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2 94th General Assembly
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As Engrossed: S3/27/23

A Bill

SENATE BILL 296

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES - STATEWIDE SHARED
11 SERVICES - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION FOR THE FISCAL
12 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES -
17 STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE
18 BENEFITS DIVISION APPROPRIATION FOR THE
19 2023-2024 FISCAL 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. REGULAR SALARIES - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE
26 BENEFITS DIVISION. There is hereby established for the Department of
27 Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee
28 Benefits Division for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number
29 of regular employees.
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| Item | Class | No. | Code | Title | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual |
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| | | | | | | Salary Rate Fiscal Year |
| | | | | | | 2023-2024 |
| 35 | (1) | N036N | TSS | EBD DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE SE02 |
| 36 | (2) | L038C | REGISTERED | NURSE | 1 | GRADE MP01 |



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| 1 | (3) D027C SOFTWARE ENGINEER | 1 | GRADE IT06 |
| 2 | (4) R003C TSS ASST EBD ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | GRADE GS15 |
| 3 | (5) R052C TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM COORDINATOR | 3 | GRADE GS11 |
| 4 | (6) R053C TSS STATEWIDE PROGRAM SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| 5 | (7) X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| 6 | (8) X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| 7 | (9) C010C EXECUTIVE ASST TO THE DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| 8 | (10) P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR | 2 | GRADE GS07 |
| 9 | (11) R018C TSS EBD PROGRAM SUPERVISOR | 3 | GRADE GS07 |
| 10 | (12) B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST | 7 | GRADE GS06 |
| 11 | (13) R022C BENEFITS COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE GS06 |
| 12 | (14) R034C TSS EBD BENEFITS SPECIALIST | 9 | GRADE GS06 |
| 13 | (15) A019C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST | 1 | GRADE GS05 |
| 14 | (16) R033C BENEFITS ANALYST | <u>14</u> | GRADE GS05 |
| 15 | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 48 | |

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17 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 18 of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee
 19 Benefits Division for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 20 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 21 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: three (3) temporary or
 22 part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 23 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 24 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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26 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE
 27 BENEFITS DIVISION OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 28 Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the
 29 State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 30 the Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared
 31 Services - Employee Benefits Division - Operations for the fiscal year ending
 32 June 30, 2024, the following:

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| 34 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 35 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2023-2024</u> |
| 36 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$1,451,862 |

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| 1 | (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 514,474 |
| 2 | (03) OVERTIME | 5,000 |
| 3 | (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 4 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 1,130,172 |
| 5 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 4,000 |
| 6 | (C) PROF. FEES | 54,089 |
| 7 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 8 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 9 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$3,159,597</u></u> |

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11 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - COMMISSION STIPEND AND MILEAGE PAYMENTS.

12 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Transformation and Shared
 13 Services - Statewide Shared Services - Employee Benefits Division, to be
 14 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for payment of stipends and
 15 mileage to commission members for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the
 16 following:

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| 18 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 19 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2023-2024</u> |
| 20 | (01) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT | |
| 21 | ADVISORY COMMISSION MILEAGE & STIPEND | |
| 22 | PAYMENTS | \$50,000 |
| 23 | (02) STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT | |
| 24 | ADVISORY COMMISSION MILEAGE & STIPEND | |
| 25 | PAYMENTS | <u>50,000</u> |
| 26 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$100,000</u></u> |

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28 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES - EMPLOYEE

29 BENEFITS DIVISION - MISCELLANEOUS CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 30 Department of Transformation and Shared Services, to be payable from the cash
 31 fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 32 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 33 Department of Transformation and Shared Services - Statewide Shared Services
 34 - Employee Benefits Division - Miscellaneous Cash for the fiscal year ending
 35 June 30, 2024, the following:

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| 1 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 2 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2023-2024</u> |
| 3 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$1,125,830 |
| 4 | (02) EXTRA HELP | 100,000 |
| 5 | (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 445,926 |
| 6 | (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 7 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 953,222 |
| 8 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 71,800 |
| 9 | (C) PROF. FEES | 24,000 |
| 10 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 11 | (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| 12 | (05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS | <u>717,700</u> |
| 13 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$3,438,478</u></u> |

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15 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 16 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 17 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 18 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 19 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 20 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 21 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 22 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 23 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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25 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 27 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 28 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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34 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 35 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 36 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

1 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
2 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
3 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
4 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm
5 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
6 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
7 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
8 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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10 */s/Hickey*

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