

2021 - 2023 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT

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SECTION#: 019

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

PARKS BUDGET ALLOCATION. Prior to July 1 of each fiscal year, the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee shall review the Division of Arkansas State Parks and Tourism Department plan for the upcoming year of amounts to be disbursed for each park or other entity from the funds appropriated for State Operations of this Act. The request for review from the agency shall include amounts to be disbursed for each entity for the upcoming fiscal year compared to the current fiscal year's anticipated expenditures and the previous fiscal year's actual expenditures with any additional detail as may be required by the reviewing body. The Division of Arkansas State Parks and Tourism Department shall also prepare a semiannual status report for the reviewing body comparing six-month and fiscal year actual expenditures to intended disbursements reviewed under this Section.

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SPECIAL MAINTENANCE. The funds appropriated in the Conservation Tax Appropriation Section of this Act for the Division of Arkansas State Parks and Tourism Special Maintenance shall be expended, after receiving prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, for a special maintenance program for the Park System. The funds provided will be used for repair and upkeep of parks and museum facilities that have been deferred due to lack of funds in the individual budgets of the parks and museums.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the ~~Department~~ Division of Arkansas State Parks and Tourism may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section or the Special Maintenance line item. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section

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and the Special Maintenance line item in the Conservation Tax Appropriation Section is void.

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CASH PRIZES - STATE PARKS. The ~~Department of~~ Division of Arkansas State Parks and Tourism is hereby authorized to award merchandise, gift certificates and cash prizes to contestants in various special events authorized by the Division Director of the Division of Arkansas State Parks. Such prizes may be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners and shall be payable from the maintenance and operation line item of the Parks Cash Fund. The cash prizes, in aggregate, for all contests, shall not exceed \$10,000 per fiscal year.

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER DOMESTIC - INTERNATIONAL MARKETING PLAN. Of the funds appropriated to the ~~Department~~Division of Arkansas State Parks and Tourism - Great River Road for operating expenses in the State Operations Appropriation Section of this Act, up to \$15,000 each year is authorized to be utilized for the implementation of the Mississippi River Domestic - International Marketing Plan.

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PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS. The ~~Department~~ Division of Arkansas State Parks and Tourism is hereby authorized to purchase from "Maintenance and General Operations" appropriations provided by this Act, uniforms for Parks personnel, Museum Services personnel, Tourist Information Center personnel, and uniforms and blazers to be used by employees of the ~~Department~~ Division of Arkansas State Parks and Tourism who are staffing sports shows, travel shows and other special promotional programs and special theme costumes or uniforms for state parks. Provided further, that any clothing purchased under the provisions stated in this section shall remain the property of the ~~Department~~ Division of Arkansas State Parks and Tourism and shall be surrendered upon request of the Department or upon termination of employment of the individual to whom the clothing was issued.

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TOURISM ATTRACTION FEASIBILITY GRANT PROGRAM. Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism for Tourism/Museum grants in the State Operations Appropriation Section of this Act, the Department is authorized to make grants to cities and counties on a one to one dollar matching basis, up to \$15,000 in state funds per grant, for the purpose of feasibility studies for tourism attractions. The Department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this tourism attraction feasibility grant program. The Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism shall notify House and Senate Legislators representing the district of the award recipient.

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EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS. The Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with Department employees for the provision of golf lessons at the Department's golf courses, outside of the employees' normal working hours. Employees shall be Class A members and/or apprentices of the Professional Golfers' Association of America or the Ladies Professional Golf Association. The Division Director of the Division of Arkansas State Parks shall authorize all contracts in accordance with department standards and procedures for concession and operating contracts. Compensation to employees is not retirement eligible.

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SMALL FESTIVAL FUNDING. The General Assembly acknowledges the economic benefits of festivals which attract visitors and stimulate the growth of tourism and businesses statewide.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism to the contrary, the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism shall dedicate, commit and budget annually one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the 2% tourism tax credited to the Tourism Development Trust Fund for expense, advertising, marketing or grants for small festivals in Arkansas communities of less than 10,500 people. Any funds not granted out in a fiscal year shall be available for other tourism promotion efforts.

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EXTRA HELP. The ~~War Memorial Stadium Commission~~ Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism may utilize their authorized extra-help positions and contract labor event staff up to a maximum of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours during seasonal events at War Memorial Stadium. The rates of pay may not exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification Act, or its successor, for the appropriate classification. The provisions of this section shall be in effect from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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