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	107,086

1	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	167,242
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,464
4	(C) PROF. FEES	2,950
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(04) LOANS	<u>55,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$602,570</u></u>

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10 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - FRAUD INVESTIGATION UNIT. There is hereby  
 11 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the State  
 12 Insurance Department *Criminal Investigation Division* Trust Fund, for personal  
 13 services of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Fraud  
 14 Investigation Unit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$697,450
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>245,577</u>
20	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$943,027</u></u>

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22 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATION DIVISION.  
 23 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 24 from the State Insurance Department *Criminal Investigation Division* Trust  
 25 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 26 Commerce - State Insurance Department - Insurance Fraud Investigation  
 27 Division for the fiscal year 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	\$260,661
32	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	83,347
33	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	220,635
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
36	(C) PROF. FEES	4,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	60,000
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$663,643</u></u>

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5 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - PREPAID FUNERAL BENEFITS DIVISION. There is  
 6 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 7 State Insurance Department Prepaid Trust Fund, for personal services and  
 8 operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department  
 9 - Prepaid Funeral Benefits Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,  
 10 the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$266,572
15	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	99,901
16	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	36,700
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
19	(C) PROF. FEES	0
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	30,000
21	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$437,173</u></u>

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24 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - PREPAID FUNERAL CONTRACTS RECOVERY PROGRAM.  
 25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 26 from the Prepaid Funeral Contracts Recovery Program Fund, for the expenses  
 27 and payment of claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance  
 28 Department - Prepaid Funeral Contracts Recovery Program for the fiscal year  
 29 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
33	(01) EXPENSES AND CLAIMS FOR PREPAID	
34	FUNERAL CONTRACTS RECOVERY PROGRAM	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

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36 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
2 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payments of miscellaneous tax and fee  
3 refunds by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Refunds  
4 of Overpayments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
8 (01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$11,000,000</u>

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10 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is  
11 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
12 Insurance Continuing Education Trust Fund, for personal services of the  
13 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Continuing Education  
14 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

16 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
18 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$25,268
19 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>5,916</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$31,184</u>

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22 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH INFORMATION COUNSELING. 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, for  
25 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -  
26 State Insurance Department - Health Information Counseling for the fiscal  
27 year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
31 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$280,419
32 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	118,299
33 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	217,407
35 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
36 (C) PROF. FEES	601,552

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>35,000</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,262,677</u></u>

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6 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - CONSUMER INFORMATION SYSTEM - CASH. There

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

8 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal

9 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -

10 State Insurance Department - Consumer Information System - Cash for the

11 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	NO.	<u>2024-2025</u>
14	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$28,005
16	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
17	(C) PROF. FEES	0
18	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$28,005</u></u>

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23 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CLAIMS SECTION. There is

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

25 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating

26 expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public

27 Employee Claims Section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the

28 following:

29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	NO.	<u>2024-2025</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,170,148
32	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	446,512
33	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	498,631
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	24,300



1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,139,591</u></u>

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6 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby  
7 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Workers'  
8 Compensation Revolving Fund, for payment of state employee claims by the  
9 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - State Employee Claims  
10 for the 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) STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u><u>\$16,500,000</u></u>

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16 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is  
17 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
18 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of public school employee claims by  
19 the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public School  
20 Employee Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
24	(01) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

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26 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby  
27 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
28 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of county employee claims by the  
29 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - County Employee Claims  
30 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
34	(01) COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u><u>\$200,000</u></u>

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36 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 2 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of city employee claims by the  
 3 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - City Employee Claims  
 4 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
8 (01) CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$400,000</u>

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 10 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNMENTAL BONDING BOARD. There is  
 11 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 12 Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Trust Fund, for operating expenses, refunds,  
 13 reimbursements, claims, and professional services of the Department of  
 14 Commerce - State Insurance Department - Governmental Bonding Board for the  
 15 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
19 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$5,000
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
22 (C) PROF. FEES	0
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0
25 (02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	150,000
26 (03) CLAIMS	2,800,000
27 (04) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	<u>50,000</u>
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,005,000</u>

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 30 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MULTI-AGENCY INSURANCE TRUST FUND.  
 31 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 32 from the Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund, for expenses and payment  
 33 of claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department -  
 34 Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June  
 35 30, 2025, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
3	(01) FOR EXPENSES AND CLAIMS FROM AMAIT	
4	FUND	<u>\$40,000,000</u>

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6 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is  
7 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
8 Public School Insurance Trust Fund, for expenses and payment of claims by the  
9 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public School Insurance  
10 Program for the 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) EXPENSES AND CLAIMS	<u>\$20,000,000</u>

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16 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS - CASH. There  
17 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
18 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal  
19 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -  
20 State Insurance Department - Criminal Background Checks - Cash for the fiscal  
21 year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
25	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$125,000
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>\$125,000</u>

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33 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE  
34 DATABASE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be  
35 payable from the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Fund, for the  
36 Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Database, maintenance and

1 operations, data collection and management, and data request fulfillment of  
2 the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the fiscal year  
3 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

4	5 ITEM	6 FISCAL YEAR
7	8 <u>NO.</u>	9 <u>2024-2025</u>
10	(01) HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE	
11	DATABASE EXPENSES	<u>\$3,200,000</u>

12 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - FIREFIGHTER CANCER RELIEF. There is hereby  
13 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department, to  
14 be payable from the Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund,  
15 for relief to firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer and participating in  
16 a firefighter cancer relief network for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,  
17 the following:

18	19 ITEM	20 FISCAL YEAR
21	22 <u>NO.</u>	23 <u>2024-2025</u>
24	(01) FIREFIGHTER CANCER RELIEF	<u>\$250,000</u>

25 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND  
26 PROVIDERS ACT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce,  
27 to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal  
28 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
29 Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - MIPPA for the fiscal  
30 year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

31	32 ITEM	33 FISCAL YEAR
34	35 <u>NO.</u>	36 <u>2024-2025</u>
	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$196,753
	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	76,483
	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	266,229
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	47,630
	(C) PROF. FEES	541,802
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>105,291</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,234,188</u></u>

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5 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - MARKET STABILIZATION GRANT. There is

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

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

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

9 State Insurance Department - Market Stabilization Grant for the fiscal year

10 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12		
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$81,945
15	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	41,862
16	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,240
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
19	(C) PROF. FEES	277,429
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	0
22	(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>25,000</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$501,476</u></u>

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25 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SELF-FUNDED CYBER RESPONSE

26 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Cyber Response Board,

27 to be payable from the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response Program Trust

28 Fund, for expenses of the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response program by the

29 Arkansas Cyber Response Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the

30 following:

31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
34	(01) EXPENSES OF THE ARKANSAS CYBER	
35	RESPONSE PROGRAM	<u><u>\$10,000,000</u></u>

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1 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
3 TRANSFER PROVISION. In the event the State Insurance Department is unable to  
4 maintain a full roster of examination personnel, and upon approval of the  
5 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the resulting unused appropriations in  
6 Regular Salaries, Extra Help, and Personal Services Matching may be  
7 transferred to the Professional Services special line item for the purpose of  
8 contracting with qualified individuals or firms for examination assistance.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
10 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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12 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

14 REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the reimbursement of travel  
15 expenses received by the Arkansas Insurance Department, shall be deposited  
16 into the same State Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original  
17 travel expenditure was incurred as a refund to expenditure to the credit of  
18 the appropriation from which the original expenditure was made.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July, 1,  
20 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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

1 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
2 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
3 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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5 SECTION 31. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
6 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
7 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of  
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
10 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
11 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm  
12 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
13 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
14 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
15 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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17 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*  
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