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STATE OF ARKANSAS
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Financial Management Guide, hereafter referred to as "Guide," is to provide adequate internal control and accountability over financial and administrative affairs of Arkansas State Government. The Guide also provides assistance to agencies in gathering and maintaining information needed for management decision-making and all financial reporting. The policies and procedures in this Guide are the minimum requirements that State agencies must meet. An agency may adopt additional policies and procedures in greater detail or use additional or alternative supporting documentation, as long as the agency meets the required minimum standards.

The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, hereinafter referred to as "Director," is required by the General Provisions of the Public Finance Law (ACA §19-1-207) to exercise supervision over the general accounting system of the State and of State agencies. The Director also serves as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

The DFA Director is required under ACA §19-1-209 (a) to publish such regulations issued by him for compliance with the State's Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law. This requirement is met by publishing the "Financial Management Guide."

The Guide resides on the Department of Finance and Administration's (DFA) web site at: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/financialManagementGuide/Pages/default.aspx and is also available in printed form upon request. Requests for printed copies of the Guide may be made in the form of an e-mail to the DFA-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) at mailto:acctuser@dfa.arkansas.gov or by writing to the Office of Accounting at P.O. Box 3278, Little Rock, AR 72203.

The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) is charged with ensuring that the accounting functions of the State's Financial Management System are conducted in a manner consistent with Arkansas Law. The primary statutory responsibilities, functions, and authority of the Office of Accounting are contained in the State General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law (ACA Title 19, Chapter 4), the State Revenue Stabilization Law (ACA Title 19, Chapter 5.), and the State Revenue Classification Law (ACA Title 19, Chapter 6).

The mission of DFA-OA is to carry out its statutory responsibilities in a service-oriented manner while maintaining a high degree of fiscal integrity and to improve management of financial resources statewide by providing to all activities of State government a fully adequate accounting and reporting system.
All agencies of the State of Arkansas must comply with this Guide unless otherwise exempted from certain provisions by specific legislation contained in the Arkansas Code or the Constitution of the State of Arkansas.

The Department of Finance and Administration adheres to the spirit and letter of the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 as stated in ACA§ 25-19-101 et seq.

If you have questions about the Financial Management Guide, please contact the DFA – Office of Accounting by phone (501) 682-1675, email acctuser@dfa.arkansas.gov or in writing:

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ABOUT THE GUIDE

This Guide is published and maintained on the Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) web site at: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/financialManagementGuide/Pages/default.aspx . The format of the Guide, to the extent possible, is: law, followed by policy (regulation) and then by procedure.

The Arkansas Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, Title 19, Chapter Four and various other Arkansas laws that have a direct impact on State financial management practices appear in the form of Arkansas Code. The Arkansas Code appears in normal, non-bolded and non-italicized type. The numbering system used is keyed to the numbering of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated. The title, chapter, subchapter and section of the code references are contained within the number. Thus, in the designation "19-4-905," the "19" indicates the provision is in Title 19, the "4" indicates chapter 4 and the "9" in 905 means sub-chapter 9, with the "05" indicating the fifth section of the sub-chapter. Following the printed code, or excerpts of the code (excerpts include quotation marks at the beginning and end of the excerpts), will be policies (regulations) and/or procedures. The entire Title 19 Chapter four is included in this document whether or not a regulation exists to address each particular sub-title of the Code.

At the beginning of the code, the code number appears-example: 19-4-905.

At the beginning of a policy (regulation) (R), the number of the policy (regulation), numbered in sequence, identifies the code it accompanies-example: R1-19-4-905. The text of policies (regulations) and procedures appear in bold print and italics.

The appendices are identified with numeric designations that are reflective of the Guide language that referenced the applicable document (appendix).

All appendices are numbered with a "P" at the beginning and refer to a form, process or link to other information. The number following the "P" identifies the Arkansas Code and/or regulation to which the appendix applies-example: P1-19-4-905.

Appendices contain such items as:

Index of forms and appendices
Forms
Examples
Instructions
Key to abbreviations and acronyms
Glossary of terms
Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

The purpose of the appendices is to provide pertinent material that is subject to frequent change, particularly items that are related to the State's Financial Management System. To the extent possible, processes, particularly those demonstrating transactions in the Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System, hereafter referred to as "AASIS," will be referred to in the text, but located outside the body of this document as appendices with links to them. This will permit the ability to change and update procedures and processes to conform to changes in the system without making policy changes.

In addition to changes in material located outside of this document (appendices), references to computer system screen titles, transaction codes and General Ledger accounts may be changed (updated) from time to time in the Guide as deemed necessary. These changes are considered to be technical in nature and, therefore, will not necessitate invoking the rule making process.

Categories of Agencies

The use of this Guide will vary with the particular accounting software utilized by an agency to record transactions in its books of original entry. There are three types of agencies for the purpose of use and access within the State's Financial Management System. They are:

USER AGENCY – An agency that has direct online access to AASIS. All types of transactions are entered on a real time basis by the agency.

SERVICE BUREAU AGENCY – Generally, a small agency that utilizes the DFA-Office of Accounting Service Bureau to enter transactions into AASIS and provide reports. These agencies do not have direct access to AASIS.

REPORTING AGENCY – An agency that utilizes a "stand alone" accounting system as its original books of record for its accounting transactions. The agency transfers, deposits, checks and processes journal entries to AASIS through an electronic interface process for budgetary control purposes. Some reporting agencies have limited online access such as deposit and journal entry functions.

TITLE 19 - PUBLIC FINANCE

CHAPTER 4 - STATE ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETARY PROCEDURES

SUBCHAPTER 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

19-4-101. Title.

This chapter shall be referred to and may be cited as the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-327.

19-4-102. Purpose.

(a)General Policy.

(1) It is the policy of the State of Arkansas to:

(A) Maintain on a sound financial basis the state and all of its agencies, boards, commissions, departments, and institutions, all referred to in this chapter as agencies unless otherwise necessary;

(B) Provide adequate accounting for all fiscal transactions; and

(C) Provide for uniformity in budget preparation, presentation, and execution.

(2) For these purposes, the general provisions of this chapter are intended to:

(A) Establish uniformity in operating and capital budget preparation, presentation, and execution by establishing certain duties, responsibilities, and functions of the executive and legislative branches of the state government;

(B) Prohibit deficit spending by establishing standards for the execution of budgets approved by the General Assembly;

(C) Provide methods of internal accounting control by establishing and supervising the accounting systems of state agencies;

(D) Establish an adequate classification and coding system for all revenue receipts and disbursements;

(E) Establish methods of voucher examination and approval for expenditures of funds deposited in the State Treasury and, if necessary, other depositories;

(F) Establish uniform procedures for the preparation of disbursing documents;

(G) Establish procedures for forecasting economic conditions, establish an adequate technique of revenue estimating, and provide for tax research and a method for standardization of statistics;

(H) Develop methods for improvement and economy in organization and administration of agencies;

(I) Authorize the promulgation of reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with applicable laws to achieve the purposes and intent of this chapter; and

(J) Further define the powers and duties of the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, sometimes referred to as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Auditor of State, and the Treasurer of State in connection with general accounting, budgetary, and fiscal procedures.

(b) Comprehensive Budgeting and Financial Management System. It is also the purpose of this chapter to establish a comprehensive system of state budgeting and financial management which will further the capacity of the General Assembly to plan and finance the services which it determines the state should provide for its citizens and which will further the capacity of the Governor to make budgetary recommendations to the General Assembly and to execute the laws of this state. The system shall include procedures for:

(1) The orderly establishment, continuing review, and periodic revision of programs, financial goals, and policies of the state;

(2) The development, coordination, and review of long-range programs and their financing that will implement goals and policies authorized by the General Assembly and the Governor;

(3) The preparation, analysis, presentation, enactment, and execution of budgets that authorize specific programs, policies, and goals and that focus attention on state services and their costs;

(4) The evaluation of alternatives to existing programs, policies, and goals that would provide more economic, efficient, or effective state services; and

(5) An evaluation and reporting system which will provide measurements of the effectiveness of program performance.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-328.

19-4-103. Penalty.

With respect to all matters for which penalties have not otherwise been provided in this act, any person who shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction shall be fined in any amount not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 29; A.S.A. 1947, 13-355; Acts 2005, No. 1994, 102.

19-4-104. Rules and regulations.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is empowered to make, amend, and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, as he or she shall deem necessary and proper to effectively carry out the provisions of this chapter and the public policy as set forth in

19-4-102. Rules and regulations promulgated shall be published in an administrative procedures manual and distributed to the various state agencies.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 28; A.S.A. 1947, 13-354.

R1-19-4-104 Adoption of Rules and Regulations

Policies of the DFA-Office of Accounting are adopted under the provisions of the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act. Refer to Arkansas Law ACA §25-15-201 et seq.

R2-19-4-104 Open Government Policy

The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting conducts its business in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act as outlined below:

General
The Freedom of Information Act was adopted in 1967 to ensure that citizens are informed about the actions of the State. The law applies to any bureau, commission, or agency of the State, or any political subdivision of the State, including municipalities, counties, townships, school districts, boards of education, and all other boards, bureaus, commissions, or organizations in the State of Arkansas, except grand juries, supported wholly or in part by public funds or expending public funds. ACA § 25-19-101 et.seq.

Open Meetings
Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all meetings, formal or informal, special or regular, of the governing body of a State public entity (as delineated above) shall be open to the public. Public notice of meetings must be given in advance. Alternative procedures are established for special and emergency meetings.

Executive sessions, closed to the public, are allowed only in certain limited circumstances such as when certain confidential personnel matters are being discussed. If an executive session is permissible, the person presiding over the meeting must announce the specific purpose of the executive session in public before going into session. Strict adherence to open meeting requirements is essential to an informed citizenry, maintaining credibility and trust in government. ACA § 25-19-106

19-4-105. Continuing studies and investigations Duties of Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Internal Audit Section Exemption of internal audit documentation from Freedom of Information Act of 1967.

(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is directed to make continuing studies and investigations of the operation of state agencies and to make recommendations to the General Assembly, the Legislative Council, and the Governor about improvements which should be made in order to:

(1) Safeguard against excessive expenditures of appropriations and funds;

(2) Promote economy, efficiency, and control in the operation of state agencies;

(3) Properly execute budgets; and

(4) Accomplish the purposes of this chapter as intended by the General Assembly.

(b) The Internal Audit Section created under the Department of Finance and Administration by Governor's Executive Order 99-08 shall conduct its audits using the suggested standards for the professional practice of internal auditing as adopted by the Institute of Internal Auditors.

(c) The Internal Audit Section shall:

(1) Review the financial and operating controls and the transactions of state agencies to determine the level of conformity with established laws, standards, regulations, and procedures;

(2) Review the various functions within an enterprise to appraise the efficiency and economy of operations and the effectiveness with which those functions achieve the stated objectives, including without limitation a review of established internal control activities;

(3) Investigate reported occurrences of fraud, embezzlement, theft, waste, abuse, or mismanagement of state resources;

(4) Recommend controls to prevent occurrences of fraud, embezzlement, theft, waste, abuse, or mismanagement of state resources;

(5) Assist state agencies to resolve areas of concern;

(6) Assist state agencies in establishing appropriate internal controls that will prevent errors or irregularities;

(7) Provide objective analysis, appraisals, and recommendations concerning the activities it reviews; and

(8) Perform other functions as directed by the Governor, Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, or other board or government entity charged with authority over the Internal Audit Section by executive order.

(d) After an audit is completed, the Internal Audit Section shall file a written final report concerning the actions and determinations made under this section with:

(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State;

(2) The Governor;

(3) The State Board of Finance;

(4) Arkansas Legislative Audit; and

(5) Any other board or government entity charged with authority over the Internal Audit Section by executive order.

(e) Employees of the Internal Audit Section shall:

(1) Be employed by the Governor or other board or government entity charged with authority over the Internal Audit Section by executive order; and

(2) Serve at the pleasure of the Governor or other board or government entity charged with authority over the Internal Audit Section by executive order.

(f)(1) All internal audit documentation, including notes, memoranda, preliminary drafts of audit reports, and other data gathered in the preparation of internal audit reports by the Internal Audit Section, are privileged and confidential and are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, 25-19-101 et seq., except as provided in subdivision (f)(2) of this section.

(2)(A) The exemption shall not apply to completed internal audits of the Internal Audit Section after a final report of the internal audit has been presented to:

(i) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State;

(ii) The Governor or the Governor's designee;

(iii) The State Board of Finance;

(iv) Arkansas Legislative Audit; or

(v) Any other board or government entity charged with authority over the Internal Audit Section by executive order.

(B) The final report and copies of any supporting documentation shall then be open to public inspection and copying, except for documents that are exempt from disclosure under other law.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-328; Acts 2001, No. 1083, 1; 2015, No. 1283, 1.

19-4-106. Legislative staff consultation.

The Department of Finance and Administration shall consult with the Legislative Auditor and the director of the budget function of the Bureau of Legislative Research throughout each stage of planning and implementation for any new statewide accounting system. This required consultation and involvement is to ensure that those capabilities to provide the required services to members and committees of the General Assembly are incorporated into the system.

History. Acts 1999, No. 973, 2.

SUBCHAPTER 2 - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES GENERALLY

19-4-201. Authority of Governor.

(a) The Governor shall direct the execution of the state budget as approved by the General Assembly. The Governor or Governor-elect shall:

(1) Review the budget requests and estimates of resources;

(2) Evaluate long-range programs and consider possible alternatives to existing state agency programs, policies, and goals; and

(3) Formulate and recommend for consideration by the Legislative Council and the General Assembly a proposed comprehensive state budget of programs and proposed financing which shall include all estimated receipts and expenditures of the state government.

(b)(1) Proposed expenditures shall not exceed estimated available resources. Should the Governor or Governor-elect propose increased taxes in order to finance all proposed programs, two (2) sets of budgets must be submitted to the Legislative Council and the General Assembly, one (1) set based on the resources available from the then-existing tax laws and another showing the additional expenditures proposed to be financed from recommended tax increases.

(2) Budget requests for administration and operation of the legislative branch, the judicial branch, the elective constitutional offices, the Arkansas Department of Transportation, the Office of the Arkansas Lottery, and the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission shall be submitted directly to the Legislative Council without any recommendation by the Governor.

(c) In order to carry out the provisions of this section, the Governor or Governor-elect shall:

(1) Have the power, and it shall be his or her duty, to provide for hearings, if required, with the administrative head or any other persons having knowledge thereof, of any agency submitting a budget request in order for him or her to make his or her determinations and recommendations; and

(2) Appear or appoint a designated representative to appear before the General Assembly or any committees or interim committees thereof to present his or her recommendations for the forthcoming budgetary period.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 3; A.S.A. 1947, 13-329; Acts 2009, No. 605, 14; 2009, No. 606, 14; 2015, No. 218, 13; *2017, No. 707, 41*.

19-4-202. Authority of Legislative Council.

(a)Meetings.

(1) At any time he or she deems advisable, the Cochair of the Legislative Council shall have the authority to call into meeting the membership of the Legislative Council for consideration of budget matters.

(2) For preliminary budget studies, the Legislative Council shall have the authority to call before it the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, the Legislative Auditor, and any constitutional officer or administrative head of any state agency for the purpose of making available to the Legislative Council any information it deems advisable.

(3) The Legislative Council shall have the power to visit and inspect any agency for the purpose of obtaining first-hand information as to the condition and needs of the agency and may appoint committees from its membership for the purpose of reporting upon these findings.

(b)Budget Estimates.

(1) The Legislative Council shall require from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, not later than sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the General Assembly, the budget estimates and recommendations prepared by him or her.

(2) From time to time when called upon by the Legislative Council, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State or his or her representative shall appear before the Legislative Council or attend meetings of the Legislative Council when required to do so for the purpose of preparing or submitting additional information on budget matters.

(c)Assisting Governor-Elect.

(1) It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and any administrative head of any agency, when requested to do so, to lend any reasonable aid, assistance, or personnel and to supply any reports or information when required to the Governor-elect for the purpose of assisting him or her in the preparation of his or her budget recommendations to be submitted to the Legislative Council.

(2) The Legislative Council shall call upon the Governor-elect or any newly elected constitutional officer, or their designated representatives, for the purpose of submitting any final recommendations or modifications of the proposed budget requests.

(d)Recommendations.

(1) The Legislative Council, acting upon the facts submitted to it and from such other studies and hearings as the Legislative Council shall deem advisable, shall proceed to modify, revise, approve, or disallow the budget requests. The Legislative Council shall make its recommendations with respect to the approved items of the budget and publish them in a report to be made available to every member of the General Assembly when it convenes in regular session.

(2) The Legislative Council shall have the authority, in recommending the proposed state budget to the General Assembly, to recommend the form of the appropriation bills to be submitted and may draw or cause to be drawn the bills conforming to these recommendations for presentation to the General Assembly.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 4; A.S.A. 1947, 13-330.

19-4-203. Authority of General Assembly.

The General Assembly and the Joint Budget Committee shall:

(1) Consider the current programs and financial plan included in the budget requests and the proposed resources for financing recommended by the Governor or Governor-elect including proposed goals and policies, recommended budgets, revenue proposals, and long-range programs;

(2) Adopt or recommend programs and alternatives to the financial plan recommended by the Governor or Governor-elect as it deems appropriate;

(3) Adopt or recommend legislation to authorize implementation of a comprehensive program and financial plan;

(4) Provide for a postaudit of financial transactions, program performance, and execution of legislative policy decisions;

(5) Provide for hearings, if required, with the administrative head or any other persons having knowledge thereof of any state agency submitting a budget request, in order to make determinations and formulate recommendations;

(6) If found necessary, visit and inspect any agency; and

(7) Propose the form of appropriation bills and write or direct the writing thereof.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 5; A.S.A. 1947, 13-331.

19-4-204. Recommendations by Governor.

(a)Budgetary Programs and Financial Plans.

(1) The Governor or Governor-elect shall formulate the programs and financial plans to be recommended to the Legislative Council and the General Assembly after considering the state agency-proposed programs and financial plans and other programs and alternatives he or she deems appropriate.

(2) The program and financial plan submitted by him or her shall include:

(A) His or her goals and policies;

(B) Recommended plans to implement the goals and policies;

(C) Recommended budgets for each year for which an appropriation is being requested; and

(D) Recommended revenue measures to finance the budget.

(b)Presentation to General Assembly.

(1) The Governor or Governor-elect shall present the proposed comprehensive program and financial plan to the Legislative Council for their timely consideration and in a message to a joint session of the General Assembly. The message shall be accompanied by an explanatory report which summarizes recommended goals, policies, plans, and appropriations.

(2) The explanatory report shall be furnished to each member of the General Assembly and each agency. The report shall contain the following information:

(A) The coordinated programs, goals, and objectives that the Governor or Governor-elect recommends to guide the decisions on program plans and budget appropriations;

(B) The program and budget recommendations of the Governor or Governor-elect for each year of the succeeding biennium;

(C) A summary of state receipts in the previous fiscal year, an estimate for the current fiscal year, and an estimate for each year of the succeeding biennium;

(D) A summary of expenditures during the last fiscal year, those estimated for the current fiscal year, and those recommended by the Governor or Governor-elect for each year for which appropriations are requested; and

(E) Any additional information which will facilitate understanding the Governor's or Governor-elect's proposed program and financial plan by the General Assembly and the public.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 7; A.S.A. 1947, 13-333.

19-4-205. Legislative review.

The General Assembly, the Legislative Council, and the Joint Budget Committee shall consider the Governor's or Governor-elect's recommendations and determine the comprehensive program and financial plan to support the services to be provided the citizens of the state, while keeping authorized expenditures within the estimated receipts and other available resources.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 8; A.S.A. 1947, 13-334.

19-4-206. Conservation of appropriations in changes of administration.

(a) Proportionate Amounts. In those instances in which any constitutional or elective official of the State of Arkansas is due to retire from office and another constitutional official is to take his or her place, the appropriations and funds provided by the General Assembly for the operation of any such office shall be conserved so as to provide his or her successor in office with a proportionate amount of available appropriations and funds for the remainder of the fiscal year during which the change of office takes place. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section it is provided that:

(1) No constitutional official shall cause, or cause to be incurred, any obligation or issue any voucher against the appropriations of his or her agency in excess of a true proportion which his or her time of service during the fiscal year of retirement bears to the fiscal year. For the purpose of establishing the time of service of any such official, the time of retirement shall be construed to be that established by the Arkansas Constitution and statutes of this state for the retirement of the constitutional and elective officials of this state;

(2)(A) Within thirty (30) days after each general election, the Auditor of State shall notify all retiring constitutional officials that they will be required to file in his or her office a statement, duly sworn to, setting out:

(i) The total of all vouchers issued against the appropriations of the agency;

(ii) A list of all outstanding obligations; and

(iii) A detailed list of all proposed expenditures to be made prior to the time of retirement.

(B) In the event that the Auditor of State is retiring, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall notify the Auditor of State to file the aforementioned statement required of the Auditor of State with the office of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State; and

(3) The Auditor of State shall not issue any warrant in payment of the voucher of any agency coming under the provisions of this section in excess of the proportion provided for in this section. The Auditor of State shall be liable under his or her official bond for issuing any such warrant in excess of such proportion. However, in cases of calamity or emergency, the Governor may, by proclamation, authorize any agency to exceed the limitations of this section. Under such conditions the Auditor of State and the disbursing officer shall be relieved of any liability under this section if, in making the proclamation, the Governor states the reasons for the emergency and the probable amount of the excess obligations which the agency is authorized to incur.

(b) Purpose. It is the purpose of this section to provide for the conservation of appropriations for the normal operations of agencies, and the provisions of this section are not applicable to appropriations for improvements or to special appropriations.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 17; 1981, No. 741, 2; 1985, No. 365, 8; A.S.A. 1947, 13-343.

R1-19-4-206 General Conservation Activities

In any year that changes in Constitutional Officers will occur, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, through the DFA-Office of Budget and Office of Accounting, will survey the condition of the various State budgets and take whatever actions he/she deems necessary in order to conserve appropriate portions of the applicable budgets to ensure adequate funding will be available for incoming officers.

R2-19-4-206 Governor-Elect Transition Guidelines

The administration of funds, as may be appropriated by the General Assembly and provided to an individual who has been elected to a first term as Governor for the use in preparing for his or her forthcoming administration, must comply with the provisions of ACA §25-16-205 and this policy.

General Limitations

The expenditure of funds is limited to direct expenses of the activities relating to the new office holder preparing to take office in January following the general election. Only those expenses incurred from the date of the general election until the date of inauguration, which are directly related to assuming the office, shall be considered eligible for payment. No transition funds will be used to pay a salary to a newly elected official prior to his or her assuming the office.

Specific Guidelines

A budget for proposed use of such funds must be prepared by the Governor-Elect and presented to the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration prior to the release of transition funds. The individual(s) authorized to disburse the funds will be designated in writing by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA). Person(s) authorized to approve the following items must be designated in writing by the Director of DFA:

employment and payroll documents, purchasing documents, contracts, invoices for payment, and travel reimbursement requests.

All employees of the transition team are exempt from the overtime pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and, therefore, are not eligible for overtime pay.
The business affairs of the transitional team must comply with the policies, regulations and procedures established by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration for the conduct of State business. All financial transactions shall be recorded on the State's Financial Management System, and all original documentation shall be kept on file in the Office of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

SUBCHAPTER 3 - CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER OF THE STATE

19-4-301. Duties and responsibilities generally.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall carry out the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) Assist the Governor or Governor-elect in the preparation of the comprehensive program and financial plan, including the coordination and analysis of state agency programs, goals, and objectives;

(2) Develop procedures to produce the information needed for effective policy decision-making by the General Assembly and the Governor or Governor-elect;

(3) Assist agencies in developing their statement of goals and objectives, their preparation of program plans and budget requests, and their systems of evaluating and reporting of program performance;

(4) Provide the General Assembly or its interim committees with any information they may request;

(5) Between sessions of the General Assembly, keep the Legislative Council and any interim committees of the General Assembly that request this information informed of the actual expenditures of agencies as compared to their approved budgets and of the actual performance of these agencies as compared to that predicted in the program budget requests, along with the reasons for any deviations which exist; and

(6) Administer his or her responsibilities under the program budget provisions of this chapter so that the policy decisions and budget determinations of the General Assembly and Governor are effectively implemented.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 6; A.S.A 1947, 13-332.

19-4-302. Budget information forms.

To accomplish his or her duties and responsibilities, the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, in cooperation with the Legislative Council, shall design budget information forms so that comparative data of the last fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and the next biennium are presented so that state agencies can best express budgetary and program

information that will be most useful to the Governor or Governor-elect and the General Assembly in order to facilitate program formulation, execution, and accountability by:

(1) Focusing attention upon the general character and relative importance of the program to be accomplished or upon the service to be rendered and what the program or service will cost;

(2) Employing functional classifications, where practical to do so, in order to present budgets by broad program categories;

(3) Presenting budget requests by organizational units;

(4) Grouping expenditures and budget estimates by major objects of expenditures;

(5) Stating goals and objectives of agency programs;

(6) Presenting proposed plans to implement the goals and objectives, including proposed modification of existing program services and establishment of new program services, and the estimated resources required to implement the goals and objectives;

(7) Including a report of the receipts during the prior fiscal year, an estimate of the receipts during the current fiscal year, and an estimate for each year of the succeeding biennium;

(8) Presenting requested legislation required to implement the proposed programs and financial plans; and

(9) Supplying any other information necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 6; A.S.A. 1947, 13-332.

19-4-303. Budget estimates.

The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, in cooperation with the Legislative Council, shall:

(1) Prepare a budget calendar or time schedule so that the submission and presentation of budget estimates will be accomplished within the desired time limits; and

(2) Prepare a budget instructional manual to establish uniformity for presentation of budget estimates by state agencies.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 6; A.S.A. 1947, 13-332.

19-4-304. Regular and fiscal session preparations. [Effective until December 31, 2016.]

(a) Immediately after July 1 of each even-numbered calendar year, or earlier if determined necessary, the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall:

(1) Issue budget information forms, budget estimating instructions, and a budget calendar which has been approved by the Legislative Council, plus a budget policy letter from the Governor containing some or all of the following:

(A) Establishing maximum limitations on expenditures for the year in which estimates are being requested;

(B) Setting out the policies which will determine the Governor's priorities in the allocation of available resources;

(C) Outlining the effects of economic changes pertaining to price levels, population changes, and pending federal legislation; and

(D) Containing a review of current fiscal conditions and a prognostication of fiscal conditions for the future;

(2)(A) Visit and inspect the properties and facilities of any or all state agencies and request the administrative head or any employee of the agency to appear before him or her to explain any matters concerning the budgetary and program requirements of the agency.

(B) If any agency fails or refuses to furnish any information with respect to budget estimates or program formulation, as and when it shall be requested by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, then he or she shall have the authority to prepare and submit his or her own recommendations as to the budgetary or program requirements of the agency;

(3) Assist agencies in the preparation of their budget proposals. This assistance may include:

(A) Technical assistance;

(B) Organization of materials;

(C) Centrally collected accounting, budgeting, personnel, and purchasing information standards and guidelines;

(D) Population and other required data; and

(E) Any other assistance that will help the agencies produce the information necessary for efficient agency management and decision making by the General Assembly and the Governor or the Governor-elect;

(4) Analyze the budget estimates to evaluate and assess the priority and accuracy of agency requests in relation to policy and program objectives and the financial condition of the state and make recommendations for modifications and revision of the budget request if, in their opinion, the facts before them would justify such proposed revisions. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State in making recommended changes shall not alter the original request unless requested to do so by the administrative head of the agency affected but shall report the original request, together with his or her own recommendations and the reasons therefor, to the Governor, so that all agency budget estimates may be made available to the Governor or Governor-elect, the Legislative Council, and the General Assembly for their consideration;

(5) Prepare an estimate of the general and special revenues for the next fiscal year, along with comparative data for the then-current fiscal year and past fiscal year; and

(6) Submit the budget studies, together with his or her recommendations, to the Legislative Council and to the Governor or Governor-elect for such further recommendations as the Governor or Governor-elect may care to make.

(b) The director shall submit the annual revenue forecast to the Legislative Council:

(1) By February 1 of the year of a fiscal session; and

(2) No later than sixty (60) days before the start of a regular session.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 6; A.S.A. 1947, 13-332; Acts 2009, No. 962, 38; 2015 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 5, 4.

19-4-304. Regular and fiscal session preparations. [Effective December 31, 2016.]

(a) Immediately after July 1 of each even-numbered calendar year, or earlier if determined necessary, the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall:

(1) Issue budget information forms, budget estimating instructions, and a budget calendar which has been approved by the Legislative Council, plus a budget policy letter from the Governor containing some or all of the following:

(A) Establishing maximum limitations on expenditures for the year in which estimates are being requested;

(B) Setting out the policies which will determine the Governor's priorities in the allocation of available resources;

(C) Outlining the effects of economic changes pertaining to price levels, population changes, and pending federal legislation; and

(D) Containing a review of current fiscal conditions and a prognostication of fiscal conditions for the future;

(2)(A) Visit and inspect the properties and facilities of any or all state agencies and request the administrative head or any employee of the agency to appear before him or her to explain any matters concerning the budgetary and program requirements of the agency.

(B) If any agency fails or refuses to furnish any information with respect to budget estimates or program formulation, as and when it shall be requested by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, then he or she shall have the authority to prepare and submit his or her own recommendations as to the budgetary or program requirements of the agency;

(3) Assist agencies in the preparation of their budget proposals. This assistance may include:

(A) Technical assistance;

(B) Organization of materials;

(C) Centrally collected accounting, budgeting, personnel, and purchasing information standards and guidelines;

(D) Population and other required data; and

(E) Any other assistance that will help the agencies produce the information necessary for efficient agency management and decision making by the General Assembly and the Governor or the Governor-elect;

(4) Analyze the budget estimates to evaluate and assess the priority and accuracy of agency requests in relation to policy and program objectives and the financial condition of the state and make recommendations for modifications and revision of the budget request if, in their opinion, the facts before them would justify such proposed revisions. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State in making recommended changes shall not alter the original request unless requested to do so by the administrative head of the agency affected but shall report the original request, together with his or her own recommendations and the reasons therefor, to the Governor, so that all agency budget estimates may be made available to the Governor or Governor-elect, the Legislative Council, and the General Assembly for their consideration;

(5) Prepare an estimate of the general and special revenues for the next fiscal year, along with comparative data for the then-current fiscal year and past fiscal year; and

(6) Submit the budget studies, together with his or her recommendations, to the Legislative Council and to the Governor or Governor-elect for such further recommendations as the Governor or Governor-elect may care to make.

(b) The director shall submit the annual revenue forecast to the Legislative Council:

(1) By December 1 of the year preceding a fiscal session; and

(2) No later than sixty (60) days before the start of a regular session.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 6; A.S.A. 1947, 13-332; Acts 2009, No. 962, 38; 2015, No. 5, 4.

19-4-305. Preliminary budget report.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall prepare the described preliminary budget report so that it shall include the following:

(1) The budget requests as submitted by the legislative branch, the judicial branch, the elective constitutional officers, the Arkansas Department of Transportation, and the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;

(2) The budget requests of all other state agencies, as submitted by each agency, together with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State's analysis of the budget estimates and the executive recommendations;

(3) A recapitulation and summary of all budget information as required in this subchapter and the recommendations of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State; and

(4) A detailed statement of the revenues and other sources of income of the state government for the past complete fiscal year, the estimated revenues of the state under existing laws, and the Governor's proposals for revisions in any tax laws necessary to balance the budget.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 6; A.S.A. 1947, 13-332; *Acts 2017, No. 707, 42*.

19-4-306. Review and control of budgets.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, in cooperation with the Legislative Council, shall devise the necessary procedures, forms, and timetables to assure the same comprehensive review of all state agency requests for capital expenditures as outlined in this subchapter for operating budgets. In addition, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall institute the necessary budgetary and accounting controls over those capital budgets approved by the General Assembly to assure full compliance with all applicable state laws.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 6; A.S.A. 1947, 13-332.

19-4-307. Employment classification information.

(a) At the same time a state agency submits a budget request for presession budget hearings of the Legislative Council and the Joint Budget Committee, the agency shall also submit the following information for each employment classification:

(1) The total number of persons currently employed;

(2) The number of white male employees;

(3) The number of white female employees;

(4) The total number of Caucasian employees;

(5) The number of black male employees;

(6) The number of black female employees;

(7) The number of other employees who are members of racial minorities; and

(8) The total number of minorities currently employed.

(b) An agency's budget request shall not be considered by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee in a presession budget hearing unless the information required by this section is filed along with the budget request.

History. Acts 1993, No. 358, 1.

SUBCHAPTER 4 - AUDITOR OF STATE AND TREASURER OF STATE

19-4-401. Duties generally.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the offices of the Auditor of State and the Treasurer of State shall continue to perform the duties imposed by law upon these offices.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 27; A.S.A. 1947, 13-353.

19-4-402. Auditor of State as disbursing officer.

The Auditor of State shall act as disbursing officer for the appropriations made for:

(1) Circuit judges;

(2) Prosecuting attorneys;

(3) Retired circuit and chancery judges; and

(4) The Lieutenant Governor.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 27; A.S.A. 1947, 13-353; Acts 2005, No. 1962, 78.

19-4-403. Issuance of warrants.

The Auditor of State shall issue his or her warrants in payment of the vouchers presented to him or her by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State only after he or she shall have satisfied himself or herself that the provisions of this chapter have been complied with. For this purpose, the Auditor of State shall have the authority to conduct any further examination and preaudit of the vouchers which he or she may deem necessary. A single warrant may contain payments from multiple appropriations, classifications of appropriation, and funds.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 27; A.S.A. 1947, 13-353; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 5.

Warrants are instruments utilized by the State to pay for obligations incurred in the purchasing of goods or services from outside sources. Warrants are initiated in AASIS by utilizing either the purchase order or the direct invoice method.

R1-19-4-403 Warrant Cancellations

A warrant must be cancelled when either the warrant contains incorrect information (i.e. vendor name, address, payment amount, etc.) or the vendor loses or does not receive the warrant issued to them for payment. The following procedures supply the necessary information to complete a warrant cancellation whether the warrant is for an outside vendor or for payroll to a State employee. ***PLEASE NOTE:*** *For a chart reflecting forms that must be submitted in all instances of warrant cancellation actions, please see* *P1-19-4-403.*

Non-Payroll Warrant Cancellation

Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) is responsible for the cancellation of all Non-Payroll Warrants. All forms must be sent to DFA-OA where they will be processed and forwarded to the Auditor of State-Warrant Division.
There are two general categories for Non-Payroll Warrant Cancellations, those to be re-issued and not to be re-issued. These categories may include warrants that the agency have in hand or those that are lost or forged.
See: P4-19-4-403b

PLEASE NOTE: *Generally, Automatic Clearing House (ACH) warrants cannot be cancelled. ACH Warrants are payments that are made by direct deposit into a vendor's commercial bank*

account. If an agency requests the cancellation of an ACH warrant and that request cannot be processed, the agency must then contact the vendor for a refund of the ACH warrant. Once the agency receives the refund, a refund to expenditure must be completed and a deposit prepared and sent to the Treasurer of State-Receiving Section to record the receipt of funds for both the prior year and the current fiscal year warrants. Appropriation will be restored for current fiscal year warrants only.

An "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" Form, P2-19-4-403, must be completed by the vendor and submitted to the issuing agency for Non-Payroll Warrant Cancellations when the vendor purports the warrant has been lost or forged. The original "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" must then be sent either by mail, inter-office mail, or personal delivery to DFA-OA- Reconciliation Manager. The "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" will not be accepted by DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager until the 15th day after the issuance of the warrant. The agency personnel must contact the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division either by phone or by e-mail to verify that the warrant has not been redeemed just prior to the submission of the form.

Upon receipt of the "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" Form, the DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager will review and enter any action necessary in AASIS (i.e. voiding of warrant, reversal of payment). The "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" will then be delivered to the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division to be held in the event that the corresponding warrant is redeemed. If the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division has the original "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" and the original warrant is redeemed, the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division can then return the warrant and the "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" to the bank to attempt to receive a refund of the moneys. If the commercial bank does not refund the moneys to Treasurer of State-Warrant Division, Treasurer of State-Warrant Division will notify the agency that the warrant was not collectable. It is the agency's responsibility to collect the amount of the warrant from the vendor. If after six months the agency is unable to collect, a claim will be filed with the Claims Commission to reimburse the Treasurer of State from the agency's funds and appropriation.

If the original warrant is redeemed prior to an "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" being filed with the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division and the reissued warrant is also redeemed, the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division will attempt to receive a refund of moneys for the original warrant from the commercial bank. If the commercial bank denies the "Affidavit of Forged Warrant," the agency will be charged for both the original and the reissued warrant. The agency must then contact the vendor to collect the overpayment. Once the overpayment has been collected, the originating agency will deposit the refund in the originating fund and complete a refund to expenditure. If the original expenditure was for the current year, the general ledger account to use is 6080001000 Refund to Expenditure - Current Year. The agency then must submit a "Refund to Expenditure" Form, P3-19-4-403, to DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager. The "Refund to Expenditure" Form is then used to adjust the appropriation for the current year. If the original expenditure was for prior year, the general ledger account to use is 6990003000 Prior Years. There is no adjustment of appropriation for prior year.

Non-Payroll Warrant Cancellation with Reissue

Prior Year

All prior year warrant cancellations with reissue require the Auditor of State-Warrant Division to issue a duplicate warrant. These warrants will reflect the same warrant number and date as the original but will have "Duplicate" stamped on the actual warrant.
To cancel a prior year warrant that is being reissued, the agency must submit a "Non-Payroll Warrant Cancellation" Form, P4-19-4-403, an original "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" Form, P2-19-4-403, and an original "Bond for Reissuing Warrant" Form, P5-19-4-403, to DFA-OA. When a prior year warrant cancellation is submitted with a request for reissue and the Auditor of State-Warrant Division issues a duplicate warrant, no journal entries are made.

Current Year

Current year warrant cancellations can either have a duplicate warrant processed by the Auditor of State-Warrant Division or a new warrant can be issued. Duplicate warrants for current year warrant cancellations will only be processed if an "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" and "Bond for Reissuing Warrant" has been submitted with the "Non-Payroll Warrant Cancellation" Form. Also the agency must note on the "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" that the warrant is, if in fact, a forgery. When a current year warrant cancellation is submitted with a request for reissue and the Auditor of State-Warrant Division issues a duplicate warrant, no journal entries are made.

If a current year warrant is cancelled, a new warrant can be issued by the agency DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager will notify the agency when the warrant has been cancelled.
If a current year warrant is damaged or unacceptable at a commercial bank, the agency must send the original warrant and the "Non-Payroll Warrant Cancellation" Form to DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager, and a new warrant will be issued to the vendor by DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager.

Note: All forms must be submitted to DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager.
Prior Year Warrant Cancellations with Reissue Forms Needed:
P4-19-4-403– Non-Payroll Warrant Cancellations Form
P2-19-4-403– Affidavit of Forged Warrant (Original)
P5-19-4-403– Bond for Reissuing Warrant (Original)

Non-Payroll Warrant Cancellation without Reissue

Prior Year

For a prior year warrant cancellation (void), the agency must submit a "Non-Payroll Warrant Cancellation" Form, P4-19-4-403, either the original warrant or an "Affidavit of Forged Warrant," P2-19-4-403, and a "Prior Year Non Payroll Warrant Cancellation Journal Entry" Form, P6-19-4-403, to DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager. If the moneys were expensed from a fund that is supported by General Revenue and a portion of the moneys should not be reclaimed, a "Prior Year Non-Reclaimable Certification" Form, P7-19-4-403, must also be submitted to DFA-OA. Instructions for the "Prior Year Non-Reclaimable ***Certification"*** *Form can be found at P7-19-4-403b. If the "Prior Year Non-Reclaimable Certification" Form is not submitted, all*

moneys will be reclaimed at month end. Prior year warrant cancellations require journal entries to be created and the warrant to be voided by DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager. Document type "ZW," will be used in creating the journal entry. The following entry is made as of current date to the originating fund:

DR1100001000 Cash in State Treasury
CR6990002000 Prior Year Warrants Cancelled

The Prior Year Warrant Cancelled general ledger account posting is a non-budget relevant posting that does not reestablish appropriation.

The Business Area is used in the reference field for the posting of the prior year warrant cancellation; the short text will reflect "PY Warrant Cancel" and the text field will contain the warrant number.

If the original payment was from a fund that is supported by General Revenue, an additional entry will be made by DF-OA Funds Group Manager at month end reclaiming the moneys. The agency will need to provide a contact person, phone number (with area code) and e-mail address in the space provided on the "Non Payroll Warrant Cancellation" Form that is submitted to DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager.

Current Year

For a current year warrant cancellation the agency must submit a "Non-Payroll Warrant Cancellation" Form, P4-19-4-403, and either the original warrant or an "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" P2-19-4-403 to DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager.

The warrant will be cancelled in AASIS and the original invoice(s) will be reversed by DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager, if a new warrant is to be issued. A duplicate warrant can be issued for a current year warrant only if the original is reported as a forgery.

Payroll Warrant Cancellation

Department of Finance and Administration – Office of Personnel Management (DFA-OPM) is responsible for the cancellation of all payroll warrants. All forms must be sent to DFA-OPM where they will be processed.

PLEASE NOTE: *Generally, ACH warrants cannot be cancelled. ACH Warrants are payments that are made by direct deposit into a vendor's commercial bank account. If an agency requests the cancellation of an ACH warrant and that request cannot be processed, the agency must then contact the employee for a refund of the ACH warrant. Once the agency receives the refund, a deposit is to be made to the originating fund by the agency and a refund to expenditure must be completed to the originating fund to record the receipt of funds for both the prior year and the current fiscal year warrants. Appropriation will be restored for current fiscal year warrants only.*

An "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" Form, P2-19-4-403, must be completed by the employee and submitted to the issuing agency for Payroll Warrant Cancellations where the employee is claiming that the warrant is lost or that the warrant has been forged. The original "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" must then be sent either by mail, inter-office mail, or personal delivery to

DFA-Office of Personnel Management-Payroll Section (DFA-OPM-PS). The "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" will not be accepted by DFA-OPM-PS until the 6th day after the issuance of the warrant and after the agency contacts the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division either by phone or by e-mail to verify that the warrant has not been redeemed.

Upon receipt of the Affidavit of Forged Warrant" Form, DFA-OPM-PS will review and enter any action necessary in AASIS (i.e. voiding of warrant, reversal of payment). The "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" will then be delivered to the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division to be held in the event that the corresponding warrant is redeemed. If the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division has the original "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" and the original warrant is redeemed, the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division can then return the warrant and the "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" to the bank to attempt to receive a refund of the moneys. If the commercial bank does not refund the moneys to the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division, Treasurer of State-Warrant Division will notify the agency that the warrant was not collectable. It is the agency's responsibility to collect the amount of the warrant from the vendor. If after six months the agency is unable to collect, a claim will be filed with the Claims Commission to reimburse the Treasurer of State from the agency's funds and appropriation.

If the original warrant is redeemed prior to an "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" being filed with the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division and the reissued warrant is also redeemed, the Treasurer of State-Warrant Division will attempt to receive a refund of moneys for the original warrant from the commercial bank. If the commercial bank denies the "Affidavit of Forged Warrant," the agency will be charged for both the original and the reissued warrant. The agency must then contact the employee to collect the overpayment. Once the overpayment has been collected, the originating agency will deposit the refund in the originating fund and complete a refund to expenditure. If the original expenditure was for the current year, the general ledger account to use is 6080001000 Refund to Expenditure - Current Year. The agency then must submit a "Refund to Expenditure" Form, P3-19-4-403, to DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager. The "Refund to Expenditure" Form is then used to reinstate the appropriation for the current year. If the original expenditure was for prior year, the general ledger account to use is 6990003000 Prior Year Refunds to Expenditures. There is no adjustment of appropriation for prior year.

Payroll Warrant Cancellation with Reissue

Prior Year

For prior year payroll warrant cancellation, the agency must submit to DFA-OPM-PS a "Request for Reverse Payment Void," P8-19-4-403, a copy of the "Remuneration (REM) Statement," "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" and an additional two copies of each form. If the warrant cancellation is considered a forgery, the agency must also submit a "Bond for Reissuing Warrant," P5-19-4-403. DFA-OPM-PS will forward the "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" to DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager for the determination of whether a duplicate warrant can be reissued.

If a duplicate warrant is issued by the Auditor of State-Warrant Division, no cancellation is required.

PLEASE NOTE: *Should the employee cash the original warrant for which the "Affidavit of Forgery" papers have been signed, criminal charges can be filed against the employee by the individual or business entity that cashed the warrant or accepted it for deposit.*

Current Year

For current year payroll warrant cancellation, the agency must submit to DFA-OPM-PS an "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" and attach one copy. If the warrant cancellation is for a forgery, the agency must also submit a "Bond for Reissuing Warrant." DFA-OPM-PS will forward the "Affidavit of Forged Warrant" to DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager to make the determination of whether a duplicate warrant can be reissued.

If a duplicate warrant is issued by the Auditor of State-Warrant Division, no cancellation is required.

Outlawed Warrants

Refer to R1-19-4-703 "Outlawed Warrant Process" in this Guide. Questions concerning the outlawed warrant process should be directed to DFA–OA Reconciliation Manager. A list can be provided detailing all warrants that were outlawed by DFA-OA upon request.

19-4-404. Books, forms, and receipts.

(a) In order to provide for uniformity in fiscal procedure, the Auditor of State and the Treasurer of State are directed to establish and set up in their respective books such income, appropriation, disbursement, and fund accounts as shall be prescribed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State or as otherwise provided by law.

(b) The forms of all vouchers and other prescribed forms used in connection with the disbursement of funds in the State Treasury shall be prescribed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, with the approval of the Auditor of State, or as otherwise provided by law.

(c) All forms of receipts and other prescribed forms used in connection with the recording of the receipts of the Treasurer of State shall be prescribed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, with the approval of the Treasurer of State, or as otherwise provided by law.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 27; A.S.A. 1947, 13-353.

19-4-405. Examination of records.

(a) It is the duty of the Auditor of State to examine and verify the disbursement and redemption records of the Treasurer of State daily and compare them with the records in his or her own office and with the Auditor of State's redeemed warrants.

(b) As each redeemed warrant is examined and found to compare with the disbursement records, it shall be stamped over the signature of the Auditor of State. The stamp shall contain the words VOID, STATE AUDITOR, and shall be at least one-half inch by one and one-half inches (x 1) in size.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 27; A.S.A. 1947, 13-353.

19-4-406. Storage of warrants.

(a)(1) The Auditor of State shall place all redeemed warrants in a secure place or vault in the Auditor of State's office, subject to the inspection by any interested citizen.

(2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2)(B) of this section, the Auditor of State shall keep a warrant intact and without further alteration for a period of one (1) year from the close of the fiscal year in which the warrant was issued.

(B)(i) If the Auditor of State makes an electronic copy of the warrant, the original warrant shall be kept for three (3) months.

(ii) The electronic copy of the warrant shall be maintained for a period of ten (10) years from the close of the fiscal year in which the warrant was issued.

(b) If the Legislative Auditor or the State Historian requests retention of an original warrant or the electronic copy of a warrant in excess of the time periods provided under subsection (a) of this section, the warrant shall be retained by the Auditor of State for such period of time as required by the Legislative Auditor or the State Historian.

(c) If federal law or regulations require the retention of certain warrants for a period longer than the period prescribed in this section, warrants shall be retained for the period prescribed by the federal law or regulations.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 27; 1983, No. 305, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-353; Acts 2007, No. 269, 1; 2009, No. 251, 9.

19-4-407. Electronic warrants transfer system.

(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Treasurer of State, and the Auditor of State may establish an electronic warrants transfer system directly into payee's accounts in financial institutions in payment of any account allowed against the state.

(b) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Treasurer of State, and the Auditor of State, by joint rules, shall establish the standards and procedures for administering the system, to include that the electronic warrants transfer shall be in such form that a single instrument shall serve as electronic warrants transfer.

(c) A single electronic warrants transfer may contain payments to multiple payees, appropriations, characters, and funds.

History. Acts 1991, No. 421, 1-3.

R1-19-4-407 Electronic Warrants

<u>Overview</u>

Electronic warrants must be formatted to comply with Automated Clearing House (ACH) requirements. Circumstances occasionally arise that require deletions or reversals from the ACH transmittal file after it is created by the Statewide accounting system. The difference between a reversal or deletion of an ACH item is determined based upon the timing of the request. If an ACH item has not been distributed to the Federal Reserve by the bank, the ACH

item will be deleted. If an ACH item has been distributed to the Federal Reserve, it will be reversed if possible. ACH items are distributed to the Federal Reserve two (2) business days prior to the effective date if the bank has the item at that point. For example, if an ACH item is transmitted and the Request for Reversal/Deletion of an ACH Item form is faxed to the bank on Monday and the ACH item has an effective date of Thursday or later, the ACH item will be deleted. If an ACH item is transmitted and the Request for Reversal/Deletion of an ACH Item form is faxed to the bank on Monday and the ACH item has an effective date of Wednesday or earlier (but no earlier than five (5) business days prior), the ACH item will be reversed.

Deletions/reversals from an ACH file can only be processed by the Department of Finance and Administration – Office of Accounting (DFA-OA). In order to request a deletion/reversal of an ACH, the agency must properly complete the "Request for Reversal/Deletion of an ACH Item" form and submit the form via fax to DFA-OA. The "Request for Reversal/Deletion of an ACH item" form must be signed by two authorized agency personnel who are on file with DFA-OA as authorized personnel. Requests for deletion/reversal of an ACH item must be processed immediately following knowledge of an error.

Please Note: *To comply with National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) Rules, the Reversal/Deletion Request must be received by the bank in time to be processed within five (5) business days of the original entry settlement date. (The cutoff time is 5:00 PM CST on the 5th business day after settlement.)*

After two DFA-OA authorized personnel review and sign their approval to the "Request for Reversal/Deletion of an ACH item" form, DFA-OA will contact the bank and submit a formal request for a reversal/deletion of an ACH item. Pending bank approval, the moneys will be returned to the Vendor ACH Return Account, the Payroll ACH Return Account or the Income Tax ACH Return Account.

If the moneys are returned to the Vendor ACH Return Account, the requesting agency will be notified by DFA-OA and issued a check from the Vendor ACH Return Account to be processed as a refund to expenditure to the fund, fund center, commitment item, wbs element and/or internal order of original issuance.

If the moneys are returned to the Payroll ACH Return Account, a check will be issued to the Payroll paying fund and deposited into the Treasurer of State's office.

If the moneys are returned to the Income Tax ACH Return Account, a check will be issued to DFA-Revenue-Individual Income Tax and deposited into the Treasurer of State's office as a refund to expenditure.

Reversal/Deletion of an ACH item

The purpose of this process is to delete or reverse an ACH item once the file has reached the bank. This must be done within five (5) working days of the settlement or pay date of the deposit.

The requesting agency must complete the "Request for Reversal/Deletion of an ACH item" form and submit via FAX to the DFA-OA. Two persons from the approved agency personnel list must sign the request form prior to submission to the DFA–OA.

DFA staff will approve the request for submission to the bank. Designated Office of Accounting staff will fax the official "ACH Reversal/Deletion Request" form to the bank for processing.

Deletion of an item is possible if done prior to 5 PM on the day of transmittal of the ACH file by the Auditor of State. If an item is deleted, it will not be presented for reimbursement to the Treasurer of State, and Bank of America will return no money to the State. Cancellation of the electronic "warrant" will be necessary. No further payments should be issued until the DFA - Office of Accounting confirms the reversal.

Reversal of an item is at the discretion of the receiving bank. If the reversal is honored, money will be returned to the Treasurer of State's bank settlement account and subsequently transferred to either the Vendor ACH Return Account or the Payroll ACH Return Account. At that point a check will be written to reimburse the agency for the funds or the Payroll Paying Account and deposited as a refund to expenditure, either current or prior year.

19-4-408. Distributions to public school districts.

(a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Treasurer of State, and the Auditor of State shall establish an electronic warrants transfer system to distribute certain funds directly to an account in a financial institution, as designated by the public school district's treasurer.

(2) The determination of the categories of funds to be distributed shall be made by the Commissioner of Education.

(3)(A) The public school district shall accept distributions by the electronic warrants transfer system.

(B)(i) A public school district with a district treasurer may choose to have funds first distributed to the county treasurer or directly to the school district treasurer.

(ii) If a school district with a district treasurer chooses direct distribution of funds to the school district treasurer, the State of Arkansas shall forward all state and federal funds for the district to the district treasurer, whether they are in the form of state warrants or electronic warrants transfers.

(iii) If a school district uses the county treasurer as its treasurer, the State of Arkansas shall forward all state and federal funds for the district to the county treasurer, whether they are in the form of state warrants or electronic warrants transfers.

(b) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Treasurer of State, and the Auditor of State, by joint rules, shall establish the standards and procedures for administering the system, to include that the electronic warrants transfer shall be in such form that a single instrument shall serve as electronic warrants transfer.

(c) A single electronic warrants transfer may contain payments to multiple public school districts, appropriations, characters, and funds.

History. Acts 1993, No. 540, 1-5; 1995, No. 232, 8.

SUBCHAPTER 5 - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

19-4-501. General requirements.

(a) In order to provide necessary financial information for the Governor, members and committees of the General Assembly, and other interested state agencies, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is directed to establish a comprehensive financial management system for appropriated and cash funds of agencies.

(b) The financial management system shall provide for an adequate control over receipts, expenditures, and balances to the end that information may always be currently available as to the financial condition of the state and its various subdivisions. The system shall:

(1) Include a modified accrual system embracing encumbrance accounting;

(2) Conform with generally accepted governmental accounting principles; and

(3) Provide a reporting system whereby actual expenditures are compared to those predicted in the agency's annual operations plan described in subchapter 6 of this chapter.

(c) In obtaining any necessary fiscal information, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have the authority to make an examination of the books and records of any agency to determine the financial condition of the agency and to report on it.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL UTILIZING AASIS SECURITY ROLES

R1-19-4-501 Proper Internal Accounting Controls

It is the objective of the State of Arkansas to assure proper internal accounting controls are in place, to safeguard the State's assets and to prevent fraud, errors and defalcations (theft and embezzlements). The Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS) utilizes various accounting roles in order to provide for an adequate segregation of duties to facilitate better business practices and enable an adequate system of internal accounting controls. The assignment of AASIS security roles is at the sole discretion of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Each agency, board or commission that has online access to AASIS shall have a security liaison that is knowledgeable regarding the business and accounting practices of their respective entity, and have a working knowledge of internal accounting controls. Each security liaison will ensure that a particular individual does not have conflicting or an excessive number of security roles assigned.

P1-19-4-501 A complete list of security role titles and conflicts can be found on the AASIS website.

R2-19-4-501 Agency Security Liaison

The security liaison will assign roles to any new accounting team employee upon his/her commencement of employment. New role assignments or revisions to current role assignments will be submitted to the AASIS Security Administrator for review and entry into the AASIS system. If a conflict or an excessive number of security role assignments are discovered in the review process, the AASIS Security Administrator will forward the request to the Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Accounting, CAFR Section (DFA-OA-CAFR Section) for approval of a proposed solution or design of mitigating controls to be implemented.

Changes to current role assignments should be evaluated by the Agency Security Liaison to determine that internal control conflicts will not be created and that excessive roles are not assigned to one individual.

Upon termination or any change in status of employment, the Agency Security Liaison shall immediately remove all roles no longer applicable to an employee's job duties. There shall be a process in place at each agency to audit the change in role assignments by comparing the human resources data forms to changes in AASIS role assignments. The Agency Security Liaison shall assess security roles annually.

R3-19-4-501 Temporary Security Role Assignments

When circumstances dictate, temporary security role assignments may be utilized by requesting that a security role assignment be granted for a specific time period, even though the assignment would appear to be allowing an individual to have excessive security roles. In the event an agency does not have sufficient staffing to assign security roles so that all park and post capabilities are met, they may request documents be posted by the DFA-OA-Service Bureau Manager. These items must be documented and reviewed by the individual that would otherwise have been required to park or post the documents or their immediate supervisor, as a mitigating control. This documentation must be retained in the files of the agency for review until the individual transaction records involved are destroyed.

R4-19-4-501 Cash Receipts Internal Control

Strict control needs to be maintained during the processing of cash receipts to ensure that they are properly accounted for. The term "cash" includes currency, coin, checks, moneys orders and credit card receipts. Collecting, recording, depositing and reconciling cash receipts should be separated among different individuals. No one person should be in a position to misdirect the accounting or posting of a receipt. Additionally, the internal control procedures should prevent the misappropriation of funds once in the control of the agency.

Where staffing levels do not permit separation of duties, compensating controls such as strict individual accountability and thorough management review and supervision should exist to help

safeguard assets and ensure that accounting records are complete and accurate. Any system adopted should include completely separating the handling of cash or checks from the recording function whenever possible. The compensating control procedures must be submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting for written approval.

Cash Received in Person

A receipt must be issued for each payment received. The following minimum standards shall be met. Receipts are to be pre-numbered by the printer, and a printer's certificate obtained and retained for audit purposes. Such certificate shall state the date printing was done, the numerical sequence of receipts printed and the name of the printer.
The pre-numbered receipts shall contain the following information for each item receipted:

Date
Amount of receipt
Name of person or company from whom moneys was received
Purpose of payment
Fund(s) to which receipt is to be credited
Signature of employee receiving moneys

The original receipt shall be given to the party making payment. One duplicate copy of the receipt shall be maintained in numerical order in the receipt book. Additional copies of the receipts are optional with the State agency, board or commission or institution and may be used for any purpose they deem fit.

The use of mechanical receipting devices, such as cash registers, which accomplish the same purpose as pre-numbered receipts, is acceptable and is encouraged.
All checks and other negotiable instruments must be endorsed immediately with a restrictive endorsement stamp.

Cash must be kept in a safe or other locked storage device until deposited.

Cash Received Through the Mail

The mail must be opened in a monitored environment. All checks should be numbered, marked or endorsed as soon as possible.

A list of cash (cash log) must be prepared in duplicate. The list shall include sufficient detail to allow an audit trail of an individual receipt.

One copy of the cash log shall be kept in the area and the other should accompany the deposit. Cash must be stored in a safe or other locked storage device until deposited.

Balancing of Cash Receipts

All cash receipts must be balanced daily by mode of payment by comparing the total of the cash to the cash register totals, to the pre-numbered receipts totals and to the totals of the moneys received by mail.

All voided transactions are to be approved and initialed by the supervisor. Agencies using the Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System must run a ZCAJO Cash Journal report

on a weekly basis. Enter the cash journal number, document status of "D" and the posting date range. This will generate a list of all deleted documents from the cash journal for the period specified. This list shall include the initials of the supervisor acknowledging authorization of all deleted cash receipt transactions and be available for audit purposes.
Over/short amounts must be separately recorded, and investigated and resolved to the extent possible.

Preparation of Deposits
Someone not involved with collecting, recording or reconciling must prepare the deposit. Cash must be recorded on the deposit slip in the appropriate space.

An adding machine tape of checks must be included with the deposit slip if the number of checks exceeds the space available to list the checks on the deposit slip.

Good internal controls dictate daily deposits to Treasury and/or a commercial bank account. Weekly deposits are allowable if an agency receives only minimal amounts of cash and/or checks. However, in the last week of the month all deposits keyed into the State's accounting system must be delivered to the Treasurer of State or the commercial bank for deposit prior to noon on the last business day of the month.

Reconciliation of Cash Collected
Bank accounts should be reconciled by an employee independent of the collecting, depositing or recording functions on a monthly basis. Correcting journal entries must be made to the agency's books of record to correct prior month's errors in the current month.

19-4-502. Duties of Chief Fiscal Officer of the State generally.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall:

(1) Review postaudits of state agencies conducted by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and advise the Governor and the Attorney General or prosecuting attorney for legal action, if appropriate, of any improper or illegal practices;

(2) Assist the various agencies in complying with the recommendations of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee for improving their accounting systems;

(3) Establish a uniform chart of accounts and issue an accounting procedures manual governing statewide accounting and reporting policies and procedures;

(4) Prepare analysis and evaluation reports of the financial management system and fiscal control procedures to determine compliance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles;

(5) Adapt the financial management system to meet the particular needs of each agency while maintaining the overall integrity of the system and comparability of coding and reporting for all agencies utilizing the system; and

(6) Design accounting and reporting forms for use by agencies in effecting proper fiscal control procedures.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; 1985, No, 365, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338.

19-4-503. Deposit of funds in State Treasury.

(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have the authority, upon request of a state agency having funds on deposit in a depository other than the State Treasury, to authorize the agency to deposit the moneys in the State Treasury.

(b) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall determine the classification of the funds and shall designate or create the State Treasury fund into which the moneys are to be deposited.

(c) The appropriation acts which appropriated the cash moneys shall be construed to be in conformity with Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, 29, and Arkansas Constitution, Article 16, 12, for withdrawing moneys from the State Treasury.

(d) All moneys deposited in the State Treasury under the provisions of this section shall be deposited as nonrevenue receipts and shall not be subjected to the provisions of 19-5-205(e) unless the source of the revenue is specifically classified in 19-6-201 or 19-6-301.

(e) If any moneys classified as trust funds under the provisions of this section earn interest, then that interest shall be credited to the trust fund.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; 1977, No. 486, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338.

PLEASE NOTE: *Refer to 19-5-104 for additional circumstances under which the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may establish funds.*

19-4-504. Requisites of system.

The financial management system shall at all times:

(1) Reflect the unencumbered balances of all State Treasury funds, fund accounts, and accounts and appropriations payable from the State Treasury;

(2) Reflect the appropriations and allotments as approved by the General Assembly;

(3) Reflect the distribution and allocation of the state revenues under the Revenue Stabilization Law, 19-5-101 et seq., and other revenue laws of the state; and

(4) Provide a record of the expenditures, disbursements, and receipts of all state agencies.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338.

R1-19-4-504 Overview of the Financial Management System

The State of Arkansas implemented a new financial management system on July 1, 2001. The system is designed to be a database resource management tool that encompasses many types of information for management use in addition to accounting data, such as budgeting, purchasing

and human resource management in an integrated fashion. The system is commonly referred to as AASIS, the acronym for "Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System." The current operating platform is SAP software. The system replaced several of the previous automated systems used by the State since 1971. Upon conversion to AASIS, the State has the ability to report financial results on an individual agency or statewide basis on the modified or full accrual basis of accounting in order to comply with financial reporting requirements promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The system is utilized on-line by most agencies and departments of Arkansas State Government. There are some small agencies that do not have the resources to utilize the system. For those small agencies, boards and commissions, the DFA-Office of Accounting created the "Service Bureau" Section to process all transactions and produce financial reports.

Reporting agencies, (e.g. colleges and universities, certain constitutional offices, War Memorial Stadium Commission, Arkansas Highway & Transportation Department, etc.) do not use AASIS as their original books of record. They have their own separate and independent accounting systems. These systems must have the capability to present the reporting agency's trial balances and related financial statements on both the modified accrual and full accrual basis of accounting in order to facilitate preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the State of Arkansas in accordance with the requirements of GASB 34. Reporting agencies interface certain items within AASIS for budgetary control and for other financial reporting purposes. Each reporting agency, excluding the colleges and universities, shall make adjusting journal entries to agree with AASIS trial balance to their books of record, preferably on an interim basis, but not less frequently than annually as of June 30th of each fiscal year.

R2-19-4-504 E-Commerce, Electronic Records and Signatures

ACA § 25-31-101 et seq., known as the "Arkansas Electronic Records and Signatures Act" and ACA § 25-32-101 et seq., the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act" details the definitions and guidelines relating to the authority and the use of electronic records, signatures and transactions. Acceptance and/or disbursement by State agencies of State funds via electronic means, including Internet transactions, also referred to as electronic commerce (e-commerce) must, at a minimum, be conducted in accordance with the above referenced Arkansas Code sections, the Arkansas Shared Technical Architecture Program policies which can be viewed at http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/informationServices/Pages/default.aspx and other applicable laws, regulations and policies contained in this Guide. E-commerce includes, but is not limited to, acceptance of credit cards and debit cards, use of purchase cards, receipt and transmittal of purchase orders and invoices.

An agency may establish additional policies and requirements, as long as the agency meets the minimum requirements contained in the Arkansas Code. For example, ACA § 19-11-222 provides for the State Procurement Director to have exclusive jurisdiction over the establishment and maintenance of an electronic commerce procurement solution, to include planning and administration, consistent with the established financial systems of the State. The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of State Procurement (OSP) maintains, on its web site, links to State procurement laws and regulations, including those applicable to e-commerce. http://www.arkansas.gov/dfa/procurement/pro_laws.html

Electronic warrants issued in payment for goods and/or services received by the State and its agencies, boards and commissions are discussed in detail in section R1-19-4-407 of this Guide.

Vehicle tag renewals and fishing and hunting licenses can be obtained via the Internet from the Department of Finance & Administration – Revenue Division and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, respectively. Links to these e-commerce transactions can be found at http://www.arkansas.gov/

Other examples of efficient use of e-commerce:

A. The State of Arkansas, Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education, utilizes Internet billing for services provided. They have also developed guidelines for users who wish to take advantage of the conveniences and efficiencies of this type of e-commerce transaction.

B. Other State agencies, colleges and universities, departments and commissions currently utilize e-commerce transactions to receive invoices for services provided to their agency.

Each agency director or his designee shall serve as the security officer with responsibilities including, but not limited to, designating authorized electronic signatures, controlling and continuing maintenance of the assigned signature authority and maintenance of the source documentation to support the electronic signatures and records in compliance with the Arkansas code. E-commerce transactions initiated and/or entered into by the State's agencies, boards or commissions must have terms and conditions mutually agreeable by all parties involved with the transaction(s) and shall have adequate documentation in order to provide a suitable audit trail for use by internal or external auditors of the State.

19-4-505. Generally accepted accounting principles.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the state accounting system, as authorized in this subchapter, shall be established in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as recognized by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and any successor governing boards. However, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall consult the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee before proposing, adopting, or recommending compliance with any of the generally accepted accounting principles that conflict with law. It is further recognized that the state accounting system should comply with recognized principles of accounting for and reporting of public moneys in order to properly and fairly discharge to the taxpayers our responsibility of adequately accounting for their moneys.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; 1979, No. 833, 3; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 6.

R1-19-4-505 Internal Control and Ethics Requirements

State government agencies must have an established system of internal control that provides reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives in operations, reporting and compliance.

- *Operations Objectives – These pertain to effectiveness and efficiency of the entity's operations, including operational and financial performance goals, and safeguarding assets against loss.*

- *Reporting Objectives – These pertain to internal and external financial and non-financial reporting and may encompass reliability, timeliness, transparency, or other terms as set forth by regulators, recognized standard setters, or the entity's policies.*

- *Compliance Objectives – These pertain to adherence to laws and regulations to which the entity is subject.*

Agencies are also required to establish an effective anti-fraud program that: 1) creates a culture of honesty, 2) evaluates the risks of fraud and implements the processes, procedures and controls needed to mitigate those risks and 3) develops an appropriate oversight process.

General

The General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law of Arkansas (ACA §19-4-101 et seq.) sets the policy for the State of Arkansas to provide an adequate accounting for all fiscal transactions and provide methods of internal accounting control by establishing and supervising the accounting systems of State agencies. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is empowered to make, amend, and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, as he shall deem necessary and proper to effectively carry out these provisions.

ACA §19-4-501 requires the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to establish a comprehensive financial management system for appropriated and cash funds of agencies. This system shall conform to generally accepted governmental accounting principles.

ACA §19-4-505 requires that the State's Accounting System be established in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as recognized by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and any successor board. Statement on Auditing Standards #55 and #78 issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants set the standards for an adequate system of internal control. Statement on Auditing Standards #99 sets the requirement for considering fraud in a financial statement audit.

Internal Control Process

Purpose

To preserve the trust and respect that the public has for the governing process, government entity managers should take the necessary steps to minimize the risk of waste and abuse

occurring within their entity. Fraud can range from minor employee theft to misappropriating of assets and fraudulent financial reporting. The establishment of a strong internal control environment where written policies and procedures are enforced, internal controls are appropriately implemented and employees are educated about fraud and its consequences is one of the best deterrents and methods of curtailing fraud. For internal controls to be effective, they must be periodically evaluated for effectiveness and changed as business processes are changed.

To some extent, everyone in an organization is responsible for ensuring the internal control system is effective. However, the head of each state agency has the ultimate responsibility because he or she has been entrusted with achieving the organization's mission. To the extent that the head of the agency authorizes other individuals to manage the activities of the organization, those managers then become responsible for the portion of the internal control system that they administer. Managers establish policies and plans, make decisions and create the work atmosphere that influences the internal control system. Therefore, managers should also be held accountable for failures of the internal control system.

Because departments in state government vary in size, complexity and degree of centralization, no single method of internal control is universally applicable. Managers should use this section as a framework for developing their internal control systems, consistent with their department's operations and agency mission.

Definition of Internal Controls

The expanded focus of both the public and private sectors on internal control has increased the sensitivity of government management, internal and independent auditors, legislators, regulators, academics and the general public to the need for effective internal control to manage an entity's activities.

The National Commission on Fraudulent Financial Reporting, known as the Treadway Commission, was created in 1985 by the joint sponsorship of different accounting professional organizations. The Treadway Commission had as its major objective to identify the factors of fraudulent financial reporting and to make recommendations to reduce its incidence. The Commission's Report (Report of the National Commission on Fraudulent Financial Reporting – National Commission on Fraudulent Financial Reporting, 1987) emphasized the importance of the control environment, codes of ethics, competent and involved audit committees and an active and objective internal audit function. Additionally, the Commission called for the sponsoring organizations to work together reference point. Based upon this recommendation, a task force under the auspices of the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) was formed to study internal control. The COSO study and the resulting report (Internal Control-Integrated Framework) was initiated to provide a common understanding of internal control among all parties and to assist management to exercise better control over an enterprise. It is the COSO definition of internal control that is considered the formal definition today.

Internal Control is defined as a process, effected by an entity's board of directors, management and other personnel designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives related to operations, reporting and compliance.

Although this formal definition refers to internal control as a process, it should be viewed as a series of actions that permeate the entire State Government of Arkansas. Internal controls exist in the basic management processes of planning, executing and monitoring. It should not be viewed as an add-on to these basic management processes but should be viewed as an integral part of them and should be placed at strategic points in these processes to ensure that objectives are achieved.

Internal control is at the core of State government fulfilling its mission and achieving its goals while providing safeguards to protect governmental resources. Management of each agency is responsible for implementing appropriate internal control activities that are appropriate to their agency's processes while keeping in mind that effective internal controls benefit rather than encumber management. Costs of implementing internal controls should not exceed the potential loss from fraud or the value of assets that the controls are established to safeguard.

It is vital that everyone understand the concept and importance of internal controls, especially since virtually every State employee has a role in how well the State of Arkansas executes the concept of internal control.

Internal Control consists of five interrelated components. These components are:

1. *Control Environment*
2. *Risk Assessment*
3. *Control Activities*
4. *Information and Communication*
5. *Monitoring*

<u>Control Environment</u>

The control environment can be best summarized as the attitude that management has about internal controls. If management believes that internal controls are important, is committed to implementing controls and communicates this view to employees, then internal controls are more likely to function effectively. However, if management views internal control as not important or as an obstacle, then this attitude will likely be communicated to employees through management's actions. With this attitude, employees will likely view internal controls as "red tape" to be "cut-through" in order to get the job done. An effective control environment is an intangible factor that sets the foundation for all other components of internal control.

Principles supporting the control environment, include:

- *Demonstrating a commitment to integrity and ethical values,*
- *Exercising oversight of the development and performance of internal control,*
- *Establishing structures, reporting lines, and appropriate authorities and responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives,*
- *Demonstrating a commitment to attract, develop, and retain competent individuals in alignment with objectives, and*
- *Holding individuals accountable for their internal control responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.*

Risk Assessment

All agencies have certain risk involved in meeting their objectives and providing services to internal customers (other State agencies) and external customers (taxpayers of the State). This is based upon the premise that opportunity and risk are related; therefore, State government is exposed to risk by simply fulfilling the opportunity that it has to better serve the citizens of the State. By this definition, it can be seen that risk should not be viewed negatively but simply inherent to the decision of doing business.

Risk assessment is the process used to identify, analyze and manage the potential risks that could hinder or prevent an agency from achieving its objectives. A COSO based risk assessment shall be performed by each agency once every two years as coordinated by the DFA –Office of Internal Audit (DFA_IA).

Principles supporting risk assessment, include:

- *The agency specifies objectives with sufficient clarity to enable the identification and assessment of risks related to objectives,*
- *The agency identifies risks to the achievement of its objectives across the agency and analyzes risks as a basis for determining how the risks should be managed,*
- *The agency considers the potential for fraud in assessing risks to the achievement of objectives, and*
- *The agency identifies and assesses changes that could significantly impact the system of internal control.*

Control Activities

Control Activities are the policies, procedures, techniques and mechanisms that enforce management's directives, such as the process of adhering to requirements for budget development and execution. They help ensure that actions are taken to address risks. Internal Control Activities should be an integral part of an entity's processes for planning, implementing, reviewing, ensuring accountability for government resources and achieving effective results.

Internal Control Activities occur at all levels and functions of the entity. They include a wide range of diverse activities such as approvals, authorizations, verifications, reconciliations, performance reviews, maintenance of security and the creation and maintenance of related records that provide evidence of execution of these activities as well as appropriate documentation. Control Activities may be applied in a computerized information system environment or through manual processes.

Principles supporting the control activities, include:

- *The agency selecting and developing control activities that contribute to the mitigation of risks to the achievement of objectives to acceptable levels,*
- *The agency selecting and developing general control activities over technology to support the achievement of objectives, and*
- *The agency deploying control activities through policy and procedures that establish what is expected and procedures that put policies into action.*

Click for internal control questionnaire to assist in determining need for additional control activities
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Information and Communication
For an agency to run and control its operations and achieve its desired objectives, communications relating to both operational and financial data is needed at all levels of an agency in a relevant, reliable and timely fashion.

Personnel should know their job responsibilities and how their activities relate to the work of others. In addition, a means should exist to permit upward communication within any agency, and employees should be confident that reprisals will not result from communicating significant information.

Principles supporting information and communication, include:

- *The agency obtains or generates and uses relevant, quality information to support the functioning of internal control,*
- *The agency internally communicates information, including objectives and responsibilities of internal control, necessary to support the functioning of internal control, and*
- *Agency management should ensure that there are adequate means of communicating with and obtaining information from external parties that may have a significant impact on the agency achieving its goals.*

Monitoring
Subsequent to implementing internal controls, agencies should periodically monitor and evaluate their effectiveness to ensure that the controls are functioning properly. Potential weaknesses in internal control structure may be identified by Legislative Audit, Internal Audit or by employees of agencies. When members of management are notified of these weaknesses, they should take corrective action to resolve the identified problems in their internal control structure. Although monitoring is a separate component of internal control, it is easy to see how it relates to the component of internal control environment previously discussed.

Internal Control and Fraud
To preserve the trust and respect that the public has for the governing process, government agency leaders should take the necessary steps to minimize the risk of fraud, waste and abuse occurring within their agency. The establishment of a strong internal control environment where written policies and procedures are enforced, internal controls are appropriately implemented and employees are educated about fraud and its consequences is one of the best deterrents and methods of curtailing fraud.

The impact that strong internal controls has in deterring fraud and limiting exposure if fraud does occur is irrefutable; however, a strong system of internal controls is no absolute guarantee that all cases of fraud will be prevented. Why? Because the best system of internal control can't prevent collusion between two or more people who are in positions to circumvent the internal control mechanisms, or prevent managers or individuals in key leadership capacities from

unduly influencing those responsible for the internal control activities. Therefore, it is important for State government employees to recognize fraud when it is occurring and report the fraudulent activities to the appropriate authority.

Occupational fraud and abuses can be defined as the use of one's occupation for personal enrichment through the deliberate misuse or misapplication of government resources or assets. Occupational fraud and abuses include misappropriation of assets in the form of cash theft, fraudulent disbursements, theft or personal use of inventory or other non-cash assets. Fraud can also take the form of bribery and corruption when kickbacks, gifts or gratuities are offered to government employees from contractors or vendors to influence decisions of government agents or employees.

Anti-Fraud Program

The fundamental elements of an effective anti-fraud program that should be established by each agency are:

1. *Creating and maintaining a culture of honesty,*
2. *Evaluating the risks of fraud and implementing the processes, procedures and controls needed to mitigate those risks, and*
3. *Developing an appropriate oversight process*

Creating a Culture of Honesty and High Ethics

It is each agency's responsibility to create a culture of honesty and high ethics. Such a culture is rooted in a strong set of core values (or value system) that provides the foundation for employees as to how the agency conducts its business. It also allows an entity to develop an ethical framework that covers (1) fraudulent financial reporting, (2) misappropriation of assets, (3) corruption, as well as other issues.

Creating a culture of honesty and high ethics should include the following:

1. *Setting the tone at the top*
2. *Creating a positive workplace environment*
3. *Hiring and promoting appropriate employees*
4. *Training*
5. *Confirmation*
6. *Discipline*

Setting the Tone at the Top

The cornerstone of an effective antifraud environment is a culture with a strong value system founded in integrity. The value system is reflected in a code of ethics. A code of ethics should reflect the core values of the entity and guide employees in making appropriate decisions during their workday. The code of ethics might include such topics as ethics, confidentiality, conflicts of interest, and fraud. Each agency shall develop a Code of Ethics which shall be communicated to each employee. Each employee shall sign a statement that they have received and understand the Code of Ethics.

The Code of Ethics shall be included in an employee handbook or policy manual so that it can be referred to when needed. Click the link Organizational Code of Conduct for an example.

Creating a Positive Workplace Environment

Without a positive workplace environment, there are more opportunities for poor employee morale, which can affect an employee's attitude about committing fraud against an entity. Factors that detract from a positive work environment and may increase the risk of fraud include:

1. *Negative feedback and lack of recognition for job performance*
2. *Perceived inequities in the organization*
3. *Fear of delivering "bad news" to supervisors and/or management*
4. *Less-than-competitive compensation*
5. *Poor training and promotion opportunities*
6. *Lack of clear organizational responsibilities*
7. *Poor communication practices or methods within the organization*

Hiring and Promoting Appropriate Employees

Each employee has a unique set of values and personal code of ethics. When faced with sufficient pressure and a perceived opportunity, some employees will behave dishonestly rather than face the negative consequences of honest behavior. The threshold at which dishonest behavior starts, however, will vary among individuals. If an entity is to be successful in preventing fraud, it must have effective policies that minimize the chance of hiring or promoting individuals with low levels of honesty, especially for positions of trust.

Proactive hiring and promotion procedures may include:

1. *Conducting background investigations on individuals being considered for employment or for promotion to a position of trust*
2. *Thoroughly checking a candidate's education, employment history, and personal references*
3. *Periodic training of all employees about the entity's values and Code of Ethics*
4. *Incorporating into regular performance reviews an evaluation of how each individual has contributed to creating an appropriate workplace environment in line with the entity's values and Code of Ethics.*

Training

New employees should be trained at the time of hiring about the entity's values and its Code of Ethics. This training should explicitly cover expectations of all employees regarding (1) their duty to communicate certain matters, (2) a list of the types of matters, including actual or suspected fraud, to be communicated along with specific examples, and (3) information on how to communicate those matters. In addition to training at the time of hiring, employees should receive refresher training periodically thereafter.

Confirmation

Management needs to clearly articulate that all employees will be held accountable to act within the entity's Code of Ethics. All employees within senior management and the finance function, as well as other employees in areas that might be exposed to unethical behavior (for example, procurement, disbursement and receipting), should be required to sign a code of ethics annually. Requiring periodic confirmation by employees of their responsibilities will not only reinforce the policy but may also deter individuals from committing fraud and other violations and might identify problems before they become significant. Such confirmation shall include statements

that the individual understands the entity's expectations, has complied with the Code of Ethics and is not aware of any unethical behavior. The confirmation shall reiterate the employee's obligation to report fraud, waste and abuse of government resources.
At the time of performing annual employee performance evaluations, a signed confirmation should be obtained from the employee that they have read and understand the entity's Code of Ethics.

Discipline
A thorough investigation should be conducted for each alleged incident of fraud. If allegations of fraud are substantiated, then appropriate and consistent actions should be taken against violators.

Expectations about the consequences of committing fraud must be clearly communicated throughout the entity. For example, a strong statement from management that dishonest actions will not be tolerated, that violators will be terminated and referred to the appropriate authorities clearly establishes consequences and can be a valuable deterrent to wrongdoing.

State employees have the option of reporting allegations of fraud directly to the DFA-OIA. They can contact the DFA-OIA at (501) 682-0370 or complete a Fraud Reporting form and mail to the DFA-OIA. In addition, DFA-OIA's Fraud, Waste and Abuse Report Center Poster should be posted in a conspicuous location at all agencies for employees to reference reporting contact information. The poster can be found at:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/internalaudit/Documents/FraudReportingPoster.pdf

State agency management must be familiar with the Arkansas Whistle-blower Act and their responsibility not to take adverse action against a public employee because the public employee or a person authorized to act on behalf of the employee communicates in good faith the existence of waste of public funds, property or manpower, including federal funds, property, or manpower administered or controlled by a public employee, or a violation or suspected violation of a law, rule or regulation adopted under the law of this State or a political subdivision of the State to an appropriate authority. Click for the Fraud Reporting Form P6-19-4-505 .

Click for Arkansas Whistle-blower Act

Evaluation Processes and Controls
Neither fraudulent financial reporting nor misappropriation of assets can occur without a perceived opportunity to commit and conceal the act. Organizations should be proactive in reducing fraud opportunities by (1) identifying and measuring fraud risks, (2) taking steps to mitigate identified risks and (3) implementing and monitoring appropriate preventive and detective internal controls and other deterrent measures.

Identifying and Measuring Fraud Risks
Management has primary responsibility for establishing and monitoring all aspects of the entity's fraud risk-assessment and prevention activities. Fraud risks should be considered as part of an agency-wide risk assessment program. The fraud risk-assessment process should consider the vulnerability of the entity to fraudulent activity (fraudulent financial reporting,

misappropriation of assets and corruption) and whether any of those exposures could result in a material misstatement of the financial statements or material loss to the organization.

Mitigating Fraud Risks

Once risk areas are identified by management, it is necessary to evaluate the adequacy of existing internal control activities and determine if further controls or changes to existing controls are required to reduce or eliminate the risk. Although there may be high risk fraud indicators in certain instances, other compensating measures may exist to mitigate the weakness in controls. It may be possible to reduce or eliminate certain fraud risks by making changes to the entity's activities and processes. For example, the risk of misappropriations of funds may be reduced by implementing a central lockbox at a bank to receive payments instead of receiving moneys at the entity's various locations. The risk of corruption may be reduced by closely monitoring the entity's procurement process, etc.

Management of state agencies is responsible for implementing appropriate oversight functions to monitor the activities carried out by employees. Operational managers are responsible for the internal controls built into systems and processes that identify, assess, control and mitigate fraud risks. Upper level management of state agencies are responsible for providing additional monitoring activities, based upon their additional expertise and process knowledge, to support the management of fraud risks.

19-4-506. Accounting and reporting capabilities.

A governmental accounting system must make it possible both to:

(1) Present fairly and with full disclosure the financial position and results of financial operations of the funds and account groups of the governmental unit in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles; and

(2) Determine and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; 1979, No. 833, 3; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338.

R1-19-4-506 Reporting Capabilities of System

AASIS has the ability to produce many reports. A table which outlines the available reports is located at appendix P1-19-4-506 . The table is categorized by report type and includes the following: financial and accounts payable reports, funds management reports, accounts receivable reports, asset management reports, fiscal control reports, human resources reports and procurement reports. More information can be found on these reports at http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/informationServices/aasis/Pages/default.aspx

R2-19-4-506 General Reporting and Year End Closing Procedures

Purpose

This portion of the Guide establishes the State reporting policies and procedures governing the accumulation of accounting data for reporting purposes and the preparation of the State of Arkansas Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).
PLEASE NOTE: A table of reports available from AASIS is in appendix P1-19-4-506 .

Applicability & Responsibility

Each of the State of Arkansas' agencies, boards, commissions, departments and institutions is primarily responsible for the collection, maintenance, recording and transmission of financial information and other necessary disclosures to permit the Department of Finance & Administration – Office of Accounting – CAFR Section (DFA-OA-CAFR Section) to prepare financial statements and the related footnotes in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and official pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Each agency, board, commission, department and institution is also required to provide supplementary information and statistical summaries as requested to allow the DFA-OA-CAFR Section to compile schedules and disclosures to be presented in the CAFR. The DFA-OA-CAFR Section is responsible for assisting each entity with its compliance with these reporting requirements, including:

1. *Assistance regarding communication methods; notification of missing or erroneous data where possible. Detailed written communications will be distributed prior to fiscal year end from the DFA-OA-CAFR Section, complete with the comprehensive closing package instructions, electronic spreadsheet templates, examples of closing accrual and reversing journal entries and detailed transactional year-end cutoff requirements and their related deadlines. Access the DFA-OA web site for further guidance at the following link (http://www.arkansas.gov/dfa/accounting/index.html);*
2. *Assistance in resolving certain processing problems; and*
3. *Training and continuing education regarding State policies, procedures and regulations for accounting and related topics.*

Each agency, board, commission, department and institution is responsible for:

1. *Ensuring that it is in a position to respond to problems encountered with the integrity and/or transmission of data during critical times, such as fiscal year-end cutoff;*
2. *Exercising appropriate control over data security;*
3. *Completion of a management representation letter that certifies the completeness, accuracy, and integrity of data submitted, signed by the Director and Chief Fiscal Officer;*
4. *Notifying the DFA-OA or AASIS support staff if data problems arise;*
5. *Notifying the DFA-OA-CAFR Section when the Arkansas Division of Legislative*

Audit or any external financial auditor commences field work, so the DFA-OA-CAFR Section agency liaison can assist with accounting issues which may arise and make arrangements to be present at the audit exit conference in order to be

knowledgeable of audit findings which are communicated by the auditor so resolution or solutions can be accomplished on a timely basis.

Component Units

Governmental accounting standards prescribe two methods for reporting component units of the State in the CAFR. Depending on the component unit's relationship with the State, it is either blended or reported discretely.

Blended component units are reported as part of the primary State government just like a normal State agency, board, commission, department or institution.
Discretely reported component units are reported in a column separate from the primary State government. Component units discretely reported must submit audited financial statements to DFA-OA-CAFR Section.

DFA-OA-CAFR Section personnel assigned to agencies identified as (or having) component units will work with agency personnel to provide additional information and assistance as needed to satisfy reporting requirements.

19-4-507. Fund accounting systems.

Governmental accounting systems should be organized and operated on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; 1979, No. 833, 3; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338.

19-4-508 19-4-516. [Repealed.]

19-4-517. Interim and annual financial reports.

(a) Appropriate interim financial statements and reports of financial position, operating results, and other pertinent information should be prepared to facilitate management control of financial operations, legislative oversight, and where necessary or desired, for external reporting purposes.

(b) A comprehensive annual financial report covering all funds and account groups of the governmental unit, including appropriate combined, combining, and individual fund statements; notes to the financial statements; schedules; narrative explanations; and statistical tables should be prepared and published.

(c) General purpose financial statements may be issued separately from the comprehensive annual financial report. These statements should include the basic financial statements and notes to the financial statements that are essential to fair presentation of financial position and operating results and changes in financial position of proprietary funds and similar trust funds.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; 1979, No. 833, 3; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338.

19-4-518. Design of system.

(a) The financial management system shall be designed to record assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues, expenditures, and other similar transactions in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial management system shall provide a suitable analysis of the operation, maintenance, and improvement of all state agencies and their functions. This system shall furnish a breakdown and itemization of all financial transactions in accordance with the appropriations and allotments of the General Assembly, federal grants, and bank funds of the agencies.

(b) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall prepare a general ledger manual covering the system of classifying financial transactions and shall supply all agencies with a copy of this manual.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 8.

R1-19-4-518 General Ledger Chart of Accounts

The Financial Management System General Ledger Chart of Accounts contains the asset, liability, fund equity, revenue, expense, operating transfer, other financing sources/uses and prior period adjustment accounts necessary for operating purposes and financial statement presentation for the State of Arkansas. These accounts record the dollar value of the business transactions completed by State agencies.

The general ledger accounts are generic in nature and are established and titled for use by all State agencies. The general ledger accounts will not be set up to record specific transactions of an individual agency unless extraordinary circumstances justify the request.

The following is a general discussion concerning general ledger accounts, their characteristics and purposes. Procedures related to uses for specific transactions are located in other sections of this Guide. Types of General Ledger Accounts:

Asset Accounts

Assets are a probable future economic benefit obtained or controlled by a particular entity as a result of past transactions or events. These economic resources can be tangible or intangible.

Assets are recorded in the general ledger account number range 1000000000 to 1999999999.

Asset accounts may have budget relevant commitment items.

Run AASIS report S_KI4_38000036 to obtain the commitment item for all accounts.

Liability Accounts
Liabilities are probable future sacrifices of economic benefits, arising from present obligations of a particular entity to transfer assets or provide services to other entities in the future as a result of past transactions or events. The term does not include encumbrances.

Liabilities are recorded in the general ledger account number range 2000000000 to 2999999999.
The commitment items for all liability accounts are non-budget relevant, also referred to as statistical. One exception to the statistical posting is on the sales/use tax liability, which is non-statistical.

Fund Equity Accounts
Equity accounts are the difference between a fund's assets and liabilities. In governmental funds, it is referred to as fund balance.

Fund equity is recorded in the general ledger account number range 3000000000 through 3999999999.

The commitment items for all fund equity accounts are non-budget relevant, also referred to as statistical.

Revenue Accounts
Revenues are inflows or other enhancements of assets during a period from delivering or producing goods, rendering services or carrying out other activities that constitute an agency's operations. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available for modified accrual and when they become measurable and earned for full accrual. Moneys receipted should be recorded as revenue upon the first receipt. Generally movements of moneys between state agencies or an agency's fund groups should not be recorded as revenue. They should be recorded as transfers. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requires that, if goods or services are provided between agencies and the value is approximately what it would be to receive the same goods or services from an outside source, the transaction be recorded as an expense to the paying agency and revenue to the receiving agency.

Revenues are recorded in the general ledger account number range 4000000000 through 4999999999.

The commitment items for all revenue accounts are non-budget relevant, also referred to as statistical.

Expense Accounts
Expenses are outflows, consumption of assets or incurrence of liabilities during a period from delivering or producing goods, rendering services or carrying out other activities that constitute an agency's operations. Expenses are generally recognized in the period when incurred regardless of the timing of the related disbursements with the following exception. Certain expenses are recognized when due for modified accrual such as debt service payments, claims

and judgments, accrued leave and net pension obligations. Moneys that are moved between State agencies or fund groups are generally not an expense but a transfer. However, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requires that, if goods or services are provided between agencies and the value is approximately what it would be to receive the same goods or services from an outside source, the transaction be recorded as an expense to the paying agency and a revenue to the receiving agency.

Expenses are recorded in the general ledger account number range 5000000000 through 5999999999.

Expense accounts may have either budget relevant or non-budget relevant commitment items. Run AASIS report S_KI4_38000036 to obtain the commitment item for general ledger accounts.

Period ending accrual entries are made to non-budget relevant general ledger accounts that are ties to statistical commitment items. However, all warrants, checks and inter-agency transfers for expenses must be coded to budget relevant general ledger accounts with a non-statistical commitment item.

Operating Transfer Accounts

Operating transfers are used to record transfers of funds. They are legally authorized transfers from a fund receiving revenue to the fund through which the resources are to be expended. They include inter-fund transfers (transfers between two or more State agencies) and intra-fund transfers (transfers within a State agency).

Operating transfers are recorded in the general ledger account number range 6000000000 through 6999999999 along with Other Financing Sources/Uses and Prior Period Adjustments.

At the present time, all Operating Transfers have non-budget relevant commitment items.

Other Financing Sources/Uses Accounts

Other Financing Sources/Uses Accounts are used to record inflow/outflow of resources that are not revenue/expense.

Other Financing Sources/Uses are recorded in the general ledger account number range 6000000000 through 6999999999 along with operating transfers and prior period adjustments.

All Other Financing Sources/Uses accounts for use by agencies other than certain accounts set up for use by DFA Employee Benefits Division only are non-budget relevant.

Prior Period Adjustments

Prior Period Adjustments are the net effect of changes resulting from the correction of errors which occurred in prior fiscal years. No Prior Period Adjustment shall be recorded by an agency without prior authorization from Department of Finance and Administration – Office of Accounting (DFA-OA).

Prior period adjustments are recorded in the general ledger account number range 6000000000 through 6999999999 along with operating transfers and other financing sources/uses.

All Prior Period Adjustment accounts are non-budget relevant.

AASIS Reports S_ALR_87012333, S_ALR_87012326 and S_ALR_87012328 all can be used to produce lists of the Chart of Accounts. In order to receive an accurate report, Chart of Accounts and Company Code must both reflect ARK.

Contact DFA-OA for additional information concerning the Chart of Accounts.

R2-19-4-518 Journal Entries

Journal entries are used to change the posted value of a general ledger account balance or sub-ledger balance that is specific to a single business transaction. Generally, these include correcting the posting of a cash receipt, check or warrant to an improper account. Journal entries are also used to adjust the ending or beginning balance of an account so that the general ledger, as well as sub-ledgers is maintained in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), State policies, and audit requirements, such as year-end accruals for financial reporting.

Most transactions do not originate in the general ledger but rather in one of the modules (sub-ledgers) that feed the general ledger, such as the Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable modules. In order to maintain module integrity, proper audit trails and to comply with external audit requirements, it is imperative that adjustments or corrections be made in the module from which a transaction originated whenever possible. Thus, adjustments or corrections made directly in the general ledger should be relatively few in number.
In AASIS, a journal entry is prepared, checked and parked by one staff member; and it is approved and posted by another staff member. The approving staff member is responsible for ensuring that each journal entry is:

1. *Coded accurately.*
2. *Fully substantiated with the reason for processing a request clearly identified by the supporting documentation. This could include correspondence, notes, copies of documents, working papers detailing the basis of any calculations, the source of supporting data and the name of the preparer of the calculations. Retain supporting documentation for audit verification and review.*
3. *Explained clearly on the journal entry document. The text field in AASIS is approximately (50) characters long on each line. Double click on the text field if more room is needed to ensure that each journal entry contains a description that is clear, concise and logical to readers of general ledger reports.*

PLEASE NOTE: *Do not use simple one and two word explanations, such as "correction error," "transfer," "recovery," etc. It is critical that an accurate and meaningful description be provided for accounting, reporting and audit purposes.*

PLEASE NOTE: *the CFO or his designee shall give written approval for the use of journal entries to record anything other than a summarized monthly recording of cash receipts or commercial bank activity.*

PLEASE NOTE: *Agencies not using AASIS shall retain original copies of journal entries processed, complete with original authorization signatures and supporting attachments, for audit verification and review.*

Recurring Entries

Recurring accounts payable and accounts receivable entries may be entered by agency personnel when normal operation of the State's accounting system resumes each fiscal year, as well as during the fiscal year. Items that require payment before mid-July should be paid as a direct invoice for the July payment only. Refer to AASIS web site at http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/informationServices/aasis/Pages/default.aspx and their transaction training tutorials for detailed instructions regarding the proper procedures to enter recurring entries.

Recurring entries must be reviewed and approved in writing by the agency Chief Fiscal Officer (CFO). A list of recurring entries can be obtained and printed with transaction ZF_15 in the State's accounting system. The listing must be forwarded to the DFA - Office of Accounting-CAFR Section with the agency's CFO's signature and the date of the review prior to processing. Requests to change or delete recurring documents must also be sent to the DFA – Office of Accounting-CAFR Section by the agency CFO. Include the document number and a reason for the change or deletion.

The DFA – Office of Accounting is responsible for the processing of recurring entries. Office of Accounting personnel will review for unauthorized entries. Unauthorized recurring entries will be deleted prior to the monthly posting of the recurring entries.

Expense Error Corrections

An Expense Error Correction is made by entering a journal entry that reclassifies an expense paid to/from:

- *The wrong fund.*
- *The wrong funds center.*
- *An incorrect commitment item.*
- *An incorrect general ledger account.*
- *An incorrect Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) Element.*
- *An incorrect Internal Order.*
- *Or any combination of the list above.*

Certain restrictions apply to Expense Error Corrections:

- *No prior fiscal year expenses may be corrected through an Expense Error Correction.*
- *Expense Error Corrections cannot be made between funds held at the Treasurer of State and a cash fund.*
- *Expense Error Corrections cannot be made between Treasury appropriations and cash appropriations.*

- *Expense Error Corrections cannot be made between business areas. Errors of this type must be handled on a case by case basis by the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA).*

Error corrections within the same fund, funds center and commitment item

If the correction is only a reclassification of general ledger expense accounts or cost center and the expense accounts have the same commitment item (character code), fund and funds center (appropriation), a two-sided journal entry is needed. Debit the correct general ledger expense account and credit the incorrect general ledger expense account. This posts the expense to the correct general ledger account/internal order/WBS element and deducts the expense from the wrong general ledger account/internal order/WBS element without expensing the item a second time and overstating the business area's expenses. There is no funds transfer generated. The affected business area may park and post this type of expense error correction.

Error corrections crossing commitment items within the same funds/funds center:

For expense error corrections where ONLY the commitment item is changing (the fund and funds center remain the same), a two-sided entry is all that is needed between the two expense general ledger codes. These types of error corrections must be posted by DFA-OA so that they can be sent to the Auditor of State to ensure the appropriation totals between the two systems are always in balance.

Error corrections from one Fund and Funds Center to another Fund and Funds Center

If the expense to be corrected is incorrectly posted to an inappropriate fund, funds center (appropriation) and/or commitment item (character code), a four-sided entry is needed. These expense error corrections involve funds center (appropriation) restoration and must be posted and sent to the Auditor of the State by DFA-OA. The first two sides of the entry debit the correct general ledger expense account and cost center/fund/funds center (appropriation) combination and credit the incorrect general ledger expense account and cost center/fund/funds center (appropriation) combination. The last two sides of the entry reduce cash in the fund that should have paid the expense and restores cash in the fund that incorrectly paid the expense.
See: P3-19-4-518

Elements needed for the journal entries are:

- *The original document number that was incorrect as a reference number. This number is used as a search criterion when displaying or changing documents in the State's Accounting System.*
- *A brief description providing justification for the expenditure correction.*
- *Use document type ZE for all expense error corrections.*

The transaction to process error corrections is FB50. The document generated by this transaction must be parked. The document is not complete when parked, and the current appropriation amounts will not be updated until the document is approved and posted. After parking the expense error correction documents, the agency must notify DFA-OA-Funds Group via e-mail with the parked document number or the "Expense Error Correction Request" Form to complete the processing.

Service Bureau agencies should complete the "Expense Error Correction Request" Form and submit it to DFA-OA-Service Bureau (DFA-OA-SB). DFA-OA-SB will enter and park the document and then notify DFA-OA Funds Manager.

After the document has been reviewed for correctness and the reference document has been reviewed, the error correction will be posted and adjustments can be seen in the State's accounting system depending on the type of error correction being processed.

Expense Error Correction Matrix

	Changes fund	Does not change fund	Changes funds center (same fund)	Changes funds center (different fund)	Add or change WBS Element or Internal Order (same fund)	Changes Commitment Item (same fund)	Changes Commitment Item (different fund)
Two line journal entry - parked and posted by agency Example: DR Expense CR Expense	Do not use	Use	Do not use	Do not use	Use	Do not use	Do not use
Two line journal entry - parked by agency, posted by DFA – OA Example: DR Expense CR Expense	Do not use	Do not use	Use	Do not use	Do not use	Use	Do not use
Four line journal entry – parked by agency, posted by DFA – OA Example: DR1100001006 CR Expense DR Expense CR1100001005	Use	Do not use	Do not use	Use	Do not use	Do not use	Use

19-4-519. Appropriations code manual.

(a) After the General Assembly has enacted the various appropriation measures for the support and operation of state government and its agencies, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall prepare a complete code manual setting out all of the appropriations of the General Assembly, the purpose of the appropriations and the funds, fund accounts, or accounts from

which the appropriations are made and shall classify them in accordance with the titles and definitions as enumerated in this chapter.

(b) After establishing the appropriation items and classifying them under the provisions of this chapter in strict conformity to the intent and purposes of the appropriation acts and within the limitations of the revenues and funds available for these purposes, it shall then be unlawful for the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State or any disbursing officer of any state agency to transfer from an appropriation item, the purpose of which is defined under the provisions of this chapter, to any other appropriation item of a different classification and purpose as defined in this subchapter except when permitted by law.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338; Acts 2001, No. 221, 4; 2003, No. 1463, 8; 2005, No. 237, 2.

19-4-520. Classification of appropriations.

(a)(1) For the purpose of establishing the proper accounts, for budgetary control, for accounting, and for other provisions of this chapter, the appropriations of the General Assembly shall be classified under one (1) or more of the classifications prescribed in 19-4-521 19-4-525.

(2) The purposes for which these appropriations may be used are defined as prescribed in 19-4-521 19-4-525, but not necessarily limited thereto.

(b) However, the state's financial management system may invoke additional budget control using features of the system that are in addition to the appropriations of the General Assembly.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; 1977, No. 813, 1; 1979, No. 833, 1, 2; 1981, No. 741, 1; 1981, No. 924, 1; 1983, No. 628, 1; 1985, No. 365, 2, 3, 12; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 9.

19-4-521. Personal services.

The personal services classification shall be for regular full-time, part-time, and extra-help employees, employer matching costs, employer special or extra compensation, overtime earnings, and other employee benefits that are legally authorized:

(1) Regular Salaries. This subclassification shall be applicable to all salaries and compensation, except as provided in this section, for state employees when the number of employees and maximum amounts of compensation are statutorily authorized as provided by Arkansas Constitution, Article 16, 4, irrespective of the financial resources compensating such employees within this subclassification and when the method of salary disbursing of the institutions of higher learning involves payment from state agency bank funds of the institution, subject to reimbursement to the institution for such amounts as are properly payable from funds in the State Treasury. However, the state's financial management system may include in the subclassification of regular salaries the following:

(A) Extra Salaries. This description includes all special remuneration received by state employees in addition to regular salary that is authorized by law. Any state agency which receives an appropriation for extra salaries may pay eligible employees at the following rates:

(i) Physicians who are certified by the American specialty boards, at a rate of pay not to exceed four thousand five hundred dollars ($4,500) per fiscal year;

(ii) Physicians who are eligible to be certified by the American specialty boards, at a rate of pay not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) per fiscal year; and

(iii) Physicians certified in child psychiatry or forensic psychiatry, an additional two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) per fiscal year will be allowed with the total additional compensation not to exceed seven thousand dollars ($7,000) per fiscal year;

(B) Special Compensation. This description includes special remuneration when authorized by law for employee suggestion awards; and

(C) The payment of extra salaries and special compensation when authorized by law shall be considered to be in addition to the maximum amounts of compensation set by law for regular salaries;

(2)(A) Extra Help. This subclassification shall be used for payment of all salaries and compensation of part-time or temporary employees, as authorized by law, who are employed one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours per fiscal year or less.

(B) This subclassification may be used to pay part-time or temporary employees who are employed for more than one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours per fiscal year if specific authorization is provided by law and if such use is within standards established by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(C) In no case shall any extra-help funds be used for the purposes of paying additional compensation to a full-time state employee.

(D) A state employee means any employee occupying a regular salaried position for a state agency, board, commission, department, or institution of higher education;

(3) Overtime. This subclassification is applicable for payment of services performed in excess of normal hours of work during a specific time when specifically authorized by law; and

(4)(A) Personal Services Matching. This subclassification shall represent the state agency's proportion of the amounts necessary to contribute the state agency's share or to match the deductions from the salaries of state employees for:

(i) Social security;

(ii) Retirement;

(iii) Group employee insurance programs;

(iv) Workers' compensation;

(v) Unemployment compensation contributions; and

(vi) A state contribution for state employee retirees who are eligible to participate in the health and life insurance programs offered by the state as defined by 21-5-411 and as authorized by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(B) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may make appropriate reclassifications of the state agency's appropriation for maintenance and general operation to effect the payment of personal services matching as described in this section.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; 1977, No. 813, 1; 1979, No. 833, 1, 2; 1981, No. 741, 1; 1981, No. 924, 1; 1983, No. 628, 1; 1985, No. 365, 2, 3, 12; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338; Acts 1987, No. 646, 1; 1999, No. 1280, 11; 2001, No. 1453, 10; 2005, No. 251, 2; *2017, No. 365, 2.*

19-4-522. Maintenance and general operation.

(a) The maintenance and general operation classification shall cover items of expense necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the state agency, authority, board, commission, department, or institution of higher education, except as otherwise classified in this subchapter.

(b) It is recognized that in those instances where the maintenance and general operation line-item classification is not subclassified, the state agency is authorized to expend moneys for operations in compliance with the intent of this subchapter.

(c) In the event an appropriation for maintenance and general operation authorized for a state agency, board, department, or institution is restricted in its use by budget classification as set out in subsection (d) of this section, transfers between such classifications may be made subject to the procedures set out as follows:

(1) In the event the amount of any of the budget classifications of maintenance and general operation in an agency's appropriation act are found by the administrative head of the agency to be inadequate, then the agency head may request, upon forms provided for such purpose by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a modification of the amounts of the budget classification. In that event, he or she shall set out on the forms the particular classifications for which he or she is requesting an increase or decrease, the amounts thereof, and his or her reasons therefor. In no event shall the total amount of the budget exceed either the amount of the appropriation or the amount of the funds available, nor shall any transfer be made from the capital outlay or data processing subclassification unless specific authority for such transfers is provided by law, except for transfers from capital outlay to data processing when determined by the Department of Information Systems that data processing services for a state agency can be performed on a more cost-efficient basis by the Department of Information Systems than through the purchase of data processing equipment by that state agency;

(2) In considering the proposed modification as prepared and submitted by each state agency, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make such studies as he or she deems necessary. If the requested transfer would, when added to other transfers previously approved during the fiscal year for the same classification with the same appropriation, result in a deviation of any kind in the affected classifications of less than five percent (5%) up to a maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) from the classifications established by law, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall approve the requested transfer if in his or her opinion it is in the best interest of the state. If the requested transfer would, when added to other transfers previously approved during the fiscal year for the same classification within the same appropriation, result in a deviation of five percent (5%) or more, or more than two thousand five

hundred dollars ($2,500), the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall submit the request, along with his or her recommendation, to the Legislative Council for its advice prior to approving the request; and

(3) In the event any state agency shall expend or obligate any approved budget in excess of the maximum classification, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall study the reasons for such excess expenditures and shall take immediate steps to correct such excess spending as he or she deems necessary after notification of such actions has been sent to the Legislative Council.

(d) Maintenance and general operation may be further categorized into the following subclassifications and the expenses thereof to be used according to the subclassification:

(1) Operating Expenses. This subclassification shall entail the following, but not necessarily be limited thereto:

(A) Postage, telephone, and telegraph;

(B) Transportation of commodities or objects;

(C) Printing;

(D) State-owned motor vehicle expenses;

(E) Advertising;

(F) Minor and major repairs;

(G) Maintenance contracts;

(H) Utilities and fuel;

(I) Insurance premiums, surety and performance bonds, and association dues and memberships;

(J) Contractual services not otherwise classified;

(K) Consumable supplies, materials, and commodities;

(L) Books, publications, and newspapers;

(M) Court costs;

(N) Equipment not capitalized;

(O) Applicable petty cash reimbursements, laundry, and taxes;

(P) Travel, subsistence, meals, lodging, transportation of state employees or officials, and nonstate employees traveling on official business;

(Q)(i) Uniforms the agency requires its employees to wear as part of the job.

(ii) Clothing items purchased for its employees and not required to be worn during working hours, or which are purchased for the promotion of the agency, shall not be subclassified as an operating expense;

(R) Such other items of operating expense as shall be provided by the appropriation act or under reasonable rules, regulations, and procedures issued by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State; and

(S) Debt service on equipment or measures required by a guaranteed energy cost savings contract executed under the Guaranteed Energy Cost Savings Act, 19-11-1201 et seq., or an energy efficiency project financed under the State Entity Energy Efficiency Project Bond Act, 15-5-1801 et seq.;

(2) Conference and Travel Expenses. This subclassification shall include:

(A) The costs of an employee attending a conference, seminar, or training program; and

(B) The costs of a state agency-sponsored or hosted conference, seminar, or training program where the expenses are not otherwise classified according to this section;

(3) Professional Fees. This subclassification shall include the expenses for contractual agreements entered into by the state agency with an individual, partnership, corporation, or anyone other than a state employee to provide a particular document, report, speech, study, or commodity other than those contractual agreements that by their nature would be classified elsewhere in this subchapter;

(4) Capital Outlay. This subclassification is to include the following expenses, but is not necessarily limited thereto by virtue of other classifications recognized by this subchapter:

(A) Purchase of land, buildings, equipment, furniture, and fixtures; and

(B) Contractual agreements, all of which are to be capitalized from the maintenance and general operation classification of appropriation; and

(5) Data Processing. This subclassification includes purchase of data processing services from the Department of Information Systems, or others, and other expenses that are not necessarily classified elsewhere in this section by virtue of the appropriation based upon budgets presented for consideration.

(e) Notwithstanding this section or any other law to the contrary, state-supported colleges and universities may utilize maintenance and operation appropriations for the payment of moving expenses of employees, including new hires.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; 1977, No. 813, 1; 1979, No. 833, 1, 2; 1981, No. 741, 1; 1981, No. 924, 1; 1983, No. 628, 1; 1985, No. 365, 2, 3, 12; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338; Acts 1987, No. 646, 2; 1997, No. 342, 40; 1997, No. 1211, 29; 2001, No. 163, 1; 2001, No. 1453, 11; 2013, No. 554, 1; 2013, No. 1252, 5.

R1-19-4-522 Continuing Professional Education

Continuing Professional Education – For the efficiency and effective operations of the agency, a division at their discretion may pay for continuing professional education for their employees as long as the courses do not lead to a degree.

19-4-523. Grants, assistance, and special aid.

This classification shall be applicable to all appropriations made by the General Assembly from state, federal, or other moneys for educational assistance, welfare grants, rehabilitation services, aid to counties and municipalities, and to all other special appropriations which have for their purpose the appropriating of state, federal, or other moneys for public benefits.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; 1977, No. 813, 1; 1979, No. 833, 1, 2; 1981, No. 741, 1; 1981, No. 924, 1; 1983, No. 628, 1; 1985, No. 365, 2, 3, 12; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338.

19-4-524. Construction and permanent improvements.

(a) The construction and permanent improvements classification shall be determined by the language of the appropriation acts which make available funds for construction and new improvements. For the purpose of classifying the expenditures under any such appropriation, all the necessary expenses in connection therewith shall be deemed to be part of the construction costs. Such items of expense shall be deemed to include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

(1) Advertising for bids;

(2) Architects, engineers, and other professional services in connection with the proposed projects; and

(3) The payment of estimates on the various contracts in connection with such construction programs. All construction and improvements of whatever nature shall be subject to the provisions of 19-4-1401 - 19-4-1412 and to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. No state agency for which appropriations have been made by the General Assembly for construction or improvements shall make any contract or incur any indebtedness payable from such appropriations unless and until there are sufficient funds on hand, for the benefit of any agency, to pay for the proposed obligations under such contracts. However, any such agency shall have the power to accept and use grants and donations and to use its unobligated cash income or other funds available to it for the purpose of supplementing the appropriations for construction purposes. The appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for personal services, maintenance, and general operation of the agency shall not be used in connection with any proposed construction projects for which specific appropriations have been made by the General Assembly, except for minor repairs and maintenance.

(b) The restrictions of this section shall not apply to contracts approved by the State Highway Commission for construction of roads and bridges in the highway system.

(c) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is authorized to reclassify but not consolidate an agency's appropriation for construction to effect the payment of construction-related costs in the appropriate classification as described in this subchapter using the state's financial management system to invoke budget control.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; 1977, No. 813, 1; 1979, No. 833, 1, 2; 1981, No. 741, 1; 1981, No. 924, 1; 1983, No. 628, 1; 1985, No. 365, 2, 3, 12; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 12.

R1-19-4-524 **Construction *and Permanent Improvements***

The Department of Finance and Administration – Division of Building Authority ("DBA") was established to oversee and manage capital improvements, real estate transfers and leases. DBA has established policies and guidelines governing the acquisition, construction, equipping, maintenance and operation of public buildings and other real property. The Boards of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, Arkansas State University, University of Central Arkansas, Henderson State University, Arkansas Tech University, Southern Arkansas University and other governing boards of public institutions of higher education with the approval of the Department of Higher Education, as well as the State Highway Commission, are not required to obtain approval or any other form of advice for projects from Division of Building Authority (DBA). All other agencies, departments and institutions should refer to DBA policies and procedures in addition to the guidelines provided herein. The DBA policies and procedures, known collectively as Minimum Standards and Criteria, are located on DBA's web site http://dba.arkansas.gov/ (ACA §22-2-101 et seq., ACA §6-62-302)

State agencies, departments and institutions are required to obtain legislative authorization prior to the construction and or acquisition of any lands, buildings, structures, utility systems or similar facilities to be financed in whole or in part by State Treasury Funds, Cash Funds, Federal Grants, Revenue Bonds, or Revenue Notes provided by law, agency or institutional receipts, donated funds from private sources or a combination of the above sources. (ACA §22-2-108(2) (B), ACA §22-2-108(7) (B), ACA §22-9-103(b), ACA §22-9-104)

Construction Approved by the General Assembly (During Session)

All state agencies, except the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, must submit a Method of Financing (MOF), P1-19-4-524, to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting-Funds Group (DFA-OA-FG) before entering into any contract or making any commitment of funds against a construction and permanent improvements appropriation. (ACA §19-4-1403, ACA §19-4-1407, ACA 22-2-102)

Construction Not Approved by the General Assembly (Between Sessions)

If prior legislative authorization has not been received and a state agency, department or institution, excluding the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, desires to make a capital expenditure for construction and/or acquisition of lands, buildings, structures, utility systems or similar facilities between sessions of the General Assembly, the agency, department or institution must submit a request for such expenditure to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The request must include a MOF Form. The request shall be reviewed for approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Project requests $250,000 or less may be reviewed by the Governor. Project requests in excess of $250,000 require the Chief Fiscal Officer to submit the MOF to the Legislative Council for its review. Upon favorable review, the requesting agency, department or institution may proceed with the capital expenditure. (ACA §19-4-1407, ACA §22-9-103, ACA §22-9-104)

MOF Processing

Upon certification of the availability of appropriations, if applicable, and funds, the DFA-OA approves the MOF. A copy of the approved MOF is returned to the originating agency. The

agency making the request is responsible for providing its contracting parties with a copy of the MOF. (ACA §19-4-1403, ACA §19-4-1407, ACA §19-4-1409)

If the project's estimated costs or funding sources change, a revised MOF must be submitted. Revisions to approved MOF shall be submitted in the same form and manner as that of the original MOF. (ACA §19-4-1407)

Processing of Payments

Payments to contractors may be made at the conclusion of the contracted work or may be in the form of progress payments. Progress payments are payment for a portion of work completed on public construction contracts in connection with estimates submitted by a prime contractor to the state agency, department or institution. Such estimates shall be reported by measurable units of the contract completion and compared to the actual progress of project completion. Prior to payment, the estimate must be approved by the architect, contractor or his representative.

When a contractor submits a properly prepared estimate of work completed on a construction project and such request for payment conforms to the provisions of the construction contract and laws of the State of Arkansas, the following allowable time for the processing of the estimate is permitted, excluding time required for transmittal to each party, for each of the respective parties involved:

- *Architect or other design professional – Five (5) working days*
- *State agency or institution of higher education exempt from DBA review & approval – Five (5) working days*
- *Department of Finance and Administration — Five (5) working days*

Each of the parties above is to make a notation on the request for payment completed to indicate the date and time of receipt as well as a notation to indicate the date and time of forwarding for further processing to aid in the investigation of delays in processing, if necessary. In the event that a delay occurs during payment processing, the agency where the delay occurs is responsible for notifying the contractor that payment has been delayed and the related reasons. If the delay is attributable to one of the parties listed above, a penalty of 8% per annum of the amount of the request for payment shall be assessed against the parties responsible for the delay. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct such payment rendered to the contractor. (ACA §19-4-1411)

Retainage on Public Construction Contracts

An invoice for payment must include the total amount of the estimated completed project to date less total previous payments. The contractor is entitled to 95% of the progress payment when due. The remaining 5% is held by the state agency to assure faithful performance of the contract. Because the retainage is not applicable to those materials and/or equipment required by the construction contract to be stored on the job site or in a bonded warehouse, the invoice for payment must provide enough detail to identify the portion of the payment attributable to such materials and/or equipment from the balance of the invoice total.

A state agency may forego withholding retainage of the progress payments if both the design professional and the state agency agree that (a) the construction contract is 50% complete and (b) the contractor has provided the work in a satisfactory manner.

In the case of a construction subcontract entered into between a contractor for a state agency and a subcontractor who is required by the contractor to furnish a performance and payment bond, the subcontractor is entitled to 95% of the progress payment with the remaining 5% being held by the contractor to assure faithful performance of the contract. (ACA §22-9-604)

Upon completion of a contract, the originating agency will notify DFA-OA-Funds Group of the conclusion of the contract; no further expenditures or obligations will be incurred and all unexpended or unobligated funds will be blocked. Within thirty (30) days after the contract has been substantially completed, the portion of the progress payments withheld by the state agency for retainage shall be paid to the contractor. (ACA §22-9-601 et seq, ACA §19-4-1410)

PLEASE NOTE: *Only the provisions of this regulation related to payment and retainage are applicable to projects of public institutions of higher education where funds from private sources exceed $5 million dollars and are sufficient to finance 80% of the estimated cost of such project. (ACA §19-4-1413)*

Recording

Assets Under Construction (AUC) should be recorded on each agency's books of record. If the agency is using the State's accounting system, expenditures for an AUC should be recorded using Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) Elements. All WBS Elements containing construction cost should be settled to an AUC Asset Shell when the asset is complete or at the end of each fiscal year if the asset is not complete by fiscal year end. For additional information on the use of WBS Elements see Appendix P2-19-4-524.

19-4-525. Special appropriations.

(a) All other appropriations made by the General Assembly which do not come under any of the classifications mentioned in this section shall be considered to be special appropriations and shall be used only for the specific purposes for which such appropriations are made. Except as otherwise provided by law, an agency receiving a special appropriation may not expend funds from any appropriation other than from the special appropriation for the special purpose covered by the special appropriation. However, the state's financial management system may invoke additional budget control using features of the system that are in addition to the appropriations of the General Assembly.

(b) In order to allow for full disclosure of investment transactions, to make available special reports on investment transactions, and to isolate investment expenditures from normal expenditures, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is authorized to establish separate appropriation codes for investments and to transfer to such appropriations from the investment line item as established in the agency appropriation acts.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 12; 1977, No. 813, 1; 1979, No. 833, 1, 2; 1981, No. 741, 1; 1981, No. 924, 1; 1983, No. 628, 1; 1985, No. 365, 2, 3, 12; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 13.

19-4-526. [Repealed.]

19-4-527. Authority of Treasurer of State to use certain funding for operations.

(a) The Treasurer of State is authorized to utilize the funding for maintenance and general operations provided for in the Constitutional Officers Fund and State Central Services Fund to allow for reconciling items which may occur in the operations of the office.

(b) Policies and procedures for proper accounting of reconciling items shall be developed by the Treasurer of State with the advice and approval of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

History. Acts 1983, No. 702, 1, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-338.4.

SUBCHAPTER 6 - ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLANS OF STATE AGENCIES

19-4-601. Responsibility generally.

Except as limited by appropriations and funding by the General Assembly and other provisions of law, state agencies shall have the authority and responsibility to administer their programs as authorized by the General Assembly and shall be responsible for their proper management.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 9; A.S.A. 1947, 13-335.

R1-19-4-601 Appropriations

A funds center (appropriation) is the legal authority provided by the Arkansas General Assembly to disburse funds for programs and services administered by business areas (individual state agencies, boards or commissions). A funds center code identifies the programs and services to be provided plus the authorization to carry out the programs and/or services. ACA 19-4-520 through 19-4-525 provides a detailed analysis of the various classifications of funds centers (appropriations) and the restrictions regarding their usage. ACA 19-4-701 defines the fiscal periods of the State and the time period of a funds center.
The funds center cycle is summarized as follows:

The business area (state agency) prepares the initial biennial budget request in the State's Budget System. P1-19-4-601 Business Area/ Cost Center Ranges & Functional Areas Table. The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Budget (DFA-OB) and the Office of Personnel Management-Classification and Compensation Division (OPM-CCD) review the request and assist the business area in its preparation.

Budget requests are presented to the Governor or Governor-Elect for review and recommendations.
Budget requests with the executive recommendations are presented to the Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee for recommendation or referral to a sub-committee.

Legislative recommendations are entered into the State's Budget System by the DFA-OB and OPM-CCD and transmitted to the Bureau of Legislative Research to draft appropriation bills.

The appropriation bill is presented to the General Assembly and can be amended while under consideration.

The Joint Budget Committee reviews all appropriation bills as introduced and takes one of the following actions: pass, hold or refer to committee.

If the appropriation bill is passed by the General Assembly, it goes to the Governor for approval or veto. If approved, the bill becomes law. The Governor's Office sends signed bills to the Secretary of State where Act numbers are assigned.

If either the General Assembly or the Governor rejects the appropriation bill, it may be amended and resubmitted or a new bill may be drafted if the deadline for filing appropriation bills has not passed.

In the interim (between sessions of the General Assembly), the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State has the authority to establish and/or increase certain funds center accounts as outlined in the various appropriation acts. All such establishments and increases of funds centers must meet with guidelines established by both the Legislature and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Fiscal Controls

ACA§ 19-4-608 establishes fiscal controls to prevent deficit spending each fiscal year. Each business area shall prepare an annual operations plan which contains proposed expenditures and anticipated resources on a periodic basis for the ensuing year. Agencies which receive general revenue must prepare a quarterly operations plan. Other agencies may prepare an operations plan for any given period (monthly, quarterly, or annually). Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State provides an estimate of the general revenue funding available for each business area. When the "General Revenue Forecast" is revised, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State will announce the new forecast and provide, by letter, notification to all business areas which receive General Revenue. The actual notification for the business areas will be prepared and distributed by the DFA-OB. A change in the "General Revenue Forecast" could be an increase or a decrease. The business areas will then provide by letter, worksheet or e-mail the adjustments for their annual operations plan using the Budget Quad coding structure (fund, funds center, commitment item, functional area) to the agency's assigned Budget Analyst in the DFA-OB. Business areas also must include new or revised Certifications of Income to inform the DFA-OB of the amount of revenue that is expected to be collected by the business area. The available funds center will be adjusted to the level of expected revenue.

See the Annual Operations Plan, "R1-19-4-608," for more detailed information.

Funds Management – Budget Structure (Quad)

The Funds Management module of AASIS is used to ensure compliance with the fiscal laws of the State. There are four elements of master data in the Funds Management module:

Funds Center – represents the purpose authorized in the appropriation act and establishes budget control. Funds centers may be further divided into sub-funds centers. The appropriation acts will authorize non-spendable commitment items for some business areas. Special non-spendable commitment items are broken down to sub-funds center/sub-appropriation. A sub-funds center/sub-appropriation is established to transfer budget from the special commitment item to a spendable commitment item. The sub-funds center is used to ensure that the amounts transferred to the spendable commitment items are adequately tracked and are not commingled with the amounts originally appropriated in the spendable commitment items. The funds center is hierarchical in structure.

The funds center account code is currently a three-digit alpha/numeric, numeric or numeric/alpha code, which identifies a business area's authority to disburse funds. An alpha/numeric code reflects a cash/bank funds center/appropriation (A01). Numeric and numeric/alpha codes reflect a funds center/appropriation in which the funds are deposited in the State Treasury (001, 1AA). A sub-funds center is the same numeric or numeric/alpha code with a fourth alpha character (001M).

Commitment Item – represents the funds center/appropriation breakdown by line-item detail. This level is where the funds center is classified in accordance with the expenditure breakdown in ACA 19-4-521 through 19-4-525. Expenditure commitment items begin with the number 5. The first three digits of the commitment item usually correlate to the first three digits of the general ledger account. The last two numbers of the commitment item reflect the existing classification such as salaries or operating expenses. The commitment item is a seven-digit numeric code. The commitment item is determined by the general ledger account. Transaction S_KI4_38000036 provides a list of all general ledger accounts along with the assigned commitment items.

PLEASE NOTE: *Go to P2-19-4-601 for the "Commitment Items Table."*

Fund – represents cash/bank and Treasury funds as outlined in the Funds Group located at R1-19-5-101. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

Functional Area – groups business areas by activity. Each business area is assigned to a functional area. These functional areas are:

ADMN Financial/Administrative/Internal Services
CCOL Community Colleges
CNST Constitutional/Judicial
COMM Commerce Promotion/Regulation
EDUC Public Education
HHS Health/Human Services
PROF Professional/Service Boards/Commissions
REC Recreation/Humanities
RETR Government Retirement Systems

SFTY Public Safety/Corrections
TCOL Technical Colleges
TRAN Highway/Transportation
UNIV Universities
VTCH Vocational Technical Institutes

For CAFR reporting purposes, a slightly different set of functional areas are used. These functional areas are:

Education
Health and human services
Transportation
Law, justice and public safety
Recreation and resources development
General government
Labor, commerce and regulatory
Debt service
Capital outlay

See P1-19-4-601 for a list of business areas along with functional area and cost center range.

Expenditures cannot exceed the budget at the fund/funds center/commitment item/functional ***area*** *level.*

Commitment Items Transfers and Increases

Amounts appropriated in each commitment item are established by the Legislature and can be transferred in the following circumstances: (1) special language in the body of the appropriation act allows a transfer, (2) federal grants are received and certain conditions exist that allow a transfer or (3) budget classification transfers (BCT). Increases are possible under the following circumstances: (1) additional cash is certified, (2) pay plan adjustments are required or (3) federal grants result in an increase of available funds.

There are times during the fiscal year when it may be necessary to request adjustments to existing funds centers or establish new funds centers for various reasons. The most common situation of this type would be a transfer of appropriation from a non-spendable commitment item to a spendable commitment item. These transfers are tracked through a sub-funds center if there is more than one commitment item to the appropriation. All commitment items, which are not classified in ACA 19-4-521 through 19-4-524, are considered special and shall be used only for the specific purposes for which such commitment items are made.

Blocked or Inactive Funds Centers

Part or all of the entire budget quad may be blocked or held inactive for one of two reasons:
Lack of funding
Business area discretion

The block will be released as funds become available or, if voluntarily blocked, when the business area requests the release.

Cost Objects

Cost objects (WBS Elements, Internal Orders and Cost Centers) are used in the controlling module of AASIS to monitor actual transactions against planned revenues and expenditures in detail using cost elements (general ledger accounts). A cost element (general ledger account) cannot be assigned to more than one commitment item (referred to as character code in the previous accounting system). However, many general ledger accounts can be assigned to a single commitment item. With the general ledger account being assigned to the commitment item master record, a system user does not have to decide which account should be used with which commitment item during a transaction posting. See P1-19-4-601 Business Area/ Cost Center Ranges & Functional Areas Table.

The following rules apply to cost objects:

Each fund/funds center must be represented by at least one unique cost object.

Many cost objects can be assigned to one fund/funds center. For example, cost centers 123000, 124000 and 125000 can all be assigned to fund HSC1111 and funds center 1AA.

A cost object cannot be assigned to more than one fund/funds center. So as noted in the example above, cost centers 123000, 124000 and 125000 can only be assigned to fund HSC1111 and funds center 1AA.

WBS (Work Breakdown Structure) elements are used to account for revenues and expenditures for grants received by the State without the creation of additional funds or cost centers. The system also makes it possible to record expenditures on construction projects in accordance with their legislative approved budget if appropriated and to capitalize the related costs for reporting in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These may be either statistical or non-statistical in nature. If a WBS element is statistical (informational only, does not have a funds management assignment), budget is reduced based upon the cost center associated with the transaction. A non-statistical WBS element (has a funds management assignment) reduces budget based upon the fund and the funds center assigned to the WBS element. Generally, WBS elements used to account for grant activity are statistical, and non-statistical WBS elements are used with construction projects. See P2-19-4-524 for additional information on WBS Elements.

Internal orders are used for unique situations to an agency such as recording training costs for individual classes or for accumulating data for cost allocation purposes. All internal orders are statistical.

Cost centers record revenues and expenditures associated with the agency's management structure. Cost centers cannot be statistical. The fund/funds center is derived automatically when a user enters a cost center. The use of an Internal Order or Statistical WBS Element will not override the cost center. In the event a non-statistical WBS element is used in conjunction with a cost center, the WBS element fund/funds center assignment will override the cost center fund/funds center assignment.

Budget Transfers and Adjustments

Changes in operating conditions may result in the need to adjust the original budget. Appropriation transfers are used to move budget between funds centers, commitment items, funds and functional area. Maintaining the budget includes executing and controlling the budget to prevent deficit spending. Generally, appropriation transfers require special language authorization usually contained in the agency's appropriation act. This special language will either give the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State or the Arkansas Legislative Council authority to review a transfer. If the Arkansas Legislative Council is identified as the authorizing agent in the act, the Performance and Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee (PEER) must review the transfer when a legislative session is not in progress. In the event that a legislative session is in progress, the Joint Budget Committee must review the transfer.

Certain transfers can be approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. These types of transfers consist of contingency transfers for Institutions of Higher Education and Budget Classification Transfers as specified in ACA 19-4-522 which meet the 5% or $2,500 rule (These are transfers that do not exceed 5% of the affected maintenance and operation commitment items, up to a maximum of $2,500. The $2,500 limit is cumulative by appropriation per fiscal year). For these types of transfers, budget changes are entered and parked by agency personnel using transaction FR69 (Park Budget Transfer). Agencies shall then contact the DFA-OB with the parked document numbers. The assigned Budget Analyst will review and, if approved, transmit the document number to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) Funds/Appropriation Manager for final approval and posting at which point the budget is updated.

Transfers that do not meet the 5% or $2,500 rule require PEER review. Transfers that must be reviewed by the Performance and Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee (PEER) are parked by the DFA-OB Budget Analyst and posted by the DFA-OA-Funds/Appropriation Manager after review by the Legislative Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee (PEER).

Budget Reservation

AASIS provides three methods to set aside appropriation for future expenses:

1. ***Funds Reservation –*** *A commitment of funds can be made for parts of the budget through funds reservation without knowing the exact costs and expenses. The reservation can be generic in nature and cover multiple months within a fiscal year. An example would be estimating that one year's utility expense would be $100,000. The original reservation is reduced by posting any of the following type of documents and referencing the funds reservation in the document: purchase requisitions, purchase orders, vendor invoices, down payment requests and down payments. Transaction FMX1 creates a "funds reservation."*
2. ***Pre-commitment –*** *A pre-commitment is not tied to specific documents and is not automatically released when payments are made. An example would be when a vendor is known, but the costs may be estimated until the actual bill is received. The pre-commitment either commits budget or is referenced to a reservation and reduces the reservation. Transaction FMY1 creates a "funds pre-commitment."*

3. Commitment - *The funds commitment is the most detailed document in the budget reservation chain. For example, a purchase order is specific as to amount, items purchased and vendor. The legal commitment (purchase order or contractual agreement) plays a role in addition to the application of funds. The commitment can either be directly assigned to the budget or reference and reduce the pre-commitment or reduce the reservation. Transaction FMZ1 creates a "funds commitment."*

19-4-602. Compliance and approval required.

(a) No state agency may increase the salaries of its employees, employ additional employees, expend money, or incur any obligations except in accordance with law and with a properly approved annual operations plan which includes a quarterly fiscal program.

(b) Appropriations subject to the provisions of this subchapter shall not be available for expenditures or encumbrance until the state agency has complied with the provisions of this subchapter.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 9; A.S.A. 1947, 13-335.

19-4-603. Exemptions generally.

Appropriations for retirement benefits, refunds, and social security requirements of the teacher and public employees retirement systems shall be excluded from the provisions of this subchapter.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 11; A.S.A. 1947, 13-337.

19-4-604. State-supported institutions of higher education.

(a) At least thirty (30) days prior to the commencing of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make studies for the purpose of estimating the anticipated amounts of general revenues to be available for distributions under the provisions of the Revenue Stabilization Law, 19-5-101 et seq., for the fiscal year. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall compute the estimated amounts of general revenues to be available for allocation to the respective State Treasury accounts in accordance with their percentage distributions of general revenues under the provisions of the Revenue Stabilization Law, 19-5-101 et seq.

(b) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall certify to each of the respective state-supported institutions of higher learning, at least thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of each fiscal year, the estimated amounts of general revenues to be available for distribution to the State Treasury account for their respective institutions. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall include in each certification the quarterly allocations thereof that are estimated to be available for expenditures based upon these estimates.

(c) Upon receipt of the estimated amounts to be available for expenditure and after reviewing the quarterly allocation thereof as submitted by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, any such institution may request revisions in the proposed quarterly allotments as certified by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(d) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, with the advice and consent of the Department of Higher Education, shall approve requested revisions in the proposed quarterly allotments if he or she shall determine that:

(1) The proposed revisions in quarterly allotments do not exceed the aggregate of the estimated funds to be available from estimates of anticipated revenues and fund balances in the institution's account in the State Treasury for the fiscal year; and

(2) The revised quarterly allotments will not impose an undue hardship upon other allotments of revenues and other financial commitments to be met from the distributions of general revenues during the fiscal year.

(e) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall periodically review the estimates of projected general revenue collections anticipated to be available during a fiscal year. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may make revisions in the amounts certified to the respective institutions of higher learning based upon these estimates and may revise the quarterly amounts certified to each agency based upon the revised estimates.

(f) Institutions of higher learning may, from time to time, request revisions in the quarterly allotments of moneys where needs of the institution require revisions thereof.

(g) Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of each fiscal year shall be transferred forward and made available for the support of the institutions of higher learning for the following fiscal year.

(h) The budget execution provisions set forth in this section shall be applicable to all state-supported institutions of higher learning, and except for the annual fiscal program requirements, the provisions of 19-4-601, 19-4-602, and 19-4-607 19-4-609 shall not apply to these institutions; they shall be governed by the provisions of this section and by procedures established under authority of 6-61-209.

(i) The Department of Higher Education shall coordinate with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for administering the provisions of this section.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 11; 1977, No. 486, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-337; Acts 1995, No. 1296, 69.

19-4-605, 19-4-606. [Repealed.]

19-4-607. Review and approval of annual operations plans.

(a) Each state agency other than the elected constitutional officers, the legislative branch and its staff offices, the judicial branch and its staff offices, the Arkansas Department of Transportation, the Office of the Arkansas Lottery, the state-supported institutions of higher education, and the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission shall prepare an annual operations plan for the operation of each of its assigned programs for submission to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(b) The annual operations plan shall be prepared in the form and content determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and shall be transmitted to the Department of Finance and Administration on the date prescribed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(c) In years when the General Assembly meets in regular session, the annual operations plan shall be prepared after adjournment of the regular session and shall take fully into consideration all applicable laws, including appropriations, and shall be submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration on a date set by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State but prior to July 1 of that year.

(d) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall:

(1) Review each annual operations plan to determine that:

(A) It is consistent with the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Governor;

(B) Appropriations and funding have been provided by the General Assembly;

(C) It reflects proper planning and efficient management methods; and

(D) Appropriations and funding have been made for the planned purpose and will not be exhausted before the end of the fiscal year; and

(2)(A)(i) Approve the annual operations plan if he or she is satisfied that it meets all requirements.

(ii) Otherwise, he or she shall require necessary revisions of the plan in whole or in part.

(B) However, nothing in this section shall be construed to allow the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to substitute his or her individual judgment as to the operation or necessity of any program of any state agency for the judgment of the executive head or board or commission charged with the responsibility for the operation and control of that agency.

(e) Each annual operations plan shall indicate:

(1) The appropriation and funding provided by the General Assembly;

(2) A detailed budget by quarters; and

(3) Any other supporting or related information required by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State or requested by a legislative interim committee, including the Legislative Council.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 9; A.S.A. 1947, 13-335; Acts 1997, No. 1354, 36; 2001, No. 221, 3; 2009, No. 605, 15; 2009, No. 606, 15; 2015, No. 218, 14; *2017, No. 707, 43.*

19-4-608. Fiscal controls.

In order to provide proper fiscal controls, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall assure the implementation of the procedures set out in this section:

(1) The annual operations plan of each state agency shall contain a quarterly fiscal program indicating the proposed expenditures and anticipated resources for each quarter of the ensuing fiscal year. Anticipated resources shall be based upon forecasted resources estimated to be available by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. In the event a revision of forecasted resources is made during a fiscal year, those agencies affected by the revised forecast shall submit a new quarterly fiscal program based upon the revised forecast;

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall review and approve the quarterly fiscal program if he or she finds that the forecasted resources will be adequate for financing the proposed program during the fiscal year and for each quarter or other appropriate period within the fiscal year;

(3) In the event an agency incurs expenses at a level that would exceed the proposed expenditures in their quarterly fiscal program, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may require the submission of a revised quarterly fiscal program which reduces expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year to a total which is within the level of the estimated resources available to the agency. Remaining appropriations will be unavailable to the agency until the revised program has been submitted and approved; and

(4) In case the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State determines that the estimated revenues or other sources of income for any agency will be less than was anticipated and that consequently the funds available for the remainder of the fiscal year will be less than the amount estimated, he or she shall reduce the amount of available appropriation to the level of expected revenue after notice to the agency.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 9; A.S.A. 1947, 13-335; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 14.

R1-19-4-608 Agency Annual Operations Plan

Agencies must submit an Annual Operations Plan in May of each fiscal year to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Budget (DFA-OB). (ACA §19-4-607) An Annual Operations Plan contains an agency's proposed expenditures and anticipated resources for the ensuing fiscal year. The Annual Operations Plan is prepared using the State's budgeting system and upon review by the Department of Finance and Administration Offices of Budget and Accounting, the approved plan will be transferred into the Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS). Forms and instructions are available on the DFA-OB web site at http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/budget/Pages/forms.aspx.

The S_ALR_87013611 Cost Centers Actual Plan Variance report in AASIS can be used to monitor and compare actual vs planned expenditures.

If at any time during the fiscal year changes to the Annual Operations Plan result in an increase or decrease in the appropriation and/or funding allocated for expenditure, corresponding adjustments to the Annual Operations Plan must be made in the detail plan in AASIS. (ACA §19-4-608) These changes may be made by accessing transaction KP06 – Activity Input Planning. Although budget is not checked at this level, proper plan maintenance is required for accurate evaluation of agency expenditure variances.

Training courseware is available at the following web site:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/informationServices/aasis/Training/Pages/default.asp

PLEASE NOTE: *Agencies that do not have access to AASIS should contact their Budget Analyst in the DFA-OB for assistance.*

19-4-609. Productivity reporting.

(a) Each state agency, other than the elected constitutional officers, shall institute and maintain a program to increase the productivity and cost effectiveness of the employees for which the state agency is responsible.

(b)(1) On or before the twentieth day of each month, each executive, judicial, legislative, and other state agency shall provide to the Bureau of Legislative Research the following information as of the last day of the immediately preceding month:

(A) The number of appropriated positions, including without limitation all positions appropriated in a state agency's current appropriation act and any additional positions approved during the interim;

(B) The number of temporary transition pool positions created in the interim and active for the month;

(C)(i) The number of full-time employees, including part-time employees in full-time positions.

(ii) If two (2) or more part-time employees share a full-time position, only one (1) employee shall be included in the number;

(D) The number of vacant positions that are budgeted;

(E) The number of vacant positions that are unbudgeted;

(F) The number of appropriated extra-help positions, including without limitation all extra-help positions appropriated in a state agency's current appropriation act and any extra-help positions approved during the interim;

(G) The number of extra-help employees;

(H) The number of vacant extra-help positions;

(I) The total amount of overtime paid out during the month;

(J) The total amount of straight time paid out during the month;

(K) The total number of compensatory time hours taken during the month; and

(L) Any other information requested by the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee.

(2) On or before the twentieth day of each month, each institution of higher education shall provide to the Bureau of Legislative Research the following information as of the last day of the immediately preceding month:

(A) The number of appropriated full-time positions, including without limitation all full-time positions appropriated in an institution of higher education's current appropriation act and any additional full-time positions approved during the interim, including without limitation provisional, pool, and nine-month positions;

(B)(i) The number of full-time employees regardless of funding source, including without limitation those in provisional, pool, and nine-month positions.

(ii) Nine-month staff and faculty who are removed from the payroll but are still considered to be employed by the institution of higher education and are assumed to return the next semester shall be included in the number during the months that they are not on the payroll;

(C) The number of appropriated full-time positions that are vacant;

(D) The number of part-time and extra-help positions that are appropriated and any additional part-time and extra-help positions approved during the interim;

(E)(i) The number of part-time and extra-help employees, including without limitation faculty and graduate assistants.

(ii) Contract workers and students in work-study positions shall not be included in the number;

(F) The total amount of overtime paid out during the month;

(G) The total amount of straight time paid out during the month;

(H) The total number of compensatory time hours taken during the month; and

(I) Any other information requested by the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee.

(3) The information required under this section shall be compiled by each state agency and institution of higher education on forms developed by the Bureau of Legislative Research and submitted to the Legislative Council on a calendar-quarterly basis as two (2) separate reports:

(A) One (1) report containing an average for each state agency for the quarter; and

(B) One (1) report containing an average for each institution of higher education for the quarter.

(4) Each executive, judicial, legislative, and other state agency and each institution of higher education shall provide in the fourth quarter of each fiscal year a list of all positions vacant for at least one (1) year.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 10; 1985, No. 110, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-336; Acts 1989, No. 183, 1; 2005, No. 1686, 1; 2015, No. 370, 1.

SUBCHAPTER 7 - EXPENDITURES GENERALLY

19-4-701. Fiscal periods of state.

(a) For the purpose of this chapter, relating to the appropriation and disbursement of funds, the fiscal year of the state shall commence on July 1 and shall end on June 30 of the following year; and the biennial period, or biennium, shall commence on July 1 following the adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly and end on June 30 two (2) years thereafter.

(b)(1) The definition of the fiscal year, for the purposes of this chapter, shall not be construed to affect special appropriations where no fiscal period is defined in the act making such special appropriation or affect the bond year for other fiscal transactions.

(2)(A) In the case of special appropriations where the emergency clause has been adopted by the General Assembly and where no period of time is mentioned in the act making the appropriation, the appropriation shall be construed to be available for a two-year period from and after the effective date of the act.

(B) In the case of special appropriations where the emergency clause has not been adopted and where no period of time is mentioned in the act making the appropriation, the appropriation shall be construed to become available ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the General Assembly. It shall be available for a two-year period from and after the date the appropriation became available.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 13; A.S.A. 1947, 13-339.

19-4-702. Time limits for presenting vouchers.

(a)(1)(A) A state agency may pay carryover obligations of the state that were incurred on or before June 30 of the current fiscal year up to forty-five (45) days after the end of the current fiscal year.

(B) The carryover obligations must be supported by purchase documents with corresponding receipts for the goods or services that have been recorded as received in the state's financial management system by June 30 of the fiscal year previous to the fiscal year in which the carryover obligations are requested to be paid.

(2) The payments of the carryover obligations shall be charged against appropriations and fund cash balances of the fiscal year in which the obligations were incurred.

(3) Any payments for carryover obligations that are not supported by the documents as required in this subsection, or which are requested to be paid after forty-five (45) days following June 30 of the fiscal year previous to the fiscal year in which the carryover obligations are requested to be paid, shall be charged to the appropriations and fund cash balances of the then-current fiscal year.

(b) In the event such voucher or vouchers are approved for payment, the Auditor of State shall issue his or her warrants in payment of them not later than two (2) weeks following the receipt of the vouchers from the Department of Finance and Administration.

(c)(1) In the event of a just claim against any state agency, when the claim is submitted too late for payment in the manner prescribed in this section and the state agency affected has an appropriation for the same purpose for the fiscal period following that period in which the claim was incurred, then the disbursing agent may draw his or her voucher in the payment of the claim against the new appropriation, but only in the event there were sufficient funds and appropriations for the prior year to cover the claim.

(2) Otherwise, the claim must be submitted to the Arkansas State Claims Commission for payment.

(d)(1)(A) In the event a biweekly pay period for personal services, as defined in 19-4-521 and 19-4-1607, commences in the closing period of one (1) fiscal period and either ends in the following fiscal year or is paid in the following fiscal year, then the payment of the obligation may be made in whole from the appropriation for either fiscal period, as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(B) However, in no event shall any obligation be incurred unless there are funds on hand or estimated to become available to meet the obligation when it becomes due.

(2)(A) For purposes of wages and compensation, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may determine the starting date of authorized job classifications and positions to coincide with the payment of the obligation under subdivision (d)(1) of this section.

(B) However, the determination under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section shall not cause any state fiscal year to be charged with fewer than twenty-six (26) or more than twenty-seven (27) biweekly pay periods.

(e)(1) All state agencies may carry over from the first fiscal year of any biennium to the second fiscal year of the biennium any unexpended appropriations and funds to the extent necessary to pay for items or commodities ordered at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the first fiscal year but not received until after the end of the first fiscal year, if the purchase of such items and commodities is substantiated by a written contract resulting from the receipt of a formal bid.

(2)(A) All state agencies may carry over from the first fiscal year of any biennium to the second fiscal year of the biennium any unexpended maintenance and operation appropriations and funds, as defined under 19-4-522, to the extent necessary to pay for renovation and minor and major repairs under the jurisdiction of the Arkansas Building Authority which were under contract at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the first fiscal year but which will not be completed until after the end of the first fiscal year and are substantiated by written contracts.

(B) This carryover provision shall apply only to appropriations and funds involving maintenance and operations.

(3) This subsection shall be supplemental to any other authority granted any state agency by law to carry forward unexpended fund balances from one (1) fiscal year to another.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 13; 1977, No. 486, 3; 1979, No. 833, 4; 1985, No. 365, 4; A.S.A. 1947, 13-339; Acts 2001, No. 71, 1; 2001, No. 1453, 15; 2005, No. 645, 1.

R1-19-4-702 Payment of Prior Year Obligations

The processing of prior year obligations in the current fiscal year is allowable if the obligations do not exceed funds center (appropriation) or funds available for that fiscal year at the close of business June 30, XXXX, and sufficient funds center (appropriation) and fund is available in the current year. (ACA 19-4-702) Funds center availability is determined at the funds center commitment item level. Sub-funds centers should be certified at the authorizing funds center commitment item level. Available funds should be determined at the appropriate fund for disbursement level or the agency's legal or "high level" fund. The "high level" fund will be the fund designated by three alpha characters followed by four zeros if a Treasury fund, and three numeric characters followed by four zeros if a cash fund. However, the first three digits of the fund must be the same on the invoice and the certification. Business areas that share a legal (high level) fund must certify only their portion of the total fund balance as of June 30, XXXX.

A "Prior Year Obligation" is one for which goods/services were received and accepted prior to June 30, XXXX, for which no remittance had been made. These payments must be identified and recorded as an Accounts Payable for the prior year. When entering the transaction into the State's accounting system a prior year obligation must be identified by adding a preceding "Y" reference to the vendor's invoice number in the reference field. For example, if the invoice number is ABC123, you should put YABC123 in the reference field. Those obligations that are created when goods or services are received over a period of time which spans June 30, XXXX, are not considered a "Prior Year Obligation."

Goods and services purchased with a P-Card should be expensed in the year they are received. To ensure proper recording of expenditures, it is recommended that the P-Card not be used for purchases during the dates of June 10 – June 30 of each year. Any P-Card purchases not paid by warrant prior to the last day of the Fiscal Year must be handled as "Y Vouchers" when paid the following Fiscal Year. For more information on P-Cards, go to DFA - Credit Cards

Certification Required

Prior year obligations must be certified by the disbursing officer with a certification letter. With the certification letter, the disbursing officer is stating that the expenditures have been reviewed, the cumulative amount of all "Y" invoices processed have been monitored and the invoices have not exceeded the available appropriation and fund balances as of June 30 of the prior year. A certification letter must be retained by each agency listing the invoice(s) to be paid. The letter will designate the appropriate business area (agency), funds center (appropriation), commitment item (character code) and fund (cash in Treasury or cash in bank). Each certification letter will state the funds center and fund codes and that the balance of each for the previous year was sufficient to pay the invoice. The certification letter will be retained at the agency for review by the Division of Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and other interested parties.

Exempt from Certification

There are several circumstances when the certification process is not necessary. However, the invoices must still be coded as a "Y" invoice when the payment is made in the next fiscal year. Items paid from carry-forward appropriations, grant payments, construction appropriations and

employee matching payments (insurance, social security, retirement, etc.) do not require certification. Items that, because of the billing methods, contain charges for both fiscal years such as: gas card purchases, utility bills, and travel expenses do not require certification. Payroll that commences in the closing period of one fiscal year and ends in the following fiscal year does not require certification.

Expenditures Limited to Budget

If there were insufficient funds or appropriation available as of June 30 of the prior year, the invoice cannot be paid and must be submitted to the Arkansas State Claims Commission for payment. The Arkansas State Claims Commission will pay the invoice from the Claims Commission's revolving Claims Payment fund and then request a transfer of funds from the agency. The vendor must file a claim for payment of the invoice, and the agency has the chance to deny or accept liability. If the agency accepts liability, the claim is paid from the Claims Commission's revolving Claims Payment fund.

Agency's Responsibility to Relieve the Liability Once the Transfer Has Been Made

If the liability of the invoice was originally recorded on the agency's books in the GRIR (Goods receipt/ Invoice receipt) account, the agency will have to relieve the GRIR account once the funds have been transferred to the Claim Commission. To relieve the GRIR account, the agency would reverse the GR in the current year and record a journal entry debiting a non-budget relevant expense account and crediting the claims transfer out account.

If the invoice was originally recorded by another process other than the PO process (FB60), the liability would be recorded on the agency's books in the accounts payable account. The agency would relive the accounts payable account by:

- *Reversing the FB60 invoice.*
- *Recording a journal entry debiting a budget relevant expense account and crediting the claims transfer out account.*
- *If the invoice was originally recorded using the PO process and the GR and IR was processed, the liability would be recorded on the agency's books in the accounts payable account. The agency would relieve the accounts payable account by:*
- *Reversing the MIRO document and clearing it using transaction F-44 (manual vendor clearing).*
- *Reversing the GR in the current year once the MIRO document has been cleared.*
- *Recording a journal entry debiting a non-budget relevant expense account and crediting the claims transfer out account.*

After the agency has made the necessary steps to relieve the liability, the agency must notify the Claims Commission so the appropriate journal entry can be made on the Claims Commission's books.

Claims Commission's Responsibility Once the Agency Has Relieved the Liability

After the agency has notified the Claims Commission that they have relieved the liability on the agency's books, the Claims Commission must record a journal entry debiting the claims transfer in account and crediting a non-budget relevant expense account.

19-4-703. Redemption of warrants.

No warrant issued by the Auditor of State shall be payable by the Treasurer of State unless it shall have been presented for payment within the twelve (12) months immediately following the close of the fiscal year or other appropriate fiscal period against which appropriation the warrant was charged.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 13; A.S.A. 1947, 13-339.

R1-19-4-703 Outlawed Warrant Policy

Authority

Arkansas Code 19-4-703, Redemption of Warrants, states: "No warrant issued by the Auditor of State shall be payable by the Treasurer of State unless it shall have been presented for payment within the twelve (12) months immediately following the close of the fiscal year or other appropriated fiscal period against which appropriation the warrant was charged."

Purpose

Warrants that are outstanding at the end of the State Fiscal Year on June 30 and have been issued more than 12 months will be considered to be "outlawed." (i.e. Warrants issued in FY 2009 and still outstanding the first day of FY 2011).

The Treasurer of State-Warrant Division cannot redeem an outlawed warrant. The Auditor of State-Warrant Division cannot reissue an outlawed warrant.

The payee of the outlawed warrant must file a claim with the Arkansas State Claims Commission in order to be compensated.

The fund of original disbursement of the outlawed warrant will receive a restoration of the cash balance as a result of the warrant being "outlawed." If the fund of issue or its components are inactive, then the fund/components will be reactivated temporarily for the initial posting followed immediately with a transfer of funds to a current active fund/component.

If the fund is supported by general revenue, the moneys will be reclaimed in part or whole and transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund or other designated fund as dictated by State Law.

Process

The outlawed warrant process begins with the production of a report from the Treasurer of State-Treasury Management System on or about July 10th of each year. This allows for the processing of any warrants that may be in transit through the commercial banking system as of June 30. Federal banking requirements dictate that, if a warrant is presented for payment to a financial institution by close of business on June 30th, the warrant must be redeemed by the State of Arkansas and cannot be outlawed.

The Auditor of State-Warrant Division and Treasurer of State-Warrant Division reconcile outlawed warrant differences between their respective systems. An adjusted report is provided to the DFA-OA for validation and further reconciliation to outstanding warrants in AASIS. Journal entries are created with document type "ZO" for the initial outlawed warrant posting for funds and components that are currently active. The following entry is made as of current date:

DR1100001000 (Cash in State Treasury)
CR6990001000 (Prior Year Warrants Outlawed)

The outlawed warrant general ledger account is a non-budget relevant posting that does not adjust appropriation.

The warrant number is used in the reference field for the posting of the outlawed warrants. The warrant number may also be found in the text column of the document.

If the creation of a warrant affects multiple funds, an individual document with a debit and offsetting credit is posted for each fund.

DFA–OA-Funds Group will be responsible for the "General Revenue Reclaim" (the restoration of cash balance) that is returned during the outlaw process if the original expenditure was from a fund that is supported by general revenue. DFA–OA-Funds Group will create and park a document to reclaim these funds, and they will immediately be posted following the initial posting of outlawed warrants. The document type used for these reclaims is "ZL."

PLEASE NOTE: If a warrant is outlawed, the vendor must request a refund of their moneys by completing and submitting a claim to the Arkansas State Claims Commission. The form can be found at http://arclaimscommission.arkansas.gov/

19-4-704. No obligations without appropriations.

(a) No obligations will be paid from appropriated funds until the General Assembly shall have made an appropriation for that purpose; nor shall any state agency enter into any contract which would contemplate that payments under the contracts would be made beyond the expiration of the biennial period unless the General Assembly, prior to the expiration of the biennial period, makes an appropriation for that purpose, or in the case of multiyear contracts for commodities or services, a determination in writing has been made prior to use that:

(1) Estimated requirements cover the period of the contract and are reasonably firm and continuing; and

(2) Such a contract would serve the best interests of the state by encouraging effective competition or otherwise promoting economies in state procurement.

(b) In no event shall any obligations be incurred unless there are sufficient funds or an approved federal grant on hand, or estimated to become available, to meet the obligations when they become due.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 13; 1985, No. 365, 6; A.S.A. 1947, 13-339.

19-4-705. Obligations limited to funds available.

(a) No state agency for which regular operating appropriations are made on a fiscal-year basis shall incur any obligations under the appropriations unless there are funds on hand or an approved federal grant, or estimated to become available, during the fiscal year for the payment of the obligation; nor shall any agency create any obligation in one (1) fiscal year which will make it necessary to use the revenues of the following fiscal year in order to meet the obligation except in the case of multiyear contracts for commodities or services and as provided in 19-4-707.

(b) In the event an agency had bank funds which are not required by law to be deposited in the State Treasury, the agency shall have the authority to create additional obligations to the extent of the bank funds on hand, or which are estimated to become available during the fiscal period. However, the agency shall not create any obligations, in the aggregate, which would make the total of such obligations exceed the total of all funds available to the agency during the fiscal period, except in the case of multiyear contracts for commodities or services and as provided in 19-4-707.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 13; 1985, No. 365, 6; A.S.A. 1947, 13-339.

19-4-706. Interest and carrying charges.

State agencies, including exempt agencies, may enter into contracts which contemplate the payment of interest, late charges, but only when such late charges are incurred sixty (60) days after payment is due, or carrying charges under such regulations as may be promulgated by the State Procurement Director.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 25; 1985, No. 365, 13; A.S.A. 1947, 13-351; Acts 1997, No. 1066, 1.

19-4-707. Obligations for improvements.

Notwithstanding the fact that no disbursements may be made during any fiscal period in excess of the appropriations made available by the General Assembly for the fiscal period, it is provided that contracts for improvements including major repairs, alterations, and construction of new buildings and facilities may be let to the extent of the appropriations made available for those purposes for the biennial period. However, no such contracts may be let in amounts exceeding the probable funds available or which are estimated to become available during the period.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 13; A.S.A. 1947, 13-339.

19-4-708. Depletion of agency funds.

In the event any state agency shall incur obligations in such manner that the funds allocated or belonging to the agency are depleted and the agency is unable to pay all of its outstanding commitments without incurring a deficit, then the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may suspend all exemptions under the Arkansas Procurement Law, 19-11-201 et seq., with respect to the agency. Under these circumstances, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may notify the agency

that all future obligations of any kind whatsoever must be approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State before they become valid obligations against the funds of the agency.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 13; A.S.A. 1947, 13-339.

19-4-709. Statement of financial condition.

(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may require, from time to time as he or she shall deem necessary, a statement from any state agency setting out the prospective funds which are estimated to become available and a statement of the outstanding obligations and of the proposed expenditures of that agency for the remainder of the fiscal period.

(b) If, in the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State's judgment, any agency has incurred or is about to incur a deficit, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall call upon the agency to stop incurring obligations, under penalty of its disbursing bond.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 13; A.S.A. 1947, 13-339.

19-4-710. Interagency transfers.

(a) To prevent the duplication of recording expenditures and revenues resulting from interagency transactions, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, after securing the approval of the proposed procedures by the Legislative Auditor, may provide for an interagency transfer of moneys or recognize a journal entry to charge the expenditure to the disbursing agency without creating a warrant and to identify the cash receipt by the receiving agency.

(b) Budget manuals prepared for the General Assembly for the biennial state budget shall identify the original revenue source of interagency transfers of funds.

(c) As used in this section, interagency transfer means:

(1) The purchase of services or commodities by one (1) state agency from another state agency, or within a state agency; or

(2) Other transfers of funds under 19-5-106 or other provision of law.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 13; 1977, No. 486, 3; 1979, No. 833, 4; 1985, No. 365, 5; A.S.A. 1947, 13-339; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 16; 2005, No. 1172, 1.

PLEASE NOTE: Refer to P1-19-5-101 for instructions and forms.

R1-19-4-710 Interagency/Interfund Transfers

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) defines transfers as flow of assets such as cash or goods without equivalent flows of assets in return and without a requirement for repayment. GAAP also directs that interfund loans that are not expected to be repaid within a reasonable period be reclassified as transfers.

The initial inflow of cash to the State is recorded as revenue by the receiving agency. Subsequent movements of cash, such as a transfer of grant funds being passed to another

agency, distributions of general revenue to agencies, etc. are recorded as transfers out by the transferring agency. The agency receiving the cash records the receipt of funds as a transfer in. Subsequent payments to employees and vendors would be coded to the appropriate budget relevant general ledger account code. Transfers of cash between divisions of an agency or between agencies should not be done by warrant. Exception to this process must be approved in writing by DFA-OA.

Legal fund transfers must be approved and posted by the DFA – Office of Accounting- Funds Group. The procedure for recording these transfers is explained in R1-19-5-101 - TRANSFERS – Fund Transfer Procedures.

Interfund Services or Commodities Provided and Used

GAAP defines interfund services or commodities provided and used as when one fund provides services or goods to another fund which is then charged for these services/goods received. GAAP further directs using this classification when the amount of an interfund charge equals or approximates the external exchange value of the services rendered.

Questions that should be asked to determine if a transaction meets the definition of interfund services provided and used are as follows:

1. *Would I purchase this same item/service from an outside source if I was not purchasing it from another state agency? If yes, continue to question 2.*
2. *Am I paying the other state agency approximately what I would be required to pay an outside vendor? If yes, then this likely meets the definition of an interfund service provided/used.*
3. *It also may be helpful to consider whether the sale of the goods or services is a normal operating activity of the agency that makes the charge. This step will help separate reimbursements or allocation of costs versus true services provided and used.*

To process payments for interfund services or commodities provided using fund transfers, contact your CAFR liaison for assistance. The liaison will provide you with a template and instructions on how to enter the information. The completed template should then be submitted to the DFA-Office of Accounting –Funds Group for posting.

19-4-711. Transfer of responsibilities.

In the event that a state agency or its responsibilities, or a part of its responsibilities, is transferred by law within a biennium to another agency, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer all or part of the line-item appropriations, personnel positions, and moneys necessary to accomplish the transfer of responsibilities, subject to the same restrictions and procedures applicable to the original appropriations and funds from which transferred.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 13; 1977, No. 486, 3; 1979, No. 833, 4; 1985 No. 365, 5; A.S.A. 1947, 13-339.

R1-19-4-711 AGENCY CLOSE OUT

Process

The administrative head of any State agency, board, commission or institution planning to cease operations shall notify the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State in writing of such intent.

The notice shall indicate whether:

The agency is being transferred to another agency as specified in ACA 25-2-104 through 25-2-107.

The agency is being abolished, and the operations will cease.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State will review related legislation and/or executive orders to determine what action should be taken to satisfy obligations, protect the interests of the State and preserve the records of the agency.

Instructions will be issued from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the administrative head of the agency in question and letters of instruction to any department/institution that may be receiving the employees, authority, assets, liabilities and/or records of the closing agency. The instruction will designate the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) personnel assigned (contact people) who will work with the closing and/or receiving agency and specify what general actions must be taken and lay out a timetable for completion.

Assignments may include:

1. *DFA-Office of Personnel Management for proper referral and placement efforts for employees, as well as final payment;*
2. *DFA-Office of State Procurement for equipment disposal, contract termination and lease closeouts;*
3. *DFA-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) for all financial reporting, accountability and records retention;*
4. *Other DFA offices as deemed appropriate by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.*

The DFA contacts will work with the closing and/or receiving agency on all transactions/actions to be accomplished. A "check list" of action, indicating date accomplished will be maintained and submitted by each DFA Office assigned to the DFA-OA upon completion of assignment.

The DFA-OA will prepare a final report for the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and obtain signatures of administrative heads of agency being closed/receiving agency for all legal documents to ensure the interests of the State are protected. See P1-19-4-711 for a sample checklist.

R2-19-4-711 New Agency

State agencies newly created by Acts of the State Legislature and signed by the Governor of Arkansas will be created on the books and records of the State of Arkansas, Treasurer of State and Auditor of State by the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA).

The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting-Funds Group (DFA-OA-FG) will review the appropriation which created the agency, determine their sources of funding and grants their authority for spending levels.

The DFA-OA -Funds Group staff will assign the following items within AASIS to conduct and record the agency's financial transactions: business area number, funds center, funds and cost centers.

The DFA-OA-FG staff will also notify the DFA–Office of Budget, DFA-OA-CAFR Section and the AASIS Support Center of the agency's creation.

The DFA-OA will also notify the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State's office that a new State agency has been created. Details of their fund and appropriation structures will be provided as necessary to each entity.

The DFA–Office of Budget will assign a Budget Analyst to work with the agency in the design and implementation of an operating budget for the current and future fiscal years.

The DFA-OA-CAFR Section will assign a liaison to the newly created agency.

The AASIS Support Center will assign professional security roles to each AASIS user upon request of the Security Liaison. Each user will also be assigned an ESS security role for employee self service functions.

At the direction of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the new agency is set up as an online agency commonly referred to as a user agency, a service bureau agency or a reporting agency based upon the agency's resources.

Human resource issues/actions can be found at http://www.state.ar.us/dfa/opm/index.html. The following sample "check lists" for accounting and non-human resource issues are available online:

(a) New online agency.
(b) New service bureau agency
(c) New reporting agency

See P2-19-4-711 for checklist for new agency creation.

SUBCHAPTER 8 - EXPENDITURE OF CASH FUNDS

19-4-801. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) Cash funds means all moneys, negotiable instruments, certificates of indebtedness, stocks, and bonds held by or owned by any state agency which are not on deposit with or in the trust of the Treasurer of State; and

(2)(A) State agency means all boards, commissions, departments, agencies, institutions, offices or officers, state-supported institutions of higher learning, and any other office or unit of government of the State of Arkansas created or established pursuant to law or pursuant to any action of the Governor, functioning under appropriation made by the General Assembly or functioning as a representative of the state without appropriation of the General Assembly.

(B) State agency shall not include the:

(i) Governor;

(ii) Secretary of State;

(iii) Attorney General;

(iv) Treasurer of State;

(v) Auditor of State;

(vi) Commissioner of State Lands;

(vii) Supreme Court and its justices;

(viii) Circuit courts and circuit judges;

(ix) Prosecuting attorneys;

(x) Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;

(xi) Arkansas Department of Transportation;

(xii)*(a)* Office of the Arkansas Lottery.

(b) However, the office shall be considered a state agency for the purposes of 19-4-810 et seq.;

(xiii) General Assembly; and

(xiv) Respective staffs of the officers and agencies listed in this subdivision (2)(B).

History. Acts 1975, No. 5, 1, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-356, 13-357; Acts 2005, No. 1962, 79; 2009, No. 605, 16; 2009, No. 606, 16; 2009, No. 1405, 25; 2015, No. 218, 15; *2017, No. 707, 44.*

19-4-802. Authorization of General Assembly.

(a) Cash funds of the various state agencies as defined in 19-4-801 shall be budgeted and proposed expenditures approved by enactments of the General Assembly.

(b) The General Assembly shall budget, approve, and appropriate expenditures of cash funds by the enactment of separate appropriation bills setting forth the purpose for which the moneys are to be expended and the dollar amount to be expended for such purpose.

(c) State agencies as defined in 19-4-801 shall be required to submit such budgetary information as may be requested by the Legislative Council and shall undertake whatever budgetary procedures the Legislative Council may establish for the appropriation of cash funds.

(d) State agencies as defined in 19-4-801 shall be required to post all financial transactions of cash funds in the state's financial management system in accordance with procedures established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

History. Acts 1975, No. 5, 4; A.S.A. 1947, 13-359; 2001, No. 1453, 17.

19-4-803. Exemptions.

(a) The following are exempt from this subchapter:

(1) Funds required by the terms of a bond indenture to be held by paying agents for the payment of interest and principal on such bonds;

(2) Petty cash funds held by the various state agencies;

(3) Memorials, endowments, bequests, gifts, and donations made to any state agency other than for normal operation of the agency;

(4) Canteen funds of state agencies other than institutions of higher learning, wherein the profits earned are used for the benefit of the people served by that agency through the purchase of services or goods other than normal salary or maintenance expenses of the agency;

(5) The Benefit Fund of the Department of Workforce Services;

(6) The Revenue Bond Guaranty Reserve Account of the Arkansas Economic Development Council;

(7) The Illegal Drug Purchase Account and the Confidential Accounts of the Department of Arkansas State Police;

(8) Patient funds, when the institution is acting in a trust capacity or when the funds are utilized for patient activities other than normal agency-provided services;

(9) The State Treasury Money Management Trust; and

(10) Any other funds determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State or the General Assembly, to be held in trust and on deposit in a financial institution other than the State Treasury.

(b) [Repealed.]

(c) The Department of Correction Plasma Center is exempt from provisions of this subchapter.

(d) The Arkansas Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool, created under the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act, 23-79-501 et seq., and its board of directors, and the Arkansas Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Fund and its advisory association, referenced under the Arkansas Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Act, 23-90-101 et seq., and the Arkansas Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association and its board of directors, referenced under the Arkansas Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, 23-96-101 et seq., are hereby exempt from the provisions of this subchapter.

(e) The Tobacco Settlement Cash Holding Fund administered by the State Board of Finance shall be exempt from the provisions of this subchapter.

History. Acts 1975, No. 5, 7; 1975, No. 265, 1; 1977, No. 713, 14; A.S.A. 1947, 13-356.1, 13-362; Acts 1997, No. 540, 39; 1997, No. 1000, 17; 1997, No. 1179, 3; Init. Meas. 2000, No. 1, 19; Acts 2009, No. 251, 10; 2013, No. 1146, 1; *2017, No. 296, 3.*

19-4-804. [Repealed.]

19-4-805. Investment of fund balances.

(a) The state-supported institutions of higher learning shall have the right to determine the depositories and the nature of investments of any of their cash funds which are not currently needed for operating purposes. In making these determinations, these institutions shall seek to obtain the highest possible rate of return for their investments.

(b) All cash fund agencies other than the state-supported institutions of higher learning shall request and abide by the recommendations of the State Board of Finance as to the best investment decisions for any idle cash balances.

History. Acts 1975, No. 5, 8, 9; A.S.A. 1947, 13-363, 13-364.

R1-19-4-805 Management of Cash Funds

Agency Bank Reconciliations

Arkansas Code 19-6-103 states that "All taxes, licenses, fees, permits, or other income collected by any board, agency, or commission by virtue of the authority of the State of Arkansas which are designated by law to be deposited in a depository other than the State Treasury are classified as "Cash Funds" and are declared to be revenues of the State to be used as required and to be expended only for such purposes and in such manner as determined by law." Arkansas Code 19-4-801(2) defines Cash Funds "as all moneys, negotiable instruments, certificates of indebtedness, stocks and bonds held by or owned by any State Agency which are not on deposit with or in the trust of the State Treasurer."

Agencies requesting to establish a new commercial bank account must first provide a written justification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for review and approval. Agencies requesting to establish a new imprest fund or increase/decrease the authorization of an existing imprest fund must submit the request for DFA review and approval using the "Imprest Fund Request" Form, P1-19-4-806. Imprest fund accounts authorized for agencies, boards, commissions and institutions include: Petty Cash Fund, Change Fund, Activities Revolving Fund and Travel Advance Revolving Fund. See R1-19-4-806

Cash expenditures must have legislative authorization (appropriation) and are subject to Accounting, Procurement, State Printing and Arkansas State Building Services regulations unless exempt under Arkansas Code 19-4-803, as amended.

All agencies, other than institutions of higher learning, shall request and abide by the recommendations of the State Board of Finance as to the best investment decisions of any idle

cash balances. The institutions of higher learning shall have the right to determine the depositories and the nature of investments of any of their Cash Funds which are not currently needed for operating purposes.

All cash activity must be recorded in AASIS using the proper transactions. This includes interest earned on investments. Various sections of the Financial Management Guide contain instructions for most types of transactions that occur in a Cash Fund and should be reviewed for the correct accounting procedure for those transactions.

The AASIS balance at month end must be reconciled to either the check register or the bank statement depending upon whether the agency is a user agency (an agency with direct access to AASIS) or Department of Finance and Administration- Office of Accounting-Service Bureau (DFA-OA-SB) agency (an agency who uses DFA-OA-SB to record transactions in AASIS-they do not have direct access). The following procedures must be followed when reconciling the AASIS balance at month end:

User Agencies

There are two different business processes that determine the method to be used for month-end reconciliations performed by user agencies: those with commercial bank accounts that are held and managed at the agency location and those with local accounts held and managed at local offices at multiple locations.

User Agency (Accounts Held at Agency Location)

If an agency has a commercial bank account(s) that is held at the agency location, transactions must be entered in AASIS on a "real time" basis. This means that transactions should be recorded on a daily basis. At any time, a trial balance pulled from AASIS should equal the balance held at the commercial bank account plus or minus any reconciling items (i.e. outstanding checks, deposits in transit, interest, etc.).

These accounts must be reconciled to the commercial bank account statement on a monthly basis using the "Cash in Bank Reconciliation" Form, P1-19-4-805. Instructions for the use of this form are provided with the form.

PLEASE NOTE: *A journal entry to correct any reconciling item, caused solely by a difference in when the transaction is recorded in two different periods by the perspective parties, must be made in the month following the event that caused the reconciling item to be created.*

After the reconciliation is completed, the agency must submit a copy of the first page of the bank statement and the "Cash in Bank Reconciliation" Form to DFA-OA-Fund Reconciliation. These shall be received by DFA-OA-Fund Reconciliation by the 15th of each month.

User Agency (Accounts Held at Local Offices at Multiple Locations)

If an agency has commercial bank accounts held at local offices at multiple locations, with approval from the DFA-OA-Fund Reconciliation, the agency can make an entry at month end for the total of transactions that occurred during that month. These entries must be made in the month that the transaction(s) occurred.

These accounts must be reconciled to the commercial bank account statement on a monthly basis using the "Cash in Bank Reconciliation" Form. Instructions for the use of this form are provided with the form.

PLEASE NOTE: *A journal entry to correct any reconciling item, caused solely by a difference in when the transaction is recorded in two different periods by the perspective parties, must be made in the month following the event that caused the reconciling item to be created.*

After the reconciliation is completed, the agency must submit a copy of the first page of the bank statement and the "Cash in Bank Reconciliation" Form to DFA-OA-Fund Reconciliation. These shall be received by DFA-OA-Fund Reconciliation by the 15th day after the cutoff date of the statement period.

DFA-OA-SB Agencies

If an agency uses DFA-OA-SB to record transactions in AASIS, the agency must send in transactions on a "real time" basis to be entered. This includes both incoming and outgoing cash transactions for both appropriated and non-appropriated accounts.

The agency must reconcile its check register to the commercial bank account statement at month end and submit a copy of the reconciliation and the commercial bank account statement to DFA-OA-SB by the 15th of the following month. DFA-OA-SB will reconcile the agency's account balance with AASIS utilizing the reconciliation.

PLEASE NOTE: *A journal entry to correct any reconciling item, caused solely by a difference in when the transaction is recorded in two different periods by the perspective parties, must be made in the month following the event that caused the reconciling item to be created.*

This section shall not apply to institutions of higher education which maintain full accounting records separate and apart from AASIS. Receipts and disbursements of such agencies shall be submitted in summarized form for general review and reference.

R2-19-4-805 Agency Investment(s)

If an agency has investments, interest earned or any other transactions occurring must be recorded in AASIS on a monthly basis. When a monthly statement is received, the statement must be submitted to DFA-OA-Fund Reconciliation by the 15th of each month. If the investment statements are received quarterly, semi-annually or annually, those statements must also be submitted by the 15th of the following month.

The agency must reconcile the investment statement balance to AASIS balance to verify that all transactions have been recorded. If the agency determines that there are reconciling items, a "Cash in Bank Reconciliation" Form must be completed and submitted with copies of the investment statements to DFA-OA-Fund Reconciliation.

PLEASE NOTE: *This section shall not apply to institutions of higher education which maintain full accounting records separate and apart from AASIS.*

R3-19-4-805 Deposit Accounts

Cash funds to be deposited are to be placed with an eligible bank or banking institution within the borders of the State of Arkansas as outlined in the State Board of Finance Rule on Management of Cash Funds. Common deposit accounts include:

a. ***Demand Deposit Accounts:*** *These are non-interest bearing checking accounts. Depositors are not required to give notice prior to withdrawal.*
b. ***Savings Accounts:*** *These are interest bearing accounts that place restrictions on the number of withdrawals allowed each month. Checks cannot be written on these accounts. Notice may be required before making a withdrawal. A fee may be imposed for excessive withdrawals.*
c. ***NOW (Negotiable Order of Withdrawal) Accounts:*** *These are checking accounts in which the institution can impose a waiting period of at least seven (7) days before releasing. The account may bear interest but at a low rate.*
d. ***Money Market Deposit Account:*** *These are savings account that allows the owner to make a limited number of transactions each month.*
e. ***Certificates of Deposits:*** *This is a savings instrument that pays interest for a specific period of time at either a set or variable interest rate. It is redeemable upon maturity. A fee may be imposed for early withdrawal.*

R4-19-4-805 Collateralization of Cash Funds

Cash fund deposits plus accrued interest less any amounts insured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage requires collateralization. Collateralization is the process of pledging securities to the depositing agency by the financial institution receiving the deposit with the pledged securities held by a third party custodian. Collateralizing deposits protects public funds in the event of default by the financial institution. It is the responsibility of the agency to abide by the collateralization policy stated in the State Board of Finance Rule on Management of Cash Funds.

The following discussion on FDIC coverage is based on current Federal law and regulations. Agencies should keep informed of any changes to FDIC coverage.

> *The standard FDIC insurance amount is $250,000 for all interest-bearing accounts and $250,000 for all non-interest bearing accounts per government depositor.*
>
> *The Dodd-Frank Deposit Insurance Provision became effective December 31, 2010. Under this provision, non-interest-bearing transaction accounts have unlimited deposit insurance coverage until December 31, 2012. Covered accounts include demand deposit (checking) accounts and any unlimited withdrawal accounts that cannot earn interest. After December 31, 2012, all accounts will be under standard FDIC coverage. The following website provides more information on this program: https://www.fdic.gov/*

For purposes of determining the amount due a government depositor, the FDIC aggregates the amount of all interest-bearing deposits and separately aggregates the amounts of all non-interest bearing in the insured depository institution which are maintained by a government depositor except for certain trust funds. Agencies with trust funds should consult current FDIC regulations for coverage. (12 U.S.C. 1821 (a)(1))

A government depositor is defined as an officer, employee, or agent of a state having official custody of public funds and lawfully investing or depositing the same in time and savings deposits of the insured depository institution. (12 U.S.C. 1821 (a)(2))

The FDIC uses a three-prong test to determine if a government depositor would be considered separate for purposes of determining insurance coverage:

1. *The department is expressly authorized by state statute;*
2. *Some functions of government are delegated to it by state statute, and;*
3. *Funds have been allocated to it by state statute for its exclusive use and control.*

The FDIC will classify an agency on a case-by-case basis after consideration of relevant facts. An agency may ask for an advisory opinion from the FDIC for a determination of its classification. (12 CFR §330.15)

The following procedures are to be followed when collateralizing deposits:

1. *The depositing agency shall follow the State Board of Finance Rule on Management of Cash Funds.*

2. *Securities eligible to be pledged as collateral are prescribed in State Board of Finance Rule on Management of Cash Funds. The monetary amount of the pledged security is to be based on its current market value. The State Board of Finance Rule on Management of Cash funds specifies the minimum level of pledged collateral. The minimum level is expressed as a percentage of the deposits in excess of FDIC coverage. Agencies must ensure that the amount of collateral pledged is equal to or greater than the minimum required level. Agencies can require a financial institution to pledge collateral at higher levels.*

3. *The agency shall perfect its interest in the collateral. The FDIC will look to applicable State law in determining if an agency has a perfected security interest in pledged collateral. In determining what collateral is pledged to deposits, the FDIC will refer to the records of the financial institution. The agency shall ascertain that the financial institution has sufficiently identified specific assets pledged to specific deposit and that the identification is in writing. (FDIC Advisory Opinion 91-17)*

   The Uniform Commercial Code, codified in Title 4 of the Arkansas Code Annotated, provides guidance on perfection of security interest. However, the law of other jurisdictions may apply depending on several factors including the collateral pledged, location of the custodian, and location of the pledging financial institution.

4. *The agency shall obtain a letter from the financial institution designating officers authorized to conduct business with the agency.*

5. *The agency shall furnish the financial institution a list of agency employees authorized to conduct business with the financial institution.*

6. *The agency shall execute a Custodial Services Agreement with a Custodian for safekeeping of pledged securities. If the agency uses the agreement form approved by the State Board of Finance, it shall be considered to have complied with this requirement.*

7. *The Custodial Services Agreement shall be in writing and filed by the agency. The agency shall make the agreement available to auditors upon request.*

8. *The Custodial Services Agreement shall be reviewed and reauthorized, if necessary, no less than every two years.*

9. *A new Custodial Services Agreement shall be executed if a change occurs in the ownership, affiliation, or name of the custodian or the pledging financial institution.*

The following procedures are to be followed for management of pledged collateral:

1. *The depositing agency shall maintain a perpetual inventory of pledged assets. The inventory record shall contain the following information:*

   a. *Pledging bank;*
   b. *Date pledged;*
   c. *Date released;*
   d. *CUSIP number;*
   e. *Description;*
   f. *Interest rate, if applicable;*
   g. *Par value;*
   h. *Maturity date;*
   i. *Current market value as of the last business day of the previous month.*

2. *The agency shall update the pledged asset inventory immediately upon notification that collateral has been pledged, released, or substituted.*

3. *The agency shall reconcile the inventory of pledged assets to the financial institution's report.*

4. *The agency shall review and verify the current market value when collateral is pledged and during each monthly reconciliation. Sources of market values are:*

   a. *Quotations published in the Wall Street Journal;*
   b. *Closing price on any national security exchange, if listed:*

1. New Your Stock Exchange
2. American Stock Exchange
3. Chicago Board of Trade

c.Dealer bid price quoted by a recognized dealer;

d.Price quoted by a recognized pricing service

1. Prudential American Securities Financial Information Center
2.Standard & Poor's Financial Services
3.Interactive Data Corporation
4.Street Software Bond Pricing (www.sstbond.com/sst.aspx)

e.MunicipalBonds.com (operated by Standard & Poor's Financial Services)

19-4-806. Petty cash accounts.

(a) State agencies operating under the provisions of this subchapter are authorized to establish petty cash accounts. These accounts must be approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and only minor expenditures or emergency purchases shall be made therefrom.

(b) State-supported institutions of higher learning and other agencies that can demonstrate the need for large petty cash accounts during brief periods of time, such as student registration periods, are authorized short-term petty cash accounts.

History. Acts 1975, No. 5, 10; A.S.A. 1947, 13-365; Acts 2003, No. 656, 1.

R1-19-4-806 Imprest Fund Accounts

Authority

"Imprest" fund accounts may be established and maintained by State government agencies, boards, commissions and institutions. Authority to establish such accounts is authorized in ACA 19-4-806, ACA 19-4-1802 and 19-4-904 (d). Record keeping and documentation requirements of such accounts are prescribed by ACA 19-4-1108 and ACA 19-4-815.
The authority to establish imprest accounts is vested in the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. All requests to establish, increase or decrease the authorization of such accounts must be submitted on an "Imprest Fund Request" Form, P1-19-4-806 and submitted to DFA for review and approval prior to opening any new commercial bank account.

Imprest fund accounts authorized for agencies, boards, commissions and institutions include:

A. Petty Cash Fund
B. Change Fund
C. Activities Revolving Fund
D. Travel Advance Revolving Fund

Under no circumstances may imprest accounts be used to circumvent purchasing regulations or make payroll advances.

All cash and cash equivalents must be recorded on AASIS or the agency's original book of record.

If an agency has an internal audit function, each imprest fund account shall be included in the annual internal audit plan risk based analysis to determine the timing and extent to which the accounts shall be audited. If the agency does not have an internal audit function, then each imprest fund account must be reviewed by management personnel on an annual basis. The review must include, at a minimum, tying the reconciliation balance to the amount reflected on the AASIS trial balance or the agency's original books of record and verifying that reconciling items are cleared within a two-month period.

A. Petty Cash Fund

Purpose

As authorized by ACA 19-4-806, a petty cash account is a small account that may be utilized to pay for minor expenses such as postage due, freight, etc. It should generally be used to pay for:
1. Items requiring prompt payment;
2. Items on which the cost of using the regular disbursing channels would offset any savings that could be realized by immediate purchase and payment.

As authorized by ACA 19-4-1802, a petty cash imprest fund can be approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and is subject to limitations with respect to the amount and use of the funds. Petty cash imprest funds shall not be used to circumvent purchasing regulations nor used for the purpose of reimbursing individuals for travel expenses. Examples would include cash operating funds at non-local offices (i.e. DHS, Dept. of Health and ASP Troop Accounts).

Establishment

If a Treasury Fund is used to establish a Petty Cash Fund, a warrant must be issued. When recording the warrant, expense code 5120010000 should be used. A journal entry must be made to reclassify this warrant from expense using a Non-Budget Relevant (NBR) general ledger account to the petty cash or imprest bank funds general ledger account. The journal entry would be as follows:

For petty cash held at agency
Debit 1010103000 Petty Cash
Credit 5080029000 NBR Other Expenses and Services

For petty cash held at a financial institution
Debit 1100002100 Imprest Bank Funds
Credit 5080029000 NBR Other Expenses and Services

If a commercial bank account is used to establish a Petty Cash Fund, the following entry will be made:

For petty cash held at agency

Debit 1010103000 Petty Cash
Credit 1100002000 Non-AASIS House Bank or the agencies AASIS House Bank

<u>For petty cash held at a financial institution</u>
Debit 1100002100 Imprest Bank Funds
Credit 1100002000 Non-AASIS House Bank or the agency's AASIS House Bank

Agencies that use AASIS to process checks and warrants will need an agency vendor number set up by the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of State Procurement (DFA-OSP). The title should include the agency name, agency employee "Custodian" and "Petty Cash." More detailed instructions are located following the section on Travel Advance Revolving Fund.

If the petty cash funds are held at the agency, the general ledger account is 1010103000. If they are held at a financial institution, the general ledger account is 1100002100. In either case, the general ledger account should remain at the set amount unless the amount of the petty cash fund is changed. In the event that the established amount needs to be increased, petty cash should be debited and cash in bank credited if a commercial bank account is funding the petty cash increase.

<u>Control</u>
In order to properly control a petty cash system certain restrictions and regulations must be established and maintained. The minimum requirements include:

One person (Custodian) is to be responsible for the fund. This person must be appointed by the agency head or designee.

One person other than the Custodian shall authorize disbursements.

Petty cash vouchers shall be numbered with the prefix representing the fiscal year (such as FY03), a hyphen, and number beginning with 1 (one) each year and progressing upward, sequentially, until the end of the fiscal year.

The Custodian and the person, who authorizes the disbursement, must not have access to bank accounts, cash receipts and/or general accounting records.
Petty cash funds shall not be used to cash personal checks, make personal loans, or reimburse individuals for travel expenses.
Petty cash vouchers shall be reconciled monthly and internally audited.

<u>Accounting for and Replenishing</u>
Prior to making petty cash disbursement, a petty cash voucher must be completed and signed by the person responsible for authorizing the disbursement. The petty cash voucher used must contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- *Petty cash voucher number*
- *Date*
- *Name of the person receiving the cash (expended by)*
- *Business area number*

- *Amount of the disbursement*
- *A description of the disbursement (purpose or product)*
- *The cost center code to be charged*
- *The general ledger codes to be charged*
- *The initials of the person approving the disbursement*
- *The initials of the person receiving the cash*
- *The signature of the person disbursing the funds.*

A receipt, sales slip or other evidence of indebtedness must support all petty cash vouchers. See Appendix P2-19-4-806 to view a sample of an acceptable petty cash voucher. In the case of recurring items such as postage due, a summary sheet, P3-19-4-806, may be used in lieu of a petty cash voucher.

The petty cash voucher must be entered in an Imprest Account Journal, and the original copy shall be retained as documentation to replenish the fund. See Appendix P2-19-4-806 to view a sample petty cash journal. The petty cash replenishment postings are always made for the amount of actual expenditure from the fund, with the agency name, agency employee "Custodian" and "Petty Cash" as payee on the warrant or check. Petty cash accounts will be replenished as needed and at the end of each fiscal year so that expenses for one year will not carry over to the following year.

At all times petty cash accounts must have a total of cash and/or expenditure receipts equal to the amount reflected at the trial balance level. Issues from and reimbursements to the fund will be subject to audit or inspection by the Department of Finance and Administration and the Division of Legislative Audit at any time.

Moneys and transaction documents of petty cash accounts should in no way be combined with change fund accounts or cash receipts.

B. Change Fund

Purpose

An agency/institution that receives cash for sales or services will find it necessary to have a "Change Fund" account.

Establishment

If a Treasury Fund is used to establish a Change Fund, a warrant must be issued. When recording the warrant, expense code 5120010000 should be used. A journal entry must be made to reclassify this warrant from expense using a Non-Budget Relevant (NBR) general ledger account to the change fund general ledger account. The journal entry would be as follows:

For change fund established by Treasury Fund
Debit 1010102000 Change Funds
Credit 5080029000 NBR Other Expenses and Services

If a commercial bank account is used to establish a Change Fund, the following entry will be made:

> *For change fund established by commercial bank*
> *Debit 1010102000 Change Funds*
> *Credit 1100002000 Non-AASIS House Bank or the agency's AASIS House Bank*

Control
The Change Fund should be small and must be maintained completely separate from any Petty Cash Fund accounts or cash receipts kept by the agency.

Good accounting practices require that the amount of the Change Fund is verified daily, and all overages and shortages are shown in the Imprest Account Journal.

Accounting for and Replenishing
No expenditures are to be made from the Change Fund.

On June 1, 20XX, the agency must reimburse any shortages by charging the appropriate expense.

C. Activities Revolving Fund

Purpose
Some state agencies and institutions of higher learning have a need for an Activities Revolving Fund to cover the costs of travel expenses to out-of-town games, contests and events, including emergency purchases away from the immediate locale of the institution.
The costs of lodging and commercial transportation should be "direct billed" when possible using the Arkansas Agency Travel Card. Limitations on advances are governed by R1-19-4-1008 "Travel Advance Revolving Funds". For those expenses not direct billed, an "Activities Revolving Fund" may be established and used to purchase goods or services such as:

- *Commercial or chartered transportation for official staff and team/group members to and from out-of-town events/contests in which the school is participating;*
- *Meals and lodging for official staff and student participants while attending out-of-town events;*
- *Emergency medical services for official staff and participants injured in the course of school related activities;*
- *Emergency equipment repair or replacement costs;*
- *Out-of-town official recruitment expenses;*
- *Any goods or services which place human life or State property in jeopardy unless purchased immediately;*
- *Payments to students or others working in concession stands and selling tickets to events and to or on behalf of students and/or student athletes for meal allowances when they are required to be on campus during official institutional student holidays in accordance with institutional policy and NCAA regulations;*
- *Payment to officials and security guards for events;*

- *Payments to or on behalf of prospects for official expenses associated with a campus visit including travel, meals and entertainment expenses in accordance with institutional policy and NCAA regulations.*

Establishment

Activities Revolving Fund accounts are to be applied for and maintained as cash funds on deposit with a financial institution with disbursements made in the form of a check, warrant or electronic deposit rather than cash (currency). The "Imprest Fund Request" Form must be used to request the establishment of an Activities Revolving Fund. The amount authorized for each Activities Revolving Fund will be determined by the particular needs of the agency/institution. The initial funds to establish the revolving fund are provided by the benefiting agency/department and must be charged to Commitment Item 02 (Operating Expenses). Another entry is required to reclassify the expense using a NBR general ledger account that will not restore appropriation and record the cash in the imprest fund. The entry is as follows:

Debit 1100002100 – Imprest Bank Funds
Credit 5080029000 – NBR Other Expenses & Services

Control

The administrative head of the agency/institution or his/her designated agent is responsible for approving all advances of funds and all expenditures from the fund established for the activities of each applicable department for student events. The minimum requirements include:

- *One person (Custodian) is to be responsible for the fund.*
- *A person other than the Custodian shall authorize disbursements.*
- *The Custodian and person authorizing disbursement must not have access to bank accounts, cash receipts and/or general accounting records.*
- *Activities Revolving Funds are not to be used to cash personal checks or make personal loans.*
- *Revolving fund accounts should be reconciled monthly and internally audited.*
- *All issues from and receipts to the fund must be supported by signed documents that shall be retained until audited by the Division of Legislative Audit or an independent accounting firm.*

Accounting for and Replenishing

Upon receipt of the warrant or check to establish the fund, the fund Custodian will cause a ledger to be established and maintained which reflects:

- *The initial amount of the fund and date established;*
- *Each issue of funds indicating the date issued, issue document number and check number, individual receiving the funds and amount;*
- *Each receipt of reimbursement indicating the receipt number, individual making the reimbursement, date of reimbursement or receipt and amount;*
- *Balance of cash in bank.*

The Custodian responsible for administering the fund must have on hand at all times either cash in bank and/or signed receipts for travel advances outstanding equal to the amount established for the fund. Issues from and reimbursements to the fund will be subject to audit or inspection by

the Department of Finance and Administration and the Division of Legislative Audit at any time. The ledger and supporting documentation as specified herein for all entries made thereon must be maintained in proper order for audit purposes.
The persons who received advances will reimburse the Activities Revolving Fund through a deduction from their travel reimbursement (Submitted on Form TR-1).

PLEASE NOTE: *Moneys or transaction documents of Activities Revolving Fund should in no way be combined with petty cash accounts, change fund accounts or cash receipts.*

D. Travel Advance Revolving Fund

Purpose
A Travel Advance Revolving Fund is established to provide travel funds for employees who have no other means to pay for travel on official business in connection with their jobs. Travel advances are to be issued and repaid in accordance with R1-19-4-1008, "Travel Advance Revolving Funds".

Establishment
Travel Advance Revolving Fund accounts are to be applied for and maintained as cash funds on deposit with a financial institution with disbursements made in the form of a check, warrant or electronic deposit rather than cash (currency). The "Imprest Fund Request" Form is used to request the establishment of a Travel Advance Revolving Fund. The initial funds to establish the revolving fund are provided by the benefiting agency/department and must be charged to Commitment Item 02 (Operating Expenses) and GL # 5120010000 (Imprest Fund Establishment).

A journal entry must be made to reclassify this warrant from expense to the travel advance general ledger account. The journal entry would be as follows:

Debit 1100002100 Imprest Bank Funds
Credit 5080029000 NBR Other Expenses & Services

The general ledger account 1100002100 should remain at the set amount unless the set amount of the Travel Advance Fund changes.

Control
The administrative head of the agency/institution or his/her designated agent is responsible for approving all advances of funds and all expenditures from the fund. The minimum requirements for administering the fund include:

- *One person (Custodian) is to be responsible for the fund.*
- *A person other than the Custodian shall authorize disbursements.*
- *The Custodian and person authorizing disbursement must not have access to bank accounts, cash receipts and/or general accounting records.*
- *Travel Advance Revolving Funds are not to be used to cash personal checks or make personal loans.*

- *Revolving fund accounts should be reconciled periodically and internally audited.*

Accounting for and Replenishing

Upon receipt of the warrant or check to establish the fund, the fund Custodian will cause a ledger to be established and maintained which reflects:

- *The initial amount of the fund and date established;*
- *Each issue of funds indicating the date issued, issue document number and check/warrant number, individual receiving the funds and amount;*
- *Each receipt of a warrant/check indicating the warrant/check number, individual for whom the warrant/check was issued, date of warrant/check and amount;*
- *Balance of cash in bank.*

The Custodian responsible for administering the fund must have on hand at all times either cash in bank and/or signed receipts for travel advances outstanding equal to the amount established for the fund. Issues from and reimbursements to the fund will be subject to audit or inspection by the Department of Finance and Administration and the Division of Legislative Audit at any time. The ledger and supporting documentation as specified herein for all entries made thereon must be maintained in proper order for audit purposes.
Replenishment will be accomplished when the employee to whom funds were advanced repays the travel advance fund by check or money order after their travel reimbursement (submitted on Form TR-1) has been processed.

Moneys or transaction documents of the Travel Advance Revolving Fund should in no way be combined with petty cash accounts, change fund accounts or cash receipts.
A vendor number must be assigned to the custodian of the petty cash accounts. It must be a vendor number created by DFA-Office of State Procurement (DFA-OSP). Questions should be sent to DFA-OSP.

To establish a vendor number, use the following link:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Documents/vendorMaintenance.pdf

19-4-807 19-4-809. [Repealed.]

19-4-810. Voucher examination and approval Responsibilities of state agency executive administrators.

(a) Responsibilities of State Agency Executive Administrator. It shall be the responsibility of each executive head of a state agency handling cash funds to establish adequate internal administrative procedures and controls to ensure prompt and accurate payment of obligations to be liquidated from such funds in order to promote good public relations and to take advantage of all available discounts.

(b) It shall also be the responsibility of the state agency executive head to establish a system of pre-audit within his or her agency to ensure that checks and vouchers, before being released by the state agency, are prepared in accordance with all applicable purchasing and fiscal laws on the subject by performing the following functions. He or she shall determine that:

(1) Services, materials, supplies, and equipment received comply with specifications indicated on purchase documents;

(2) Quantities received, as being indicated on the invoice, agree with those shown on the receiving report;

(3) Unit prices agree with those indicated on the purchase documents;

(4) The extensions and footings of the invoice are correct;

(5) The voucher or check is prepared in sufficient time to take advantage of all available discounts being offered;

(6) Sufficient legislative authorization for expenditures and funds is available for payment of the obligation; and

(7) The obligation was incurred in conformity with all purchasing and fiscal laws applicable to state agencies operating out of the State Treasury.

History. Acts 1991, No. 21, 1.

19-4-811, 19-4-812. [Repealed.]

19-4-813. Erroneous or improper payments.

The responsibility for recovery of erroneous or improper payments shall be with the state agency head, the bonded disbursing officer, or his or her designated bonded assistant; and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall not be liable under his or her surety bond for any erroneous or improper payments so made.

History. Acts 1991, No. 21, 1.

19-4-814. Supporting documentation.

Requirements for supporting documentation for disbursements shall be determined as follows:

(1) In connection with purchasing procedures, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall prescribe and define the necessary documents and other evidence which shall be retained by the agency for the purpose of determining whether the proper purchasing procedures have been complied with;

(2) In all instances where the evidences of indebtedness are represented by vendor's invoices, the agency shall retain in the permanent file of the business office of the agency the original invoice and corresponding documentation of actual payment in accordance with procedures established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State;

(3) In connection with printing contracts, provided by the Arkansas Constitution and laws of this state, the supporting documentation shall be those prescribed by the Auditor of State or by the Department of Finance and Administration, as appropriate;

(4) In connection with the laws or regulations governing travel, where individuals are reimbursed for expenses incurred for travel in connection with their official duties, the supporting papers shall be the forms or statements of such expenses prescribed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. In the case of per diem or other expenses established by law, the disbursing officer shall attach to the voucher issued in payment of such allowances a citation of his or her authority for making such payments;

(5) Any indebtedness or expense incurred in connection with an approved resolution of any state board or commission shall be made a part of the permanent minutes of such board or commission, and copies of such resolution or minutes authorizing any indebtedness or expense shall be attached to the voucher issued in payment of any such indebtedness or expense; and

(6) In instances where the General Assembly has authorized grants to public schools, public welfare recipients, counties, municipalities, and for other purposes specifically provided by law, for payments made to individuals under retirement systems, and for income tax refunds, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall prescribe the forms of the vouchers to be used and the procedure to be followed in making such payments.

History. Acts 1991, No. 21, 1; 2001, No. 1453, 21.

19-4-815. Original of supporting documentation to be retained by the agency.

(a) The original evidences of indebtedness, including documents prepared in connection with purchasing procedure, and all other original contracts, invoices, statements, receipts, petty cash tickets, bank statements, cancelled checks drawn upon bank accounts, and other original supporting papers shall be retained in the permanent file of the business office of each state agency, or attached to the office copy of the agency's voucher, and such documents shall be kept in a safe place subject to audit and shall not be destroyed until authorization is given for their destruction by the Legislative Auditor.

(b) With the approval of the Legislative Auditor of the state, a state agency may retain evidences to satisfy record retention policies of indebtedness and other contracts, invoices, statements, receipts, petty cash tickets, bank statements, cancelled checks drawn upon bank accounts, and other supporting papers by microform or a form of stored images in a computer system or other form of computer technology in lieu of retaining the originals of such documents.

History. Acts 1991, No. 21, 1; 1997, No. 541, 1; 2001, No. 1453, 22.

19-4-816. Contracts for procurement of commodities and services.

Each state agency which is authorized by law or under the purchasing procedures of this state to enter into contract for the procurement of property, commodities, or services shall keep on file in its respective place of business a copy of such contract for public inspection or audit and shall make a copy of any such contract available to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State when so required by him or her.

History. Acts 1991, No. 21, 1; 2001, No. 1453, 23.

PROFESSIONAL AND CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACTS

R1-19-4-816 Contracts for Procurement of Commodities and Services

Act 1315 of 2003 repealed ACA §19-4-1701 - 19-4-1717, et seq. relating to professional and consulting service contracts between the State of Arkansas and all of its agencies, boards, commissions, departments and institutions. The responsibilities for the maintenance of policies and procedures for this area have thus been assigned by State law to the Office of State Procurement. The State Procurement Director is authorized by ACA § 19-11-243 to adopt regulations regarding the competitive bidding process, requests for proposals, approval of professionals, etc. The regulations relative to professional and consultant services contracts can be found on the Office of State Procurement's web site at:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Pages/default.aspx

SUBCHAPTER 9 - TRAVEL REGULATIONS

19-4-901. Rules and regulations generally.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall promulgate rules and regulations with respect to travel and travel allowances and prescribe the forms and procedures for reporting, approving, and paying such travel allowances for all officers and employees of the state government or for other persons who are authorized to carry out official duties in connection with the business of the state.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 16; A.S.A. 1947, 13-342.

Authority, Chief Fiscal Officer, Rules and Regulations

R1-19-4-901 Rules and Regulations Generally

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is authorized by ACA 19-4-901 to promulgate rules and regulations with respect to travel and travel allowances and prescribe the forms and procedures for reporting, approving and paying such travel allowances for all officers and employees of state government or for other persons who are authorized to carry out official duties in connection with the business of the State. The Financial Management Guide covers the travel regulations at a high level. For more detailed information, please refer to the State of Arkansas Travel Regulations at the website address below:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/Documents/travelRegs.pdf

19-4-902. Authorization for travel.

(a)(1) The responsibility for authorizing travel, or any expenses in connection therewith, shall be placed upon the board or commission in charge or upon the administrative head of each state agency.

(2) No travel expenses shall be authorized or allowed without the approval of the board, commission, or administrative head of any agency.

(b) It shall be the responsibility of the administrative head of any agency to keep on file in the place of business of the agency, subject to audit, copies of all supporting documents and required receipts for expenses incurred in connection with the travel authorizations and allowances for persons traveling in behalf of the agency.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 16; A.S.A. 1947, 13-342; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 24.

ACA 19-4-902 places the authority and responsibility of authorizing and approving travel expenses with the board or commission in charge or to the administrative head of the agency, department or institution.

R1-19-4-902 Responsibility and Accountability for Travel Authorizations and Disbursement

It shall be the responsibility of the administrative head of each agency, board, commission or institution to keep on file in the place of business of the agency, subject to audit, originals (which have been issued in an electronic manner or paper) of all supporting documents and required receipts for expenses incurred in connection with the travel authorizations and disbursements for persons traveling on behalf of the governmental entity. The documents held on file for audit at the state agency may be in the form (paper, microform or electronic) prescribed under the provisions of ACA 19-4-815 (b) if approved by the Division of Legislative Audit.

In large governmental units, it may not be feasible for the administrative head of the agency, department, or institution to act as travel administrator. In this case, he or she may designate other responsible officials to act as his or her agent(s) and to be referred to as travel administrator. The approval of these designated agents will be considered to reflect the approval of the board, commission or head of the agency, department or institution. The designation of agents as travel administrators shall be made in writing and kept on file in the agency/institution.

19-4-903. Standard reimbursements and special authorizations.

(a)(1) Except for special authorization by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, reimbursement for meals and lodging while traveling on official business of the state shall not exceed the maximum rates as prescribed by the Federal Travel Directory published by the United States General Services Administration.

(2) Requests for special authorization shall be limited to those rare occasions where unusual circumstances may cause the existing rates to be inadequate and shall be set out in writing in such detail as shall be required in the state travel procedures and shall be executed in behalf of each individual traveler for each special authorized occasion. Provided however, that requests for special authorization by employees of institutions of higher education shall be subject to the approval of the chief executive officer of the institution and not the Department of Finance and Administration.

(3) Under such emergency conditions as shall be determined by the Governor, the limitations of this subsection with respect to meals and lodging may be waived or modified.

(b)(1) As used in this subsection, state-owned motor vehicle means a motor vehicle purchased or leased by:

(A) The State of Arkansas;

(B) The office of a constitutional officer of the State of Arkansas;

(C) A constitutionally independent agency or commission; and

(D) A state-supported institution of higher education.

(2)(A) Unless otherwise provided by law, reimbursement for the use of privately owned motor vehicles while traveling on official business for the state shall not exceed the allowable rate of the Internal Revenue Service per mile for business use of privately owned motor vehicles.

(B) A state agency director may authorize reimbursement for travel expenses for meals, lodging, and private automobile or airplane usage at amounts less than that established under the authority of this section.

(C) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State by regulation may establish procedures and the rate for reimbursing individuals for the use of privately owned airplanes while traveling on official business for the state.

(3)(A)(i) Any employee of the State of Arkansas who utilizes, but whose job does not require the state employee to utilize, a state-owned motor vehicle for transportation to or from his or her permanent residence from or to his or her official station on a daily basis shall reimburse the fund from which the operating expenses of the state-owned motor vehicle are paid at the same rate authorized by the state agency director of the agency employing the state employee for reimbursements for private automobile usage under subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section.

(ii) As used in subdivision (b)(3)(A)(i) of this section, state employee:

(a) Means an employee of a state agency, board, commission, department, or state-supported institution of higher education; and

(b) Includes a constitutional officer and an employee of a constitutional officer.

(B) All state-owned motor vehicles or state-leased motor vehicles shall be for official business use only.

(c) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this subchapter.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 16; 1974 (Ex. Sess.), No. 16, 1; 1977, No. 462, 1; 1979, No. 890, 1; 1985, No. 365, 7; A.S.A. 1947, 13-342; Acts 1987, No. 81, 1; 1991, No. 1222, 1, 2; 1997, No. 795, 1; 2011, No. 1021, 1.

R1-19-4-903 Standard Reimbursements for State Employees and Officials

Officials and employees may be paid travel expenses when required to travel away from their "official station" on State business. "Official station" is the geographic location or "address"

where the employee normally reports for duty and/or spends the majority of his/her productive time and must be designated as such in writing by the employer. An employee's "residence" shall be the city or town in which the individual has an abode or dwelling place. An employee whose resident city is a location other than his/her "official station" shall not be allowed mileage to travel between them except as provided for under Special Authorizations.

All employee travel reimbursement claims must be completed for payment to the individual traveler. One employee may not include on his travel payment request the expenses of another employee.

No expenses for meals or lodging will be allowed within the city or town of the employee's "official station" unless approved in writing by the agency head as a "special authorization," under ACA 19-4-903. The written justification must show the benefit to the State. Under no circumstances should the maximum daily federal per diem rates be exceeded.

State employees loaned from one state agency to another may be reimbursed for travel expenses by the agency benefiting from the travel.

Limits for Meals and Lodging

Travel reimbursement is NOT a per diem and is to be claimed for ACTUAL EXPENSES FOR MEALS AND LODGING NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RATES AS LISTED IN THE FEDERAL TRAVEL DIRECTORY PLUS APPLICABLE SALES TAX. (Sales tax rate must be stated on Travel Reimbursement (TR-1) forms or equivalent for lodging. The maximum allowance for meals INCLUDES taxes and up to 15% tip. Lodging rates per the Federal Travel Directory EXCLUDE room tax and should be exceeded only by the room tax amount unless special authorization is given in writing by the administrative head of the agency justifying the need to exceed the standard reimbursement rate.)
PLEASE NOTE: Special rates for reimbursement apply "county-wide". For example, when looking at Arkansas on GSA's website, the only cities listed are Little Rock (Pulaski County) and Hot Springs (Garland County) Special allowances in certain cities that exceed the daily "normal" or "state-wide" limits may be claimed in other locales of the County where the listed City is located. In other words, the special rates for reimbursement apply "county-wide."

Meals

Reimbursement for meals is allowed only in connection with overnight travel whether in- state or out-of-state unless "special authorization," under ACA 19-4-903, is given in writing by the agency head. Out of state travel in and of itself should never be the sole reason for "special authorization" under this section, rather as provided in ACA 19-4-903, requests should be limited to those "rare occasions" where, for example, an employee is asked to perform unanticipated duties outside of his/her normal work schedule that are official in nature, such as attending special board meetings.

The maximum full day meal allowance (including tax and up to 15% tip) cannot exceed the federal per diem rate depending on the destination location. For partial days, meals charged must be in proportion to the time in travel status and may not exceed the maximum for applicable meal(s) stated in the Federal Travel Directory for the location(s). Although receipts

for meals are not required by this rule, the administrative heads of agencies, departments and institutions may require them. See the federal per diem rates at: http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100000 .

PLEASE NOTE: *The "IE" allowances as stated in the Federal Travel Directory are for incidentals. Incidentals are specifically defined and provided for and must be listed separately and explained on the Travel Reimbursement Request Form (TR-1). It is no longer necessary to subtract the incidental rate from the maximum meal allowance due to the law change that provides for tip reimbursement of up to 15% of the meal amount expended. The traveler is now eligible for actual expenses for meals up to the maximum meal allowance per the Federal Travel Directory.*

Partial days' meal allowances

The traveler is only eligible for 75% of the daily allowance for meals on the first and last day of travel. The daily travel allowance at the destination location shall be used in the calculation of the limit for partial days. In accordance with the State travel regulations, actual expenses only are allowed, and the charges must be in proportion to the time in travel status not to exceed that allowed by the Federal Travel Regulations.

Meals Included in Conference Registration

Meal reimbursement requests must be reduced for meals provided as part of the conference registration by deducting the appropriate amount as shown under the Meals and Incidental Expenses (M&IE) breakdown at http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877.

Allowances may be made in writing to allow the traveler to claim meal reimbursement if any of the conditions below are met:

1. *The traveler is unable to consume the meal provided because of medical requirements or religious beliefs;*
2. *The traveler purchased substitute meal(s) in order to satisfy their medical requirements or religious beliefs;*
3. *The traveler was unable to take part in the provided meal due to the conflict of official business.*

Complementary Meals

Meals provided by a common carrier or a complementary meal provided by a hotel/motel does not affect the maximum meal allowance per the Federal Travel Directory.

Lodging

Reimbursement for lodging is limited to the single room rate. If a room is occupied by more than one person, the single room rate must be noted on the receipt. The maximum daily allowance will be limited to the federal per diem rate depending on the location for both in state and out of state travel. Room taxes are not included in the federal per diem rate and may be claimed for reimbursement. Lodging costs that exceed the rates listed in the Federal Travel Directory by more than room tax may not be paid without a letter of authorization by the administrative head of the agency and must include a justification as to why it was in the best interest of the State to exceed the standard reimbursement rate. Such letter of authorization must be filed in the agency

files with the travel payment document for the trip for each occurrence of such overage. Except for institutions of higher education exempt under ACA 19-4-903 (a) (2), a report of these special authorizations in a format prescribed by the Department of Finance and Administration may be required. See the federal per diem rates at: http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100000 .

Transportation

Travel may be achieved by plane, train, bus, taxi, private vehicle/aircraft, rented or state-owned automobile whichever method serves the requirements of the State most economically and advantageously. Commercial airline tickets should be purchased at least 14 days prior to travel if possible. Airline tickets purchased with less than a 14 day advance shall be explained in writing to the head of the agency and approved by him/her in writing prior to purchase. Agencies may pay or reimburse the traveler for checked baggage fees for the first bag only. Fees for additional bags must be paid by the traveler and are not eligible for reimbursement.

Reimbursement for out-of-state travel will be the lesser of coach class airfare or the established rate of private car mileage based on map mileage (whether paper-based or electronic) when driven.

For trips where the destination is 400 miles or more from the employee's "official station", the minimum miles traveled per day to be eligible to collect a night's lodging must be 400 miles. The requirement to travel a minimum of 400 miles daily has no effect on in-state travel nor does it affect travel outside the state where the destination is less than 400 miles from the employee's "official station". The requirement applies to trips where the destination is 400 miles or more from the "official station". It addresses the period of time the employee(s) spends "en-route" or in "travel status" reaching the destination. Travelers by commercial air shall utilize coach accommodations, except in those instances where first class accommodations would be more economical for the State. Instances where first class fare is utilized will require detailed justification and must be approved by the travel administrator.

Reimbursement for Use of Privately Owned Vehicle

Private vehicle mileage shall be reimbursed and computed, using map mileage (whether paper-based or electronic), between the travel site destination and the employee's official station or residence, if leaving directly from the residence, whichever is less. Mileage reimbursement for official use of a private motor vehicle may be claimed, listed separately on the TR-1, within the vicinity of any locale.

When privately owned motor vehicles are used for travel on official business, the traveler may claim reimbursement at the rate per mile established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State in effect during the time the travel occurred. See P2-19-4-903. The shortest major highway route (map mileage whether paper-based or electronic) will determine the maximum mileage allowed. The source for map mileage used by the agency personnel shall be designated by the administrative head of the agency and shall be used exclusively on all mileage claims.

The State will reimburse for official miles driven only. The State assumes no responsibility for any maintenance, insurance, operational costs, accidents or fines incurred by the operator of the vehicle while on official business for the State.

When a privately owned aircraft is used for travel on State business, the rate of reimbursement will be in nautical miles at the rate as established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, under the provisions of ACA 19-4-903, during the time the travel occurred.

Use of Travel Agencies
Travel agencies may be used to obtain transportation, lodging and related travel expenses.

Miscellaneous Expenses
Miscellaneous expenses, whether or not directly connected with travel (such as postage, small emergency supplies, etc.), may be allowed with adequate justification when necessary to the performance of official duties. Receipts are required.

Items Not Reimbursable
Except for those provisions enumerated in ACA 19-4-904, expenses for personal entertainment, flowers, valet service, laundry, alcoholic beverages, cleaning, movies or other similar services are not reimbursable. Communication expenses shall be allowed only when necessary for the transaction of official business and properly receipted.

Act 715 of 2007 amended A.C.A. §19-4-905(b) to include tip reimbursement as an allowable personal reimbursement expense. Tip reimbursement of up to 15% of the meal amount expensed may be reimbursed to the employee; however, the total of the meal (including tax) and tip may not exceed the maximum rates prescribed by the DFA – Financial Management Guide in accordance with the federal per diem rates established by the General Services Administration (GSA) at: http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100000.
Expenses for rental of space, decorations, entertainment or other arrangements in connection with banquets held solely for the benefit of employees are not reimbursable.

Petty cash funds cannot be used to make travel advances or reimbursements. If the agency has a petty cash fund, incidental expenses incurred by the traveler such as postage and procurement of minor supplies essential to the performance of State business may be reimbursed from petty cash funds upon presentation of proper receipts. If the agency has no petty cash funds, such items may be reimbursed using the TR-1 form with proper and sufficient documentation.

Exempt Persons and Agencies
There exists certain provisions in State law for the payment of some travel related expenditures for state supported colleges and universities and some other specific institutions that are responsible for the care and/or group activities of students, inmates and wards of the State. The administrative head of agencies and institutions to which these provisions apply is to be cognizant of and shall properly adhere to such provision of special legislation.

R2-19-4-903 More Restrictive Policies

Under authority of ACA 19-4-903, the administrative heads of the various departments, boards, commissions and institutions of the State of Arkansas may promulgate and enforce regulations governing travel that are more restrictive than those promulgated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

R3-19-4-903 Taxable Use of State Vehicle

Executive Order 10-14 governs the use of motor vehicles owned or leased by Executive Branch agencies, board or commissions. The order provides for three (3) types of use of State vehicles for Executive Branch agencies, board and commissions. Use of State vehicles by individuals that are in Regular Travel Status and or Public Health, Safety and Welfare status do not have personal use of vehicle reporting responsibilities. Individuals that commute from their residence to an office location daily in a State vehicle are subject to reporting the taxable event to their agency head for tax reporting purposes.

Note: Personal use of a state vehicle is commuting to and from a residence by a state employee. Any other use of the vehicle must be de minimis as defined by the IRS during the commute to and from work.

Personal use of a state vehicle is considered a taxable benefit. IRS Publication 15b details the various methods of determining the value of the benefit for tax reporting purposes. The valuation rules are different for elected officials, highly compensated employees and those employees not elected or highly compensated. The responsible administrative head of each agency or elected official shall ensure that the Payroll Unit of their respective office, agency, department or institution performs proper reporting for taxable use of state-owned vehicles.

State employees and officials who drive state-owned motor vehicles to commute from and to their residence, must compute the value of the benefit they receive and have the benefit added to their reportable salary for tax purposes. This calculation and remittance of payroll taxes must be done at least annually prior to December 31 each year.

Elected officials are considered "Control Employees" and therefore must calculate the benefit of use of the state-owned vehicle using the Fair Market Value rule per IRS Publication 15b. The taxable benefit includes the lease value of the vehicle and the fuel purchased for that vehicle. The calculated benefit plus fuel cost will be reduced by the same rate for reimbursements to the State per ACA 19-4-903 (b) (2) (B), for tax reporting purposes. The calculation method and tables for computing the benefit may be found at: http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p15b.pdf

State employees whose compensation equals or exceeds the Federal Government Executive Level V compensation are considered a "Control Employee" and must also use the Fair Market Rule per IRS Publication 15b. The current salary level can be seen at: https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/.

State employees whose compensation is less than the Federal Government Executive Level V compensation will use the "Commuter Rule" for calculating their taxable benefit for the use of the State vehicle.

R4-19-4-903 Reimbursable Use of State Vehicle

Reimbursement for the Use of State-Owned or Leased Motor Vehicles for Transportation To and/or From an Employee's Residence is governed by ACA 19-4-903 (3) (A) (i). It states: "Any

employee of the State of Arkansas who utilizes, but whose job does not require the state employee to utilize, a state-owned motor vehicle for transportation to or from his or her permanent residence from or to his or her official station on a daily basis shall reimburse the fund from which the operating expenses of the state-owned motor vehicle are paid at the same rate authorized by the state agency director of the agency employing the state employee for reimbursements for private automobile usage under subdivision (b) (2) (B) of this section." This includes any employee of a state agency, board, commission, department or state-supported institution of higher education, constitutional officer, or constitutional officer's employee. Use of all state-owned or state-leased motor vehicles shall be for official business use only.

The administrative head of each state agency, board, commission, department and institution shall be responsible for determining which of their employees utilize a state-owned or state-leased vehicle for transportation to and/or from their permanent residence to their official place of duty when such use of a state vehicle is not a requirement of the employee's job. A permanent record of such employees shall be established in each agency containing the following:

1. *Name of the employees;*
2. *Address of their permanent residence and official duty station;*
3. *Number of miles between their permanent residence and their official duty station;*
4. *The amount each employee will be required to reimburse the State at the current rate of reimbursement for private automobile usage on State business;*
5. *Amount billed to each employee;*
6. *Amount paid by each employee.*

Each agency will establish a system of billing employees for reimbursements required and receipting for payments received from the employees. All reimbursements collected will be deposited promptly (at least monthly) to the general ledger account from which the operating expense of the particular motor vehicle is paid by the agency.

Each state agency, board, commission, department and institution shall be responsible for maintaining records prescribed herein and copies of transactions concerning mileage reimbursement for audit purposes.

MV-1 The Personal Mileage Reimbursement (MV-1) Form P3-19-4-903 was created to assist agencies with the reporting of mileage reimbursement (monthly) for personal auto use on the MV-3 Form. The MV-1 Form is not required to be submitted to DFA-OIS (quarterly). It is used by the agency for the purpose of tracking and collecting reimbursements.

19-4-904. Exempt persons and agencies.

(a)(1) The limitations of this subchapter relating to travel regulations shall not be applicable to:

(A) Except as provided in 19-4-903(b), the constitutional or elective officials and their employees; or

(B) Official guests of the state.

(2) The provisions of this subchapter shall not be used to supersede or set aside the provisions of law providing for fixed allowances, established amounts for per diem, or to special travel privileges provided by law for specific purposes when the allowances exceed those authorized in this subchapter.

(b)(1) Personal reimbursement will not be allowed to any state official, state employee, or any other person traveling on official business for expenses covering personal entertainment, flowers, valet service, laundry and cleaning, or other personal expenses, as those expenses shall be defined in the state travel regulations. All such persons shall be required to submit their travel reimbursement requests upon forms prescribed by the Department of Finance and Administration, itemized in such detail as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this section.

(2) The tip reimbursement amount shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the meal amount expended.

(3) The total reimbursement for meals and tips shall not exceed the maximum rates prescribed by the Financial Management Guide published by the Office of Accounting of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(c) The cost of meals, lodging, and mileage of state employees who are designated by a supervisor or agency director to attend official or special board meetings or other functions recognized as being in the performance of their official duties may be paid either as reimbursement to the employee or on direct billing, in the case of meals and lodging, subject to approval of the superior.

(d) It is recognized that within the state-supported institutions of higher education there exists an obligatory inherent cost of providing travel expenses for a group or number of students who, when accompanied by those who instruct the students in the fundamentals of a competitive sport and direct team strategy, must travel and be recognized as a cohesive unit representing not only their institution, but exemplifying the State of Arkansas in their behavior, attitudes, interests, presentation, and conduct. In these circumstances the payment of group travel expenses, including those of students and employees, may be authorized as follows:

(1) Meals and lodging;

(2) Transportation;

(3) Entertainment, within reasonable limits, to ease the pressure on students of their objectives;

(4) Costs of group activities, including gratuities, laundry, cleaning, and favors; and

(5) Other personal expenses to be paid only from auxiliary funds not inconsistent with standards, rules, regulations, or prohibitions established by recognized national or state governing associations pertaining to the respective students and employees and the institutions they are representing.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 16; 1981, No. 741, 3; 1985, No. 365, 7; A.S.A. 1947, 13-342; Acts 1997, No. 250, 174; 2007, No. 715, 1; 2011, No. 1021, 2.

R1-19-4-904 Exempt Persons and Agencies

In accordance with ACA 19-4-904, the limitations of rules placing limits on meals and lodging expenses shall not be applicable to the constitutional or elective officials and their employees, or official guests of the State. The provisions of this regulation shall not be used to supersede or set aside the provisions of law providing for fixed allowances, established amounts for per diem, or to special travel privileges provided for by ACA 19-4-903 and other law for specific purposes where such allowances exceed those authorized in this regulation.

R2-19-4-904 Specific legislation

Specific legislation exists that provides for travel allowances for some agencies and institutions for specific purposes that are not afforded to State government in general. It is the responsibility of the administrative head of each agency/institution to be cognizant of and strictly apply the special travel expense provisions of ACA 19-4-904 and other State law.

R3-19-4-904 Expenses for Non-State Employees

Volunteers, Non-State Employees and Official Guests

A volunteer, non-state employee or an official guest of the State, whose activities or services benefit the State, may be allowed reimbursement for actual expenses for meals, lodging, transportation and incidental expenses when submitted on a TR-1. Travel reimbursement for these individuals may be approved with a written explanation of the activities by the administrative head or designee of the agency. It is the responsibility of the travel administrator to ensure these individuals are not being reimbursed from any other source for their travel expenses. Federal employees who travel for the state agency shall be regarded as a state employee and shall be reimbursed as such (i.e. not to exceed the federal per diem rates for meals as prescribed in the Federal Travel Directory). The TR-1 form should show that this employee is on the payroll of the Federal Government and assigned to the agency.

Under the authority of ACA 19-4-903, state agencies or institutions utilizing the services of volunteer workers, who perform duties similar to state employees, are authorized to enforce internal travel policies that are more restrictive than those established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State . Volunteers may utilize agency vehicles in the performance of their duties provided they are duly licensed in accordance with the requirements of all applicable state laws and have completed the required forms authorizing the operation of a state vehicle and the release to obtain his/her Traffic Violation Record.

An agency director may be reimbursed for his/her expenses for the purchase of meals for official guests. The expense(s) must be claimed as an incidental expense, and a letter of explanation must be attached to the TR-1 in the files stating how the person for whom the expenditure was made benefited the agency in his/her visit.

Expenses of Students

In accordance with ACA 19-4-904 (d) state supported institutions of higher education may provide travel expenses for a group or number of students who, when accompanied by those who

instruct the students in the fundamentals of a competitive sport and direct team strategy, must travel and be recognized as a cohesive unit representing not only their institution but exemplifying the State of Arkansas in their behavior, attitudes, interests, presentation and conduct. In these circumstances the payment of group travel expenses, including those of students and employees, may be authorized as follows:
Meals and lodging, transportation, entertainment within reasonable limits to ease the pressure on students of their objectives, costs of group activities including gratuities, laundry, cleaning and favors and other personal expenses to be paid from auxiliary funds not inconsistent with standards, rules, regulations or prohibitions established by recognized national or state governing associations pertaining to the respective students and employees and the institutions they are representing.

Wards of the State
Expenses incurred by employees in connection with the transportation of residents or inmates of State institutions or for the apprehension and return of escaped prisoners, parole violators or other wards of the State will be regulated by the circumstances, and necessary actual expenses will be allowed. The employee will claim these expenses on their Statement of Travel Expenses.

R4-19-4-904 Special Travel Authorizations

Occasionally it may become necessary for an employee to perform unanticipated duties outside the normal work schedule. In the event that such duties require the employee to commute from his residence to the place of performance of the duties and back via private vehicle, the employee may be paid mileage reimbursement. A written statement signed by the employee's supervisor shall be retained in the file, attached to the applicable TR-1 form, stating that the time worked was authorized, the reasons the time was worked and travel authorized and the consequences had the duty not been performed is required.

In accordance with ACA 19-4-904, the cost of meals, lodging, mileage and incidental expenses of state employees who are designated by his/her supervisor to attend official or special board meetings or other functions recognized as being in the performance of their official duties, regardless of the location of such functions in relationship to the official station, may be paid either as reimbursement to the employee or on direct billing, subject to approval of the agency director. Such approval shall be in writing, justifying the benefit to the State and shall be included in the documentation (attached to the TR-1 form) for the reimbursement or payment of such expenses.

R5-19-4-904 Honorary Board, Commission and Committee Member Travel and Expenses

Stipends and/or expense reimbursement to all boards and commissions (excluding the State Highway Commission and the Game and Fish Commission) are authorized and governed by ACA 25-16-901-908. Each state board, by a majority vote of the total membership of the board cast during its first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year, may authorize payment to its members of a stipend, not to exceed the amount allowed by ACA 25-16-903-905, per official meeting attended.

When it is required of a board member to perform separate duties in connection with the official business of the agency and these duties are required at times other than official board meetings, then expense reimbursement will be allowed if approved by the board in accordance with ACA 25-16-902. Claims must be on a TR-1 or equivalent.

The expense reimbursement for board or commission members shall not exceed the rate established for state employees.

The administrative head of an agency, department or institution may, for the convenience of the board and commission members, pay for their meals and lodging when on official business for the State and claim reimbursement for their expenses on a TR-1 form or equivalent.

R6-19-4-904 Recruitment and Relocation Expense

The administrative head of a state organization or his/her authorized representative may approve relocation expenses of existing state employees. Further, ACA 19-4-522 (e) allows state-supported colleges and universities to utilize maintenance and operation appropriations for the payment of moving expenses of employees, including new hires. When it becomes essential that an agency permanently transfer a state employee from one location to another within the boundaries of the State of Arkansas or, in the case of state-supported colleges and universities, hire a new employee regardless of their location, reasonable payment for movement of household effects shall be made in accordance with the procedures prescribed herein.

The transfer and reimbursement of costs incurred by the individual must be directed and approved in writing by the administrative head of the board, commission, department, institution or agency. Full identification of the individual, the position transferred from and to and reasons the transfer is necessary must be contained in the directive.

The payment for relocation must be solely for the convenience of the State in order to satisfactorily perform its function(s).

Under no circumstance will moving expenses be paid for newly hired employees except for state-supported colleges and universities. All other new employees are responsible for any moving expenses they incur while relocating in the area of a new job.

The term household effects as used herein does not apply to the movement of recreational vehicles, boats and other items not normally used in the home. Packing, crating, loading and unloading of household effects, as necessary, in addition to actual transportation expenses in accordance with Internal Revenue Service regulations are acceptable as part of the moving expense and may be paid. Please refer to Publication 535 at the following web address: http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p535.pdf

Reimbursement of costs for employee moving expense will be allowed only when the distance from the employee's place of residence, old duty station and new duty station meet the guidelines of the Internal Revenue Service in effect at the time of the relocation for allowable moving expense.

R7-19-4-904 Procedures for TR-1 (Travel Reimbursement)

The Travel Reimbursement Instructions Form (TR-1), P2-19-4-904 or http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/Pages/Forms.aspx, is the standard form to be utilized by all State officials, including board members and employees, for the purpose of claiming reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by the traveler for meals, lodging and mileage on personal vehicles used in connection with the official business of the State. Electronic equivalents of this form may be used so long as the elements of information required on the official form are included. This form is also to be used for recording any miscellaneous expenses incurred by the traveler. An itemization of all expenses incurred by the claimant will appear on this form. All travel advances will be deducted on this form.

When non-state employees and other official guests of the State are authorized to render service on behalf of the State and for "wards of the State" (inmates, foster children, patients or other persons in the care of the State), their names and expenses will be set out on form TR-1 or electronic equivalent. If, in addition to his expenses, a non-state employee performs official service for which he/she is paid a fee, the travel reimbursement process is not to be used to pay the fee, but his/her invoice for professional services is to be paid in the usual manner on the general expense document with the proper professional invoice attached. The following procedures will be utilized in submitting claims for reimbursement:

All travelers requesting reimbursement must complete a TR-1 form or equivalent.

All forms must be prepared electronically, typewritten or in ink and may be processed electronically where that capability exists on the State's central accounting system or the system used by the agency or institution. The original bearing the traveler's signature shall be filed with the Agency; the traveler should retain a copy.

Changes to the official TR-1 may be made to include additional information, but no parts can be deleted.

When charges for transportation, lodging and conference registrations are not billed directly to the State, the following documentation is required for reimbursement:

Reimbursement for transportation must be supported by an original (or, in accordance with ACA 19-4-815 (b), confirmation number in the case of electronic tickets) vendor document describing the travel and indicating the cost.

Reimbursement for lodging must be supported with a hotel document indicating the lodging specifics.

A descriptive vendor document must support reimbursement for conference registrations.

Primary responsibility for authenticating travel reimbursement claims rests with the administrative head of the agency or their designee(s).

All claims for reimbursement of expenses must be itemized and attested to by the claimant and approved by the administrative head of the agency or his designee(s).
Travel Expense Reconciliation Form

A "Travel Expense Reconciliation" Form, P6-19-4-511or electronic equivalent, must be attached to each "Travel Reimbursement Request" Form when presented for payment in those cases where all travel expenses were not paid by the employee. The traveler will indicate on this form expenses not paid by him/her that were direct billed or charged to the agency. The original will be retained in the agency's permanent files as proof that the allowable daily maximum(s) for travel has not been exceeded.

The receipts provided to the traveler at the time of purchase, particularly for lodging and commercial transportation, must support the "Travel Expense Reconciliation" Form filed in the agency.

R8-19-4-904 Direct Billing of Expenses

Travel expenses for lodging, commercial transportation (air fare, bus, rail and rental vehicles) and conference registration may be direct billed to the State using the Sponsored Business Travel Card (SBTC) or Central Travel Service (CTS) Account.

Direct Billing for Transportation
When common carriers (airplane, rail, rental auto or bus) are needed to transport persons on State business, the agency should make the travel arrangements and have the agency billed directly using the Arkansas Agency Travel Card Program (Sponsored Business Travel Card (SBTC) or Central Travel Service (CTS) Account). However, if this is not possible due to circumstances beyond the control of the traveler, he/she may make and pay for the arrangements and request reimbursement. An employee may not be reimbursed for transportation expenses (tickets) prior to travel occurring except in cases where it is economically advantageous for the State and with the prior approval of his/her travel administrator.

When expenses are direct billed to the State, the traveler shall obtain and attach to the "Travel Reconciliation" Form, P6-19-4-511, receipts which detail the expense charged (airline ticket, hotel bill, vehicle rental documentation, registration confirmation) whether or not the traveler paid (out-of-pocket) some of the expenses for the trip.

R9-19-4-904 Rental Vehicles

The administrative head or travel administrator shall authorize in writing the use of rental vehicles only when it is more economical than taxi, airport shuttle, etc. or where due to unavailability of other modes of transportation use of rental vehicles is the most practical mode of travel. Agencies must use the statewide vehicle rental contract if one is in force. If a statewide contract is not in force when travel occurs, agencies will use the lowest available rates. The Office of State Procurement issues contracts for vehicle rental and should be contacted for information about contract arrangements. See the Travel Portal on the DFA-OSP website at: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/travel/Pages/default.aspx

The cost of both physical damage and liability insurance purchased in conjunction with the rental of a vehicle from a vehicle rental company may be paid where the vehicle rental is billed direct to and in the name of the agency, charged on the Sponsored Business Travel Card (SBTC) or paid by the traveler and claimed as a reimbursable expense on his/her Travel Reimbursement Request TR-1 form.

19-4-905. State-owned motor vehicles generally.

(a) All state-owned motor vehicles which are purchased under the authority of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall be licensed in such manner so as to identify each vehicle as state property.

(b) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall provide a special license plate suitable for all state-owned motor vehicles and shall establish procedures for the purpose of supplying information on all state-owned motor vehicles, both those which are purchased and those which are sold, traded in, or otherwise disposed of.

(c) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make rules and regulations for obtaining the required license plates and for returning the plates when the vehicles are disposed of and shall notify all state agencies of procedures to be followed.

(d) Each agency shall be required to pay the regular license fee for the special state property license plate in the manner prescribed by the department.

(e) In the event the best interests of the state would be served by not displaying a special tag, such as in police work, an exception to the provisions of this section may be obtained only upon the written approval of the Governor.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 16; A.S.A. 1947, 13-342.

19-4-906. Motor vehicle restrictions and authorizations.

(a)(1) None of the funds appropriated for the various state agencies, authorities, boards, commissions, departments, and institutions of higher education listed in this section shall be used to purchase, lease for over thirty (30) days, operate, repair, or provide services for more than the maximum number of passenger motor vehicles as stated in this section, except in an emergency as proclaimed by the Governor.

(2) As used in this section, “passenger motor vehicles” means vehicles licensed for highway use, including without limitation automobiles, trucks, and vans, that do not require a commercial driver’s license to operate.

(3) Mileage reimbursement for employees' utilization of their personal automobiles is not included in this restriction.

(b)(1) The General Assembly recognizes that, in some cases, motor vehicles are donated to educational institutions and agencies primarily for use in automotive repair and maintenance courses and in instructional programs for truck operators and that such motor vehicles are not

normally used for other purposes by the institutions and agencies and should not be included in the maximum number of authorized passenger vehicles prescribed for such institutions and agencies in this section.

(2)(A) Therefore, motor vehicles donated to educational institutions and agencies primarily for use in programs of instruction in automotive maintenance and repair, in operator training, and in related instructional programs shall not be included for the purpose of determining the number of vehicles authorized for any such institutions or agencies.

(B) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to these motor vehicles.

(c)(1) The Department of Human Services is exempt from the provisions of this section.

(2) The Department of Human Services may purchase vehicles utilizing federal funds and the appropriate state matching funds required.

History. Acts 1983, No. 490, 1, 2; 1985, No. 649, 44; 1985, No. 888, 22, 23; A.S.A. 1947, 13-342.1, 13-342.3; Acts 1987, No. 921, 19; 1989, No. 790, 1; 1989 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 252, 9; 1993, No. 447, 9; 1997, No. 540, 40; 1997, No. 948, 3; 1999, No. 646, 56; 1999, No. 1164, 156; 1999, No. 1398, 28; 2001, No. 739, 2, 3; 2001 No. 1669, 29; 2001, No. 1800, 2; 2005, No. 1869, 1-28; 2005, No. 2123, 31; 2007, No. 186, 3; 2007, No. 711, 1; 2007, No. 1255, 35; 2009, No. 1334, 34; 2013, No. 949 5; 2013, No. 1393, 1; 2015, No. 1271, 19.
1999, No. 1164, § 156; 1999, No. 1398, § 28; 2001, No. 739, §§ 2, 3; 2001 No. 1669, § 29; No. 1800, § 2; 2005, No. 1869, 1-28; 2005, No. 2123, 31; 2007, No. 186, 3; 2007, No. 711, 1; 2007, No. 1255, 35; 2009, No. 1334, 34; *2017, No. 422, 1*.

PLEASE NOTE: *The link below provides access to various reports including a list of agencies and number of vehicles authorized pursuant to ACA 19-4-906(a).*

http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/administrativeServices/Pages/VehicleFleet.aspx

19-4-907. Motor vehicle records.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may direct all state agencies to maintain records with respect to all state-owned motor vehicles and may require that the agencies file reports on the vehicles covering the operating costs thereof.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 16; A.S.A. 1947, 13-342.

R1-19-4-907 Motor Vehicle Acquisition and Reporting

Introduction

The purchase, utilization and reporting with regard to state-owned motor vehicles is governed by ACA§19-4-903, 19-4-905 through 19-4-907, ACA§22-8-101 through 22-8-210 and ACA§25-1-110. In addition, Executive Order 10-14 establishes criteria for the identification and utilization of vehicles. Refer to the Order for provisions for waivers from the criteria.
https://www.ark.org/dfa_statevehiclesearch/index.php

All requests for waivers must be in writing and submitted to the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Administrative Services (DFA-OAS).

PLEASE NOTE: The DFA-OAS is the office responsible for Motor Vehicle Acquisition and Reporting. Procedures governing the purchase of Motor Vehicles are located on the DFA-OAS web site: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/administrativeServices/Pages/VehicleFleet.aspx

PLEASE NOTE: Procedures governing the lease of motor vehicles are located on the DFA-OSP web site at: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/contracts/Pages/4600039522.aspx

SUBCHAPTER 10 - STATE CREDIT CARDS

19-4-1001. Definition.

As used in this subchapter, the term credit cards means only those credit cards issued to state agencies, boards, or commissions for which the state agencies, boards, or commissions assume responsibility for payment.

History. Acts 1979, No. 676, 1; A.S.A 1947, 12-2378; Acts 2003, No. 656, 2.

19-4-1002. Daily allowances, etc., not affected.

This subchapter in no way changes the maximum daily allowance for meals and lodging authorized in this chapter for an individual traveling on official state business within or beyond the borders of this state, nor does it change any special authorizations, exemptions, or limitations set forth in this chapter.

History. Acts 1979, No. 676, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 12-2378.1.

19-4-1003. [Repealed.]

19-4-1004. [Repealed.]

19-4-1005. Responsibility for use.

(a) The responsibility for ensuring that only authorized expenditures are paid for by use of state credit cards for which the state agency assumes responsibility for payment and the collection for any unauthorized expenditures which may occur rests with the board, commission, or administrative head in charge of the agency.

(b) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall not be liable for any unauthorized expenditures through the use of state credit cards for which the state agency assumes liability for payment.

History. Acts 1979, No. 676, 5; A.S.A. 1947, 12-2378.4; Acts 2003, No. 656, 5.

19-4-1006. Rules - Records.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall:

(1) Promulgate rules with respect to obtaining and utilizing credit cards in payment of products and services;

(2) Prescribe the procedures for reporting, approving, and paying for products and services purchased with credit cards; and

(3) Prescribe the necessary records to be maintained and the supporting documentation to be provided with each voucher presented for payment of charges resulting from the use of credit cards.

History. Acts 1979, No. 676, 4; A.S.A. 1947, 12-2378.3; Acts 2009, No. 251, 11.

R1-19-4-1006 Federal Excise Tax – Motor Fuel

Federal excise taxes are levied on the sale of gasoline and diesel fuel. A general exemption exists for state government entities, including agencies, boards, commissions, constitutional offices, colleges and universities.

Updates, additional information and instructions on federal excise taxes may be found in the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 378 (Fuel Tax Credits and Refunds) and Publication 510 (Excise Taxes). These documents may be found on the IRS web site at http://www.irs.gov/

GASOLINE AND/OR GASOHOL

State agencies and institutions may avoid payment of fuel taxes by taking advantage of the tax exemption on Gasoline and/or Gasohol (Alternatives 1 and 2) or request a refund of tax paid under Alternative 3.

Alternative 1 – "Preferred Vendor"

The preferred method is to utilize the Wright Express (WEX) fuel cards for all individual gasoline purchases for all agencies and institutions who report under the State's primary Tax Identification Number (TIN). The Office of State Procurement has established an account with WEX as the "ultimate vendor" for all agencies reporting under the State's primary TIN. All agencies under the State's primary TIN may get a fuel card, and the excise taxes will have been deducted from the bill monthly when presented for payment. This is the preferred method because the agency does not have to file any forms to receive the excise tax credit.

An ultimate vendor, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 6416(a)(4), is treated as the person (and the only person) who paid the excise tax and thus is eligible for refund of excise tax on tax-excluded sales of gasoline to state and local governments for the state or local governments' exclusive use, but only if such ultimate vendor is registered under IRC section 4101.

Alternative 2

If the vendor is not registered under IRC section 4101, the purchasing state agency or institution may notify the fuel supplier of the State's exempt status and request that the amount due be reduced through a credit memo or credit entry on the vendor's invoice. This specific

identification of the gross, excise tax and net amount on the vendor's invoice will satisfy the requirement prescribed by the IRS. The entity that actually paid the tax to the government is eligible for the refund if it purchases tax-paid gasoline and subsequently sells it at a tax-excluded price directly to a state or local government. A certificate, as described in Internal Revenue Bulletin Notice 2005-80, must be secured from the state or local government by the entity who paid the tax.

This is the preferred method for utilizing the exemption when fuel is purchased in bulk from a fuel supplier or by use of gasoline credit cards other than ones issued by Voyager under the State's primary TIN. A blank certificate that the state agency or institution is required to provide to the person who paid the tax is found at Addendum P1-19-4-1006. The certificate should be completed and signed by the agency or institution head. The certification should be presented to the vendor, whether a credit card company or a bulk dealer.

Alternative 3

As an alternative to a tax-excluded purchase of gasoline, a state or local government is eligible to file its own claim for refund on the tax-paid purchase of gasoline. Under IRC section 6421(c), if gasoline is sold to any person for a purpose including a sale to a state or local government, the Federal government shall pay (without interest) to such person an amount equal to the product of the number of gallons of gasoline sold multiplied by the rate at which tax was imposed on such gasoline by IRC section 4081. As stated under Treas. Regs. §48.6421-3(ii), a claim for payment of a governmental unit or exempt organization described in §48.6421-1(c) or §48.6421-2(c) must be filed no later than three (3) years following the close of its taxable year.

If excise tax is paid, the State may receive refunds of the tax paid by filing Form 8849 which can be found at http://www.irs.gov./. If this method of claiming the exemption is used, detailed records must be maintained to support the amounts claimed and should include the following:

1. *The number of gallons purchased and used during the period covered by the claim;*
2. *The dates of the purchases;*
3. *The names and addresses of the suppliers and amounts purchased from each in the period covered by the claim;*
4. *Credit card receipts and invoices should be kept to verify the correctness of the claim.*

Claims must be filed quarterly if the amount of the claim is $750.00 or more. If the amount of the claim is less than $750.00, the amount may be carried forward and filed in a succeeding quarter when the cumulative amount of excise taxes to be claimed exceeds $750.00. If you cannot file a claim for at least $750.00 after the fourth calendar quarter, the form must be filed as an "annual" claim after the end of the year. All claims must be filed no later than three (3) *years following the close of the taxable year in which taxes were paid.*

The claim information must be submitted to the Office of State Procurement to file as only one Form 8849 per tax identification number may be filed. Once Form 8849 is filed with the IRS, they will refund the amount of excise taxes paid to the agency. The receipt is to be treated as a "refund to expenditure" because the Federal government as the taxing authority is both the

ultimate receiver of the tax and ultimate refunding agent. The receipt, when properly recorded, will restore the appropriation in the amount of such receipt.

DIESEL

The refund provision for sales of undyed diesel fuel to a state or local government for the state or local government's exclusive use can be found under Treas. Regs. §48.6427-9. A registered ultimate vendor must obtain a properly executed exemption certificate from the state or local government. See P1-19-4-1006, "Sample Exemption Certificate."

Note that, unlike gasoline refunds, there is no provision for a state or local government to receive refund or credit of diesel fuel tax paid to its supplier. The only way to avoid tax is through a tax excluded purchase from a registered ultimate vendor.

As an alternative to the purchase of undyed diesel fuel, the State may purchase tax-free dyed diesel fuel for its exclusive use. Submission of an exemption certificate to the State's supplier is not required for the purchase of dyed diesel fuel. An executed certificate may be requested from DFA-OA. This certificate will suffice for all state agencies utilizing the State's primary TIN. Those offices and institutions not using the State's TIN may complete the blank Certification Statement shown as addendum P1-19-4-1006.

19-4-1007. No use of other credit cards.

(a) If it is determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to be essential to enable an agency, board, or commission to effectively carry out its responsibilities, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may authorize an agency, board, or commission, or certain employees thereof, to use state credit cards for which the state agency assumes liability for payment, under rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(b) No credit cards shall be used except those approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

History. Acts 1979, No. 676, 6; A.S.A 1947, 12-2378.5; Acts 2003, No. 656, 6.

R1-19-4-1007 State Travel Card Use

Procedures for Authority to Use Credit Cards

Approval for use of all credit cards rests with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The State of Arkansas' "Arkansas Procurement Card," "Arkansas Business Travel Card" (BTC), and oil company cards in force on December 31, 2002, are approved. No other retail credit cards issued in the name of state agencies and institutions may be used after the adoption of these travel regulations and must be cancelled as soon as practical and billings are paid. Directors of state agencies, boards, and commissions and presidents and chancellors of institutions of higher education may request from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, in writing, authority to establish an agency commercial account. Requests shall state:

- *Purpose, intended use of card*
- *Number and type of cards*

- *Detail method of controls*
- *Justification*

The Office of Accounting and the Office of State Procurement shall review requests to establish agency credit cards and provide the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State their recommendation.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall not be liable for any unauthorized expenditure through the use of credit cards.

The administrative head of the board, commission, agency, department, or institution shall be responsible for ensuring that only authorized charges are paid as the result of the use of any authorized credit card and the collection for any unauthorized expenditures that may occur. The administrative head of the board, commission, agency, department or institution may appoint a travel administrator to administer travel functions within their activities. However, the responsibility for taking corrective action for any abuses discovered rests with the administrative head of the board, commission, agency, department or institution. Individuals on state business shall use the Arkansas Business Travel Card (BTC) or provide themselves with sufficient funds or personal credit cards for necessary travel expenses. Nothing in this regulation removes the responsibility of the administrative head of an agency from being required to report to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Arkansas Legislative Audit incidences of fraud and/or theft as required by law.

PLEASE NOTE: *For more specific information on the Travel Card Program refer to the DFA – Office of State Procurement web site at:*
www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Pages/creditCards.aspx

An exception to provision(s) established in this rule shall only be granted by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State based on written request and justification from the administrative head of an agency or institution. All requests for exceptions should be addressed to the State Procurement Director, who will make a recommendation to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State regarding such request(s).

19-4-1008. Revolving funds for expenses.

(a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is authorized to promulgate appropriate rules and regulations authorizing state agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions of higher learning to establish revolving funds which shall be within such limitations as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may prescribe or to make advances of expense funds for authorized travel by officials and employees of state agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions of higher learning whose travel is in conjunction with institutionally sponsored events or programs. The advanced funds shall be reimbursed by the individual borrowing the funds from moneys to the individual upon filing an authorized expense account in connection with the travel.

(2) These funds shall be used to make advances of expense funds for authorized travel by officials and employees of state agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions of higher learning whose travel is in conjunction with institutionally sponsored events or programs.

(3) These funds shall be reimbursed by the individual borrowing the funds from moneys to the individual upon filing his or her authorized expense account in connection with his or her travel.

(b) The regulations may authorize the state agency, board, commission, or institution of higher learning to require the employee to file an agreement authorizing the agency to recover any amounts advanced for travel expense purposes from the amounts claimed and allowed the employee or student as reimbursement for actual expenses incurred, to recover them from the next or future salary payments to the employee, or add them to the receivables account of the student.

History. Acts 1979, No. 676, 6; A.S.A. 1947, 12-2378.5; Acts 1995, No. 1258, 1; 2001, No. 1453, 26.

R1-19-4-1008 Travel Advance Revolving Funds

In accordance with ACA 19-4-1008, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may approve the establishment of a revolving fund by an agency, department, board, commission or institution to be used to make advances of expense funds for authorized travel by officials, employees of state agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions of higher learning and students when travel is in conjunction with institution-sponsored events or programs.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall not be liable for any unauthorized expenditure through the failure of any official, employee or student to reimburse revolving funds for travel advances. The responsibility of ensuring that only authorized expenditures are paid by the use of any advance from an established revolving fund and the collection of advances made from a revolving fund ultimately rests with the administrative head of the board, commission, agency, department or institution.

The administrative head of the board, commission, agency, department or institution may appoint a travel administrator to administer travel functions within their activities. However, the responsibility for taking corrective measures for any abuses discovered rests with the administrative head of the board, commission, agency, department or institution.

Establishment of a Revolving Fund

A Travel Advance Fund is established by submitting a request to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting. The administrative head of every board, commission, agency, department or institution that wishes to establish and operate a travel advance revolving fund shall do so in accordance with the policies set forth by, and with the approval of, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. In addition, a custodian must be designated who will be responsible for operating, maintaining and processing all transactions in the account(s). All Travel Advance Funds in operation on the effective date of this rule are hereby approved.

Policy

The cost of registration and conference fees may not be included in the travel advance request. State personnel who hold an approved State travel card are discouraged from using the Travel Advance Fund. Should it become necessary for a cardholder to apply for a travel advance, a

letter of request from the traveler's immediate supervisor will be submitted to the Travel Advance Fund Custodian justifying the advance by explaining why anticipated expenditures may not be charged to the traveler's credit card.

AMOUNTS TO BE ADVANCED:

Travel Advance Revolving Funds may be utilized to make advances of amounts not to exceed 50% of the total anticipated travel expenses, not including those expenses that are direct billed to the agency or charged on the Business Travel Card (BTC) or Central Travel Service (CTS) Account or "Ghost Account".

Within Arkansas:
The traveler is allowed to request up to 50% of anticipated meals and other travel expenses except airfare, lodging, vehicle rental or conference registration. These items should be direct billed to the agency using the Business Travel Card (BTC) or Central Travel Service (CTS) Account.

Within the Continental United States:
The traveler is allowed to request up to 50% of anticipated meals and other travel expenses except airfare, lodging, vehicle rental or conference registration. These items should be direct billed to the agency using the Business Travel Card (BTC) or Central Travel Service (CTS) Account.

Outside the Continental United States:
Where the travel destination of the traveler and/or group does not provide access to the Business Travel Card (BTC) or other electronic means of accessing funds, the cash advance may be 75% of total anticipated travel expenses less air fare and hotel which may be direct billed using the Business Travel Card.

When the travel destination of the traveler and/or the group does provide access to the Business Travel Card (SBTC) or other electronic means of accessing funds, the cash advance should not be authorized but in no event will it exceed 50% of the total anticipated travel expenses. Airfare and hotel may be direct billed.

PLEASE NOTE: *Travel advances for student/client/group activities as defined by ACA 19-4-904 (d) may be made for 90% of the anticipated expenses that are not to be direct billed to the institution.*

Specific exceptions to this policy may be addressed via e-mail to the Administrator, DFA – Office of Accounting at mailto:acctuser@dfa.arkansas.gov subject: travel advance. State agencies, boards, commissions and institutions of higher learning shall require employees and/ or students to file an agreement authorizing the agency/institution to recover any amounts advanced for travel expense purposes from the amounts claimed and allowed the employee or student as reimbursement for actual expenses incurred or add them to the receivable account of the student.

Procedure for Obtaining a Travel Advance

The traveler completes the "Travel Advance Fund Repayment Agreement" Form P1-19-4-1008.

The traveler obtains approval of his/her supervisor as indicated on the form and forwards the completed forms to the Travel Advance Fund Custodian.

Travel advance requests, including those submitted by mail, should be processed with advance check prepared within five (5) working days after receipt provided that travel advance check should not be released more than 10 working days prior to planned travel. Employees should be notified when travel advance checks are available, and/or the advance checks should be routed to the traveler.

Repayment of travel advances: travel advances will be repaid according to the following guidelines:

- *A "Travel Reimbursement" form, TR-1 or equivalent, should be filed within fifteen (15) working days after the traveler completes his/her travel. The total amount of the travel advance to be repaid to the Travel Advance Fund must be stated in the space provided on the TR-1 form when submitted. All TR-1 forms indicating an amount due the Travel Advance Fund must be routed through the Travel Advance Fund Custodian for verification of proper "amount due". Failure to submit the TR-1 or equivalent to the proper unit in a timely manner or failure to indicate an amount due the Travel Advance Fund may result in the traveler being permanently barred from utilization of the Travel Advance Fund.*
- *After submission of form TR-1, the reimbursement is processed with payment being made to the traveler. It is the agency's responsibility to see that the traveler reimburses the Travel Advance Fund for the full amount received.*
- *Anyone who has been issued a State travel card and who obtains a travel advance without first obtaining written authorization from his/her supervisor may be permanently barred from using the Travel Advance Fund.*
- *If the traveler is no longer employed by the issuing organization and the travel advance has not been repaid by the borrower, the amount of the travel advance will be deducted from his/her final payroll check. If the travel plans by a current employee are cancelled after a travel advance was made, the travel advance must be repaid within five (5) days of the cancellation date.*

SUBCHAPTER 11 - APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

19-4-1101. Examination and approval required.

(a) The expenditure of all funds deposited in the State Treasury shall be subject to examination and approval in the manner provided for by this subchapter before the proposed expenditure is approved for payment from such funds.

(b) Funds of state agencies which are not required by law to be deposited in the State Treasury shall be subject to the procedures as required by 19-4-801 et seq.

(c) The Legislative Auditor shall have authority, in connection with any examination of the fiscal activities of any agency, to audit any of the funds of the agency.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 15; 1979, No. 833, 6, 7; A.S.A. 1947, 13-341; Acts 1991, No. 21, 2; 2001, No. 1453, 27.

19-4-1102. [Repealed.]

19-4-1103. Responsibilities of agency heads.

(a) It shall be the responsibility of each executive head of a state agency to establish adequate internal administrative procedures and controls to ensure prompt and accurate payment of obligations in order to promote good public relations and to take advantage of all available discounts. It shall also be the responsibility of each executive head of a state agency to establish adequate administrative procedures to ensure that all financial transactions of the agency are posted in the state's financial management system in accordance with procedures established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(b) It shall also be the responsibility of the agency head to establish a system of pre-audit within his or her agency to ensure that checks and vouchers, before being released by the agency, are prepared in accordance with all applicable purchasing and fiscal laws, rules, and regulations by performing the following functions. He or she shall determine that:

(1) Services, materials, supplies, and equipment received comply with specifications indicated on purchase documents;

(2) Quantities received, as being indicated on the invoice, agree with those shown on the receiving report;

(3) Unit prices agree with those indicated on the purchase documents;

(4) The extensions and footings of the invoice are correct;

(5) The voucher or check is prepared in sufficient time to take advantage of all available discounts being offered;

(6) Sufficient appropriation and funds are available for payment of the obligation; and

(7) The obligation was incurred in conformity with all purchasing and fiscal laws.

(c) It shall also be the responsibility of the agency head to establish that:

(1) Every voucher for a proposed disbursement is approved by the bonded disbursing officer of the agency issuing the voucher or by his or her authorized agent;

(2) An appropriation has been made to cover the proposed disbursement and that there is sufficient balance remaining in the appropriation account and in the fund against which it is drawn to ensure that the voucher can be converted into a valid warrant;

(3) The proposed disbursement has been drawn on the proper voucher form and the name and address of the disbursing agency and the name and address of the vendor or payee is properly identified on the voucher form;

(4) The proposed voucher is prepared in accordance with the established general accounting procedures relating to appropriation titles and codes and the proposed transactions are identified and classified in accordance with the administrative regulations on the subject; and

(5) The voucher for the proposed disbursement is accompanied by proper supporting documentation, as evidence that the indebtedness has been incurred and that the amount for which the voucher is written corresponds with such evidence.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 15; 1979, No. 833, 6, 7; A.S.A. 1947, 13-341; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 29.

R1-19-4-1103 Expense Items with Special Considerations and Limitations

Resolutions of Boards and Commissions

Any indebtedness or expense incurred in connection with an approved resolution of any state board or commission shall be made a part of the permanent minutes. Certified copies of the resolution or minutes authorizing the indebtedness or expense shall be attached to the disbursement document executed for payment of the same. When purchasing bonds for investments, excerpts from the board or commission meeting authorizing the purchase, or a letter from the person authorized to buy when funds are available, should be attached to the disbursement document as the supporting documents. Each disbursing document shall have attached a copy of the certified resolution authorizing the investment. Purchasing procedures must be followed where applicable.

Agency Membership Dues

Generally, agency membership may be paid when such membership is in the name of the agency, and such membership is not in a community organization. In the event that any membership due is in the name of an individual, or a membership, whether in the name of an individual or a state agency, is in a community organization, the department head or independent agency director must approve, in writing, the payment of such due. The approval shall justify the payment, explaining how the payment for said membership is in the best interest of the state agency and necessary to carrying out the purposes of the agency. Such approval shall be included in the documentation (attached to the disbursing document) of the agency's financial records and made available for audit purposes.

Educational Subsidies

Within limits, an agency may subsidize an employee's tuition and related expenses for enrollment at an institution of higher education for a particular course that will enhance the employee's performance in their present job assignment. The agency shall not pay for a collegiate course that leads to, or participates in, a degree program for the employee unless the state agency has specific legislation providing for such payment.

Prior approval in writing from the agency head must be obtained for each employee before an agency becomes obligated to pay that employee's tuition and/or other related expenses. The approval document shall justify the payment, explaining how the payment for tuition and related expenses is necessary to the performance of the duties of the employee, why it is in the best interest of the state agency and necessary to carrying out the purposes of the agency. Such approval shall be included in the documentation (attached to the disbursing document) of the agency's financial records and made available for audit purposes.

Payment of Witness Fees

When an agency, board, commission or institution is authorized by law to subpoena witnesses for hearings and/or to obtain depositions, the agency, board, commission or institution may pay the witness:

1. *Reasonable expenses for loss of time based on the witness's present earnings or $30.00 per day, whichever is greater.*

2. *$.25 per mile or the rate per mile authorized for reimbursement to state employees, whichever is greater, for travel from his/her home to the place of hearing, trial or deposition.*

A verified statement of expenses for loss of time and miles traveled must be signed by the witness. The expenses for loss of time and mileage must be shown separately on the statement. This form must be presented as documentation for the disbursement document. These expenses are considered professional in nature and should be expensed using Professional Fees & Services (506:00:10). A sole source contract would be necessary if the amount is greater than $5,000.

The minimum rates for fee and mileage are specified by ACA 2002, Court Rules: Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 45 (d) (e).

Disposition of Witness Paid State Employees

The disposition of fees regarding witness, juror or party litigant fees and reimbursements shall be as follows:

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 21-4-213, an employee serving as a juror in a State or federal court is entitled to retain court fees or reimbursement for necessary services or appearances, and such services or necessary appearances in any court will not be recorded as annual leave.

An employee is entitled to his or her salary if subpoenaed as a witness to give a deposition or testimony in State or federal court, at a hearing or before any body with power to issue a subpoena in a matter that is within the employee's scope of employment or outside the

employee's scope of State employment, and the employee is either not serving as a paid expert witness or is not a party to the matter.

An employee is required to take annual leave to attend the deposition, hearing or appear in court only if the matter is outside of the employee's scope of State employment, and the employee is serving as a paid expert witness or is a party to the matter.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 16-43-806, an employee serving as a witness to give a deposition or testimony in State or federal court, at a hearing or before any body with power to issue a subpoena is entitled to retain his or her witness fees that may be tendered to him or her under State or federal law or court rules only if the matter is outside the employee's scope of State employment, or the employee is a party to the matter other than as a representative of the State employer.

An employee is entitled to retain any mileage fees that may be tendered to him or her under State or federal law or court rules only if the matter is within the employee's scope of State employment, the employee uses a personal vehicle for travel in obeying the subpoena and the employee's employer does not reimburse the employee for travel expenses or the matter is outside the employee's scope of State employment, and the employee does not use a State-owned vehicle for travel in obeying the subpoena.

If an employee is subpoenaed as a witness to give a deposition or testimony in State or federal court, at a hearing or before any body with power to issue a subpoena on a non-work day, the employee may retain any witness and mileage fees tendered to him or her unless a State vehicle is used to obey the subpoena.

If an employee is subpoenaed as a witness to give a deposition or testimony in State or federal court, at a hearing or before any body with power to issue a subpoena in a matter that is within the employee's scope of employment and is a paid expert witness, the employee is required to reimburse his/her agency the total amount tendered to him/her. The agency will deposit the money as a "non-revenue receipt."

State employees are required to reimburse their agency for any mileage fees that may be tendered to him or her under State or federal law or court rules only if the matter is within the employee's scope of State employment, the employee uses a State-owned vehicle for travel in obeying the subpoena and the employee's employer reimburses the employee for travel expenses or the matter is outside the employee's scope of State employment, and the employee uses a State-owned vehicle for travel in obeying the subpoena.

19-4-1104. Duty to examine and approve.

It shall be the duty of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to design the state's financial management system to provide reasonable assurances that financial transactions conform to the provisions of law and regulation. He or she shall not be required to pass upon the propriety of any financial transaction if it is found to conform to the provisions of this subchapter. However, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may perform examinations of transactions to determine the propriety of the transactions in conformity with applicable laws and regulations.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 15; A.S.A. 1947, 13-341; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 30.

19-4-1105. Examination and approval generally.

Before any voucher for the disbursement of funds in the State Treasury is presented to the Auditor of State for the issuance of his or her warrant thereon, it shall be recorded in the state's financial management system in accordance with procedures established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The Auditor of State shall have the authority to perform an examination, under the procedures established in this section, as he or she deems advisable before issuing his or her warrant in the payment of the voucher.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 15; 1985, No. 324, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-341; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 31.

19-4-1106. Erroneous or improper payments.

The responsibility for recovery of erroneous or improper payments shall be with the state agency head or the bonded disbursing officer, or his or her designated bonded assistant; the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Auditor of State, or the Treasurer of State shall not be liable under their surety bonds for any erroneous or improper payments so made.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 15; A.S.A. 1947, 13-341.

19-4-1107. Supporting documents generally.

Supporting documents for the disbursement of state funds shall include the following:

(1) In connection with purchasing procedure, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall prescribe and define the necessary documents and other evidence which shall be for the purpose of determining whether the proper purchasing procedures have been complied with;

(2)(A) In all instances when the evidences of indebtedness are represented by vendors' invoices, the agency shall retain in the permanent file of the business office of the agency the original invoice and corresponding documentation in accordance with procedures established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(B) In those instances when the daily transactions with vendors are numerous, such as in the case of retail service station purchases, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may prescribe the use of monthly statements from the vendors as supporting documents for the vouchers;

(3) In connection with printing contracts provided for by the Arkansas Constitution and laws of this state, the supporting documents shall be those prescribed by the Auditor of State or by the Department of Finance and Administration as appropriate;

(4)(A) In connection with the laws or regulations governing travel, when individuals are reimbursed for expenses incurred for travel in connection with their official duties, the supporting papers shall be the forms or statements of such expenses prescribed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(B) In the case of per diem or other expenses established by law, the disbursing officer shall attach to the vouchers issued in payment of such allowances a citation of his or her authority for making such payments;

(5)(A) Any indebtedness or expense incurred in connection with an approved resolution of any state board or commission shall be made a part of the permanent minutes of the board or commission.

(B) Copies of the resolution or minutes authorizing any indebtedness or expense shall be attached to the vouchers issued in payment of any indebtedness or expense; and

(6)(A)(i) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall prescribe the forms of the vouchers to be used and the procedure to be followed in making payments in instances when the General Assembly has authorized grants:

(a) To public schools, public welfare recipients, counties, and municipalities;

(b) For other purposes specifically provided for by law;

(c) For payments made to individuals under retirement systems; and

(d) For income tax refunds.

(ii) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may review all disbursements to determine that the disbursements are issued in accordance with their respective appropriations and that there are sufficient funds to cover all the payments.

(B) In the case of vouchers written upon the Public School Fund for state equalization aid, the Auditor of State shall process warrants to pay the vouchers upon certification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that funds are available from general revenues available for distribution or from other sources for the benefit of the Public School Fund with which to pay the warrants when they are presented for payment.

(C) In the case of payments made to welfare recipients under the welfare laws of this state, the approved list of welfare recipients may be certified directly to the Auditor of State, who shall approve the issuance of warrants upon certification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that funds are available from general revenues available for distribution or from other sources for the benefit of the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account of the Department of Human Services Fund with which to pay the warrants when they shall be presented for payment.

(D) In the case of vouchers written upon the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund, the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System Fund, the State Police Retirement Fund, the Arkansas Judicial Retirement System Fund, and the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System Fund for retiree benefits, the Auditor of State shall process paper or electronic warrants to pay the vouchers upon certification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that funds are available from the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System, the State Police Retirement System, the Arkansas Judicial Retirement System, and the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System funds with which to pay the warrants when they shall be presented for payment.

(E) In the case of vouchers written upon the Uniform Tax Rate Trust Fund, the Auditor of State shall process warrants to pay the vouchers upon certification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that funds are available for the benefit of the Uniform Tax Rate Trust Fund with which to pay the warrants when they shall be presented for payment.

(F) In the case of vouchers written upon specific funds receiving federal funding, according to the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-453, Oct. 24, 1990, 104 Stat. 1058, agreement, the Auditor of State shall process warrants and the Treasurer of State shall redeem the warrants presented for payment upon notification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that the state agency director has certified to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that:

(i) A federal fund transfer request has been completed and accepted by the federal funding source; and

(ii) Federal funds will be transferred for the benefit of the state fund to pay the warrants.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 15; 1977, No. 486, 4; A.S.A. 1947, 13-341; Acts 1997, No. 14, 1; 1997, No. 860, 4; 1999, No. 391, 38; 1999, No. 714, 1; 2001, No. 1453, 32; 2003, No. 656, 7; 2005, No. 1149, 1; 2007, No. 177, 5.

19-4-1108. Retention of documents.

(a) The original evidences of indebtedness, including documents prepared in connection with purchasing procedure, and all original contracts, invoices, statements, receipts, petty cash tickets, bank statements, cancelled checks drawn upon bank accounts, and other original supporting papers shall be retained in the permanent file of the business office of each state agency. These documents shall be kept in a safe place subject to audit and shall not be destroyed until authorization is given for their destruction by the Legislative Auditor.

(b) With the approval of the Legislative Auditor of the state, a state agency may retain evidences, to satisfy record retention policies, of indebtedness and other contracts, invoices, statements, receipts, petty cash tickets, bank statements, cancelled checks drawn upon bank accounts, and other supporting papers by microform or a form of stored images in a computer system or other form of computer technology in lieu of retaining the originals of such documents.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 15; A.S.A. 1947, 13-341; Acts 1997, No. 541, 2; 2001, No. 1453, 33.

R1-19-4-1108 Public Records

The law defines public records as writings, recorded sounds, films, tapes, electronic or computer-based information or data compilations in any medium required by law to be kept or otherwise kept and which constitute a record of the performance or lack of performance of official functions which are or should be carried out by a public official or employee, a governmental agency or any other agency wholly or partially supported by public funds or expending public funds.

All public records shall be open to inspection and copying by any citizen of the State of Arkansas during the regular business hours of the custodian of the records, except as otherwise specifically provided by law.

Refer to Arkansas Code ACA 25-19-105 for exceptions, charges for providing copies of records and required response time to requests for copies and ACA 25-19-109 for special requests for electronic information.

R2-19-4-1108 Records Retention

All records that are public property are required to be maintained by the agencies that generate the documents. The type of business record in question and the business process it supports determines the length of retention. Generally, all records should be maintained a minimum of three fiscal years. All records and supporting documentation must be maintained until they have been audited and may not be destroyed until permission has been granted by the Division of Legislative Audit. Other records such as records for grants are maintained according to State or Federal laws.

Public records can only be destroyed after permission is granted by the Division of Legislative Audit.

Storage of records in electronic form is permissible in some cases. Refer to Arkansas Law ACA 13-4-203, 19-4-815, 19-4-1108, 25-32-112, 25-32-117, 25-32-118.

Effective January 1, 2006, the Executive Chief Information Officer shall promulgate rules and guidelines governing the retention and management of public records and issue periodic updates as necessary. Each State agency shall comply with these rules and guidelines by the earlier of July 1, 2007, or when the line item appropriation is established to comply with this requirement.

Contact for Information: Arkansas Legislative Audit, DAH - Arkansas State Archives, the Executive Chief Information Officer or your Assistant Attorney General.

19-4-1109. Procurement contracts.

Each state agency which is authorized by law or under the purchasing procedures of this state to enter into contracts for the procurement of property, commodities, or services shall keep on file in their respective places of business copies of these contracts for public inspection or audit and shall make a copy of any such contract available to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State when so required by him or her.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 15; A.S.A. 1947, 13-341; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 34.

SUBCHAPTER 12 - DISBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

19-4-1201. Disbursing officers.

(a) For the purpose of compliance with the provisions of this subchapter, the following shall be designated as disbursing officers:

(1) The executive head of each state department;

(2) The executive head, or superintendent, of each state institution; and

(3) The executive secretary of each board or commission having such an officer.

(b) The board having charge of any institution may designate any other full-time employee to act instead of the executive head, and the executive head of any other agency may designate any other full-time employee to act in his or her stead.

(c) All these disbursing officers shall be required to furnish bond to the state in the manner provided by law.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 14; A.S.A. 1947, 13-340.

19-4-1202. Designation of disburser.

(a) In the event appropriations are made available to a state agency or to a nongovernmental agency or activity and no disbursing officer is provided for by law, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Auditor of State shall designate a person to act as disbursing officer and fix the amount of bond for such purposes.

(b) In the event that the General Assembly enacts legislation that provides for more than one (1) disbursing officer from a fund or fund account and there are insufficient funds available to finance all appropriations made therein, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall certify the amount of funds and appropriations to be made available for each disbursing officer.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 14; A.S.A. 1947, 13-340; Acts 1993, No. 1073, 17.

19-4-1203. Disbursing agents.

In the event the executive head of any state agency shall designate some full-time employee to act as his or her agent in the disbursement of funds under his or her control, then that agent may act without furnishing additional bond if the executive head of that agency shall notify the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Auditor of State in writing of such designation.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 14; A.S.A. 1947, 13-340; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 35.

19-4-1204. Bond required.

(a) The disbursement of any funds in the State Treasury, of federal funds granted to the state or any state agency, of bank funds of any state agency, of trust funds of any state agency, or of any other special funds belonging to any state agency shall be done only by a bonded official or bonded employee in the manner prescribed by law.

(b) Each disbursing officer or disbursing agent shall be required to furnish bond in the penal sum required by law or, in the absence of any law on the subject, in an amount fixed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Auditor of State with a corporate surety company authorized to do business in this state and conditioned upon the faithful performance of his or her duties and for the proper accounting for all funds received and disbursed by him or her.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 14; A.S.A. 1947, 13-340.

19-4-1205. Signature or facsimile.

The original copy of all checks drawn in connection with the disbursement of public funds for which the disbursing officer is responsible shall bear the manual signature of the disbursing officer or his or her authorized agent, or may contain or bear a mechanically produced facsimile signature of the disbursing officer or his or her authorized agent. Where the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State has determined that the executive head of a state agency has established adequate internal administrative procedures and controls pursuant to law, which determination shall be made only after the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have consulted with the Legislative Auditor, he or she may grant an exemption from manual signatures to allow for a computer-produced digitized signature of the disbursing officer or his or her authorized agent.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 14; 1979, No. 833, 5; A.S.A. 1947, 13-340; Acts 1997, No. 1087, 1; 2001, No. 1453, 36.

19-4-1206. Duties generally.

(a) The bonded disbursing officer for each state agency or the bonded disbursing officer for any regular or special fund provided for by the General Assembly shall be responsible and held accountable for the proper expenditure of the funds under his or her control.

(b) It shall be the responsibility and duty of each disbursing officer or agent to:

(1) Keep advised as to the availability of the appropriations and funds for which he or she is the disbursing officer and be informed as to the legality of and authority for any obligations which may be incurred before any disbursements are made;

(2) Keep advised as to the laws or administrative regulations relating to general accounting procedures and restrictions for the disbursement of funds; and

(3) Certify that:

(A) Any disbursements which he or she may make are in accordance with the terms of any applicable contracts, purchasing procedure, or other authority;

(B) The services have been performed or the goods received; and

(C) The vendor or payee is entitled to the amount set forth in the check or voucher.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 14; A.S.A. 1947, 13-340.

19-4-1207. Duty to monitor finances.

It shall be the duty and responsibility of the head of the agency for which appropriations are authorized and of the agency's disbursing officer to:

(1) Be cognizant at all times of the resources available, including applicable fund balances, revenues, and other income, for financing the appropriations authorized by the General Assembly;

(2) See that no obligations shall be incurred which cannot be lawfully discharged from funds appropriated or available from other sources when they become due and payable; and

(3) Not operate the agency during any fiscal year from the then-current fiscal year's available resources at a level of operations that would require for the succeeding fiscal year funds in addition to those already authorized by the General Assembly.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 14; A.S.A. 1947, 13-340; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 37.

19-4-1208. [Repealed.]

19-4-1209. Compliance with other laws.

The disbursement of funds authorized by the General Assembly shall be limited to the appropriations and the funds made available for the support of such appropriations. The restrictions of the Arkansas Procurement Law, 19-11-201 et seq., the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, 21-5-201 et seq., the Revenue Stabilization Law, 19-5-101 et seq., and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration authorized by law shall be strictly complied with in the disbursement of the funds.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 14; A.S.A. 1947, 13-340.

19-4-1210. Revenues insufficient to meet appropriations.

(a) The disbursements of funds shall be subject to the controls of the procedures authorized by this subchapter, other acts of the General Assembly, and rules and regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(b) In the event that during any fiscal year the governmental revenues available to the state or a state agency are not sufficient to cover the appropriations made by the General Assembly from such revenues, then:

(1) The bonded disbursing officer for each agency shall be responsible and held accountable for the incurring of any obligations and disbursements of any funds in behalf of the agency for which he or she acts as disbursing officer. It shall be his or her duty to keep advised as to the amount of governmental revenues available for the operation of his or her agency. Each such disbursing officer is prohibited from incurring any obligations in excess of the funds made available by this chapter and other laws providing revenues for any such agency, and all such disbursing officers shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations of this chapter;

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall exercise the powers of his or her office to enforce the fiscal laws of the state to prohibit deficit spending and to promulgate rules and

regulations which will require that all agencies comply with such fiscal laws. He or she may require, whenever he or she deems necessary, a financial report from any agency. If any such financial report or any other available information of any agency which has appropriated funds or an agency which has both state and bank funds shall reveal that the agency is in financial distress, then he or she may direct that all of the funds of the agency, including any bank funds, shall be subject to approval under the provisions of this chapter;

(3) If during any year it is determined that the proposed disbursements exceed the amount approved for that year, then, upon direction of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, necessary reductions in proposed disbursements shall be made;

(4) If, in accomplishing the necessary reductions in disbursements, it shall be required to reduce the salaries of employees, the reductions shall be made in proportion to existing salaries, and the reductions shall be made in the salaries of all employees, including administrators and directors;

(5) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is directed to withhold all distributions of special and general revenues as prescribed in this chapter and in the Revenue Stabilization Law, 19-5-101 et seq., at any time that a state agency fails to comply with the restrictive provisions of this chapter; and

(6) It is provided that the creditors of any agency shall have first consideration in connection with disbursement of the funds of the agency. If the funds of any agency become depleted to an extent that the creditors cannot be paid from funds on hand or which will become available during the same fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the agency to stop incurring obligations until the funds on hand and the funds estimated to become available are sufficient to meet all such obligations.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 14; A.S.A. 1947, 13-340; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 39.

R1-19-4-1210 Disbursement of State Funds

Limitations on Disbursements

Arkansas law (ACA 19-4-1209) states: "The disbursement of funds authorized by the General Assembly shall be limited to the appropriations and the funds made available for the support of such appropriations. The restrictions of the Arkansas Purchasing Law, § 19-11-201 et seq., the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, § 21-5-201 et seq., the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq., and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration authorized by law shall be strictly complied with in the disbursement of the funds."

If, during any fiscal year, it is determined that the proposed disbursements exceed the amount approved for that year, the necessary reductions in proposed disbursements shall be made upon direction of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Adequate internal administrative procedures and controls shall be established by each state agency executive administrator to ensure prompt and accurate payment of obligations.
Each state agency executive administrator shall ensure that:

- *Services, materials, supplies and equipment received comply with specifications indicated on purchase documents;*
- *Quantities received, as indicated on the invoice, agree with those shown on the receiving report;*
- *Unit prices agree with those indicated on the purchase documents;*
- *The extensions and footings of the invoice are correct;*
- *The check or warrant is prepared in sufficient time to take advantage of all available discounts being offered;*
- *Sufficient legislative authorization for expenditures and funds is available for payment of the obligation;*
- *The obligation was incurred in conformity with all purchasing and fiscal laws applicable to state agencies.*

Procurement Codes

Procurement codes are used to assist in the tracking of procurement activity. Proper use of the codes enables the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of State Procurement (DFA-OSP) to automatically track purchases by category and provide required reports. Procurement codes must be included in all transactions paying for goods and services purchased by the State. Inquiries regarding further definition of these codes should be directed to DFA-OSP.

Procurement codes can be found in Appendix 3 of the Procurement Laws and Regulations located on the DFA-OSP web site at:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Documents/lawsRegs.pdf.

Updates to the procurement codes can be found on the DFA-OSP Web site:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Pages/default.aspx.

Material Master and Vendor Master

DFA-OSP maintains the "material master" list which is common to all agencies that lists all goods and services purchased by the State and gives a description of the goods and/or services, shelf life, material unit price, material group, unit of measure and re-order point. Requisitions and purchase orders (PO) must reference a "material master entry."
DFA-OSP maintains the "vendor master" list which is common to all agencies and lists all vendors for the State. A "vendor master entry" is required for any PO item, request for quotation of goods or services or request for proposals and payments.
All disbursements should generally utilize previously established vendor master record numbers, which is linked to the vendor's master record. However, a "one time" vendor may be utilized when the vendor is expected to only be paid once, or the vendor is expected to be paid on a very infrequent basis.

More information on "material master" or "vendor master" can be found on the DFA-OSP Web site: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Pages/default.aspx

General Rules

Payments of invoices will be made based on the vendor's due date and payment terms.

Payments can be made to a vendor from multiple funds and funds centers.

Different payment methods are available – warrant by mail, warrant by Automated Clearing House (ACH) and check.

Warrants will have the invoice number, vendor account number and a 50-character text field on the remittance advice. The Auditor of State will print and mail warrants or mail direct-deposit advices with remittance statements.

Process Overview

The Accounts Payable Technician will enter and park the invoice or credit memo in AASIS. The document will be in the system but will not be posted until it has been approved for payment.

The Accounting Supervisor will review the invoices that have been entered and post them for payment. The payment run will be initiated to generate payments to vendors. (The Accounts Payable Technician and Accounting Supervisor cannot be the same person.)
The Accounting Supervisor will monitor the invoice entry and payment process as well as initiate the setup of recurring entry documents.

The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting-Service Bureau (DFA-OA-SB) will generate the warrant file and route the warrant file to the Auditor of State for processing of warrants.

R2-19-4-1210 Vendor Invoice with a Purchase Order

PLEASE NOTE: *It is the recommendation of the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) to use the "vendor invoice with a purchase order" process whenever possible instead of the direct-invoice payment method.*

Purchase Requisition

The first step in the procurement process is to requisition the purchase. Transaction ME51 is used to create the purchase requisition. The Agency Procurement Technician or State Procurement Specialist will make the requisition.

The purchase requisition:

- *Establishes a commitment of appropriations when the requisition is created.*
- *Creates a unique requisition number for each requisition.*
- *Allows users to suggest several potential vendors for items.*
- *Tracks the progress of the requisition through AASIS.*

The Agency Procurement Manager or State Procurement Manager will approve the requisition to be a legal expenditure of the State using transaction ME55. Invalid requisitions must be deleted to relieve commitment of budget. All approvals and rejections are date-stamped and logged by user ID.

Purchase Order

Once the purchase requisition has been entered and approved, the Agency Procurement Technician or State Procurement Specialist solicits quotes or selects the vendor using transaction ME41 or ME49 respectively and then creates the Purchase Order (PO) using transaction ME21N.

The Agency Procurement Manager or State Procurement Manager will approve the PO using transaction ME28 (RELEASE /APPROVE PURCHASING DOCUMENTS). Once the PO has been approved, the Agency Procurement Technician or State Procurement Specialist prints and sends the purchase order to the vendor.

Materials or Services Received

When the materials or services are received, the Agency Receipt Technician posts the receipt of the materials or services against the PO by using transaction MIGO (GOOD RECEIPT PURCHASE ORDER). The posting of the receipt of goods produces a posting in the GR/IR account. This posting creates the accrued liability and the expense of the goods until such time as the invoice is received and posted.

The MIRO (LOGISTICS INVOICE VERIFICATION) transaction is posted upon receipt of the vendor invoice, the entry into the accrued liability in the GR/IR clearing account is reversed and the entry to record the liability in the accounts payable account is made. MIRO is an automated 3-way match between the purchase order, goods receipt and invoice. If the match fails, the invoice is blocked for payment. Once the problem is resolved, the invoice is released for payment. After the document is posted the document number, verifying that the transaction has been posted, must be written on the vendor's invoice.

PLEASE NOTE: *Transactions in the GR/IR process do not reduce funds or appropriations but are only used to record the liability transactions of the invoice.*

Invoices

An invoice is the evidence of an obligation as originally transmitted to the paying state agencies, whether in the form of a paper (hard copy) or whether electronically transmitted by data file, fax or e-mail that can be verified as an official obligation of the agency. Original invoices are necessary to issue payment. Paying from original invoices provides some assurance that an invoice is not paid twice and that the invoice has not been altered.

If the original invoice is lost, the vendor shall be contacted to provide one of the following:

A photocopy of the original invoice with the declaration:

> *"I hereby certify this duplicated invoice is an exact and true copy of the original invoice and that no payment has been received as payment of this invoice through the date of my signature."*
>
> *Signed:*
> *Name Printed:*
> *Title:*
> *Date:*

Or, an additional original invoice with the same invoice number without any comments.
The method of delivery of the duplicate invoice is irrelevant. Electronic transmission will be acceptable.

PLEASE NOTE: *Under no circumstance is an agency to self-generate an invoice or billing statement for the vendor.*

R3-19-4-1210 Vendor Invoice without a Purchase Order

A purchase that has been made outside the Purchase Order System within AASIS may be made by the use of specific "Direct Invoice Payment" transactions in the system. Invoices that are not routine vendor payments, but rather small occasional purchases, reimbursements of employee expenses, etc. may be paid by using the direct pay invoice method.

Repetitive Expenditures
Repetitive expenditures such as utility billings, rent and other items of this nature can be paid with the direct pay invoice method; however, it is advisable to use the "funds reservation" to encumber the expected amount of expense for the annual expenditure.

The direct invoice payment method can be referenced to the "funds reservation" on the payment document to reduce the encumbrance. After the document is posted the document number verifying the transaction has been posted must be written on the vendor's invoice.

PLEASE NOTE: *Do not use the direct invoice payment method when a purchase order is required because entering an invoice directly into the financial accounting side that is intended to be against a purchase order will charge appropriations twice and does not link to the purchase order.*

PLEASE NOTE: *Detailed instructions for the procurement process for AASIS can be found at http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/informationServices/aasis/Pages/default.aspx.*

Supporting Documentation
Cross referencing between the original evidence of indebtedness (invoice, contract, etc.) and the processing numbers assigned by AASIS is essential.
There must be maintained in the files of the agency, at a minimum, the following elements of information/documents related to all disbursements:

> *For the "Direct Payment" Process*
> *Original evidence of indebtedness as enumerated in ACA §19-4-814 with the vendor number and AASIS document number appearing on the face of the document.*
>
> *For the "Purchase Order/Credit Memo" Payment Process*
> *The invoice and "goods receipt" with the vendor number and the AASIS document number appearing on the face of the documents.*

DFA-OA-SB agencies may use the "Direct Invoice/Credit Memo" form returned by the Service Bureau as a cross-reference document, write the appropriate processing numbers (document number, etc.) on the invoice or other original evidence of indebtedness and retain for audit purposes.

Agencies that use AASIS (User Agencies) may print a copy of the screen when payments are processed to use as a reference form. The invoice or other appropriate number should be entered on the face of the original evidence of indebtedness.

The documents shall be filed either in numerical sequence, by document number (assigned by AASIS) or, if agencies file by vendor, by numeric sequence, by document number for each vendor in order in the applicable vendor folder.

Reporting agencies shall, at a minimum, maintain their documentation process in a manner similar to the payment process as recorded on AASIS so the documentation can be traced back to their original books of entry through the batch process posting and ultimately to the original invoice or payment document that supports the payment.

SUBCHAPTER 13 - MONITORING FOR DEFICIT SPENDING

19-4-1301. Legislative intent and purpose.

(a) This subchapter is intended to be an addition to the provisions of the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, 19-4-101 et seq., and other fiscal laws of this state. This subchapter is enacted for the purpose of imposing additional duties and responsibilities upon the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to monitor state expenditures and financial obligations in order to assure that all state agencies, programs, and services plan and use the funds provided or made available for the support of the essential services of government within their respective jurisdictions. This monitoring shall be done without incurring obligations or commitments which would exhaust the available funds within a time frame of less than twelve (12) months or which would create deficits.

(b) The General Assembly is cognizant of the economic recession that has reduced the growth of state revenues that are available for the operation of many of the programmed commitments or expansions of services of government. By this subchapter the General Assembly intends to strengthen the responsibilities and duties of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to provide for the planned and orderly, yet rigid, enforcement of the various laws of this state designed to protect against deficit spending.

(c) It is further the intent and purpose of this subchapter to mandate that all public officials, administrators, and employees charged with the responsibility of administering and disbursing state funds be held strictly accountable for the administration of the programs under their jurisdiction. Those officials, administrators, and employees shall periodically reevaluate and modify, if necessary, the various programs and services under their respective jurisdiction to assure the orderly providing of the greatest possible level of essential services and programs on a regular twelve-month basis, within the limitation of the funds available.

(d) The General Assembly further recognizes that many agencies may have to evaluate and curtail projected or planned program expansions. Many agencies may also have to exercise options to reduce the levels of existing services or program commitments to keep the projected expenditures for such programs or services within the limitations of funds estimated to be available therefor, as provided in this subchapter. It is the intention of the General Assembly that each state agency review its ongoing obligations and services and make the necessary adjustments to provide the greatest possible level of essential services commensurate with the funds available on a year-round, twelve-month basis.

History. Acts 1983, No. 781, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-374.

19-4-1302. Provisions supplemental.

This subchapter is intended to be supplemental and in addition to the fiscal laws of this state and shall repeal only such laws and parts of laws as are specifically in conflict with it.

History. Acts 1983, No. 781, 5; A.S.A. 1947, 13-378.

19-4-1303. Exemptions.

Funds disbursed by the Arkansas Department of Transportation, the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, and the Office of the Arkansas Lottery and the funds appropriated in the general appropriation bill provided for in Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, 30, shall be exempt from this subchapter.

History. Acts 1983, No. 781, 6; A.S.A. 1947, 13-379; Acts 2009, No. 605, 17; 2009, No. 606, 17; 2015, No. 218, 16; *2017, No. 707, 46.*

19-4-1304. Failure to conform to directives and mandates.

(a) If a state agency shall fail or refuse to conform to the directives and mandates of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to restrict or curtail its financial obligations or program commitments as intended by this subchapter, the agency head or members of the board or commission responsible therefor may be guilty of misfeasance in office or employment and may be removed from office by appropriate legal proceedings.

(b) The fact that it may be necessary for an agency to reduce existing levels of services in order to conform to orders or directives of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, as intended by this subchapter, shall not be lawful justification for failure to conform thereto.

History. Acts 1983, No. 781, 3; A.S.A. 1947, 13-376.

19-4-1305. Failure to perform duties.

If the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State fails to perform his or her duties as mandated under the provisions of this subchapter and within the time limitations set forth in it, he or she shall be guilty of misfeasance of his or her office and may be removed from office in the manner provided by law.

History. Acts 1983, No. 781, 4; A.S.A. 1947, 13-377.

19-4-1306. Procedures for monitoring agency expenditures and fiscal operations.

(a) In addition to the powers and duties provided under this chapter and other fiscal laws of the state, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall invoke additional procedures to assure that all state agencies are operated on a planned and orderly basis of essential services within the limitations of funds available.

(b) In furtherance of the purposes of this subchapter, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall institute the following additional procedures and controls:

(1) At least thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make studies for the purpose of estimating the anticipated amount of general and special revenues to be made available for distribution under the provisions of the Revenue Stabilization Law, 19-5-101 et seq., and for the support of agencies which derive their support from special revenues, for such fiscal year or such fiscal quarter, or for any calendar month if he or she deems it necessary. In addition, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall compute the estimated amount of general revenues that will be available for distribution to the respective State Treasury accounts in accordance with the respective percentage distributions of general revenues authorized under the provisions of the Revenue Stabilization Law, 19-5-101 et seq. It shall be the duty of each agency head responsible for administering special revenues or federal funds to notify the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of any unusual events which would adversely affect the estimate of the moneys received upon which the agency is operating. Such notification shall be given immediately upon knowing of the existence of such events by agency heads;

(2) Upon completion of revenue estimates for each fiscal year or each fiscal quarter, or monthly if deemed necessary, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall prepare schedules reflecting the estimated amount of general revenues to be available for distribution to the State Treasury funds and accounts for each of the agencies which share in the distribution of general revenue funds of the state, either in whole or in part. In addition, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may require the preparation of estimates from the administering agency or prepare estimates of the anticipated amount of special revenues to be available for distribution to those agencies which receive support from special revenues, from both general and special revenues, or from cash funds or other sources;

(3) After preparing the estimates and schedules for each fiscal year, fiscal quarter, or month, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall review the annual operations budgets of each agency. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall institute such controls as he or she deems necessary to modify or restrict the level of approved expenditures that may be incurred by each agency to assure that sufficient funds will be available to maintain a minimum level of essential services and programs by each agency without undue interruption or curtailment of the level of programs and essential services provided for any extended period during each fiscal year or which might create circumstances that would institute deficit spending to meet the obligations or services in excess of the funds available for the support thereof, as provided by law; and

(4) If the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, in reviewing the annual operations budgets of any state agency, determines that the level of operations thereof or the projected commitment thereof is being operated in a manner that would impose serious curtailment of essential services or would create circumstances of deficit spending, then he or she shall immediately notify the

head of the agency responsible for the operation of such services as to the curtailments and controls that should be instituted to bring the level of operations or services within the necessary fiscal restraints recommended by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(c) A copy of each directive issued pursuant to subdivision (b)(4) of this section shall be furnished to the Governor, to the Legislative Council, and to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

History. Acts 1983, No. 781, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-375; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 40.

SUBCHAPTER 14 - CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

19-4-1401. Notice required.

In all instances wherein the state has any interest whatsoever in construction work requiring bids, the notice provisions of 22-9-201 22-9-204 shall be strictly complied with and observed. Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to amend or repeal these statutes, except those emergency procedures provided by 22-9-201 22-9-204.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 22; A.S.A. 1947, 13-348; Acts 1999, No. 776, 3.

19-4-1402. Contracts to be filed.

(a) Executed counterparts of all contracts entered into by any state agency with respect to proposed projects for new improvements or major repairs or additions to existing buildings and facilities shall be approved by and filed with the Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration before the issuance of any vouchers making payments under the contract, unless the contract is exempted from the jurisdiction of the division by a law or a regulation promulgated under the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, 25-15-201 et seq.

(b)(1) The boards of trustees of the University of Arkansas, Arkansas State University, University of Central Arkansas, Henderson State University, Arkansas Tech University, and Southern Arkansas University, respectively, are exempt from the requirements of this section requiring the filing of the contracts with the division.

(2) The governing boards of all other public institutions of higher education shall be exempt from the requirement for approval and filing of the contracts with the division:

(A) Upon approval of the Department of Higher Education; and

(B) If, prior to granting approval, the department shall have reviewed and approved policies and procedures adopted by the governing boards of the public institutions of higher education with respect to bidding and construction of capital improvement projects.

(3) Nothing in this section shall prevent a public institution of higher education exempt under this subsection from entering into an agreement with the division to file its contracts with the division.

(c)(1) All contracts for new improvements or major repairs or additions to existing buildings and facilities under this subchapter shall include a project disclosure statement prepared by the agency, board, commission, or public institution of higher education.

(2) The disclosure statement shall provide the estimated timeline, scope, and cost of the total project.

(3) The disclosure statement shall not be construed as authorizing any:

(A) Additional work which is beyond the scope of the bid documents; or

(B) Payment exceeding the contract amount.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any agency, board, commission, or public institution of higher education from executing contract amendments.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 22; 1977, No. 813, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-348; Acts 1997, No. 294, 1; 2001, No. 214, 1; 2001, No. 961, 3; 2005, No. 2186, 1; 2009, No. 193, 1, 2; 2015 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 7, 10; 2015 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 8, 10.

19-4-1403. Agencies exempted.

The provisions of this subchapter shall not be applicable to the State Highway Commission and the Arkansas Department of Transportation.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 22; 1977, No. 813, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-348; *2017, No. 707, 47.*

19-4-1404. Forces employed.

(a) Whenever any agency of the state shall determine to construct any buildings and facilities or to make any repairs or additions to existing buildings and facilities and there are funds available for these purposes, then the agency shall have the authority to undertake any such project by the employment and use of its own forces, or by contract, or in part by its own forces and in part by contract, all as in its opinion shall be in the best interest of the state. For this purpose, the agency may employ architects.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any city, town, county, or school district within this state.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 22; A.S.A. 1947, 13-348.

19-4-1405. Bidding procedure.

(a)(1)(A) After a state agency has caused the preparation and has approved plans and specifications, it shall then proceed to advertise for bids for the contemplated work by the publication of notice one (1) time each week for not less than two (2) consecutive weeks for projects over the amount of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000), and shall proceed to advertise for bids one (1) time each week for not less than one (1) week for projects more than the quote bid and less than or equal to fifty thousand dollars ($50,000).

(B)(i) This notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the proposed improvements are to be made or in a trade journal reaching the construction industry.

(ii) The last insertion shall be not less than one (1) week prior to the date on which the bids are to be received.

(2) The notice shall:

(A) Provide for the receipt of sealed bids;

(B) Set forth the time and place in which the bids will be received;

(C) Specify from whom copies of the plans and specifications and a draft of the proposed contract may be obtained for examination;

(D) Contain the amount of the bid security; and

(E) Contain such other information and requirements as, in the opinion of the state agency, may be necessary or desirable.

(b)(1) On the date and time fixed in the notice, the state agency shall open, tabulate, and compare bids, and award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

(2) However, the state agency shall have the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities.

(c)(1) The successful bidder shall be required to furnish bonds to the State of Arkansas, with corporate guaranty or indemnity sureties on the bonds.

(2)(A) The bonds shall be both for the completion of the construction free of all liens and encumbrances, in an amount fixed by the Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration, and for the protection of the state agency and its members against all liability for injury to persons or damage to, or loss of, property arising, or claimed to have arisen, in the course of the work project, within limits fixed by the authority.

(B) However, for projects undertaken by public institutions of higher education, the bonds shall be in an amount and within limits fixed by the governing board of the public institution of higher education.

(d)(1)(A) Every bid submitted on state agency construction contracts for projects over the amount of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) shall be void unless accompanied by a cashier's check drawn upon a bank or trust company doing business in this state or by a corporate bid bond and the agent's power of attorney as his or her authority.

(B) No bid security shall be required for projects under or equal to the amount of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000).

(2) The bid security shall indemnify the public against failure of the contractor to execute and deliver the contract and necessary bonds for faithful performance of the contract.

(3) The bid security shall provide that the contractor or surety must pay the damage, loss, cost, and expense subject to the amount of the bid security directly arising out of the contractor's default in failing to execute and deliver the contract and bonds.

(4) Liability under this bid security shall be limited to five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid.

(e)(1)(A) When it is obvious from examination of the bid document that it was the intent of a bidder to submit a responsive bid and because of a scrivener's error, the bid, if accepted, would create a serious financial loss to the bidder, the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration may relieve the bidder from responsibility under his or her bond and may reject the bid.

(B) However, for projects undertaken by public institutions of higher education exempt from review and approval of the authority, the chief executive officer of the public institution of higher education or his or her designee may relieve the bidder from responsibility under his or her bond and may reject his or her bid in the same manner and within the same period as allowed by the authority.

(2) As used in this section, scrivener's error means:

(A) An error in the calculation of a bid which can be documented by clear and convincing written evidence and which can be clearly shown by objective evidence drawn from inspection of the original work papers, documents, or materials used in the preparation of the bid sought to be withdrawn; and

(B) In the case of a bid sought to be withdrawn, the bid was submitted in good faith and the mistake was due to a calculation or clerical error, an inadvertent omission, or a typographical error as opposed to an error in judgment.

(3)(A) To receive relief under subdivision (e)(1) of this section, the bidder must serve written notice to the director or to the chief executive officer or his or her designee of a public institution of higher education exempt from review and approval of the authority any time after the bid opening, but no later than seventy-two (72) hours after receiving the intent to award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

(B) Failure to make a withdrawal request within seventy-two (72) hours shall constitute a waiver by the bidder of the bidder's right to claim that the mistake in his or her bid was a scrivener's error.

(4) In the event the director or the chief executive officer or his or her designee of a public institution of higher education exempt from review and approval of the authority has relieved the bidder from responsibility under his or her bond, action on the remaining bids should be considered as though the withdrawn bid had not been received.

(f)(1) A state agency shall not require in plans or specifications that a bidder or supplier:

(A) Hold membership in any professional or industry associations, societies, trade groups, or similar organizations;

(B) Possess certification from any professional or industry associations, societies, trade groups, or similar organizations as steel building fabricators; or

(C) Be endorsed by any professional or industry associations, societies, trade groups, or similar organizations.

(2) However, plans and specifications may include or reference standards adopted by professional or industry associations, societies, trade groups, or similar organizations.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 22; 1985, No. 365, 11; A.S.A. 1947, 13-348; Acts 1987, No. 758, 1; 1995, No. 1319, 1; 1997, No. 1193, 2; 1999, No. 219, 2; 2001, No. 214, 2, 3; 2001, No. 961, 4, 5; 2003, No. 364, 4, 19; 2005, No. 859, 1; 2009, No. 193, 3, 4.

19-4-1406. [Repealed.]

19-4-1407. Method of financing.

(a) Before any state agency shall enter into any contract of employment with an architect or take any other affirmative action toward the construction or financing of any project as provided in this subchapter, it shall submit to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, in writing, a summary statement setting forth:

(1) A general description of the proposed project;

(2) Its estimated overall costs; and

(3) The method it proposes to use to finance its cost, which is to be a method of financing that must be approved by the Governor.

(b) After examining the method of financing and making such investigation as he or she shall deem necessary or advisable, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall notify the agency, in writing, of his or her and the Governor's approval or disapproval of the method of financing the project. In the event of disapproval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Governor, the agency may submit an alternate plan of financing the project. In any event, no affirmative action shall be taken by the agency unless and until a method of financing shall be approved by the Governor and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have no authority to pass upon the need for any such construction, such authority being vested solely in the agency.

(c) The method of financing as required by this subchapter shall include estimated dates for commencing and completing the project. After the contracts for the project have been awarded, then the method of financing shall be amended to include the estimated dates of completion in accordance with the awarded contracts.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 22; 1975, No. 985, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-348.

19-4-1408. Matching funds.

(a) In the event funds provided by the state for projects regulated in this subchapter are subject to matching provisions, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall require in the proposed method of financing that all of the funds or approved grants available for the proposed project, including state, federal, and agency funds, shall be considered in connection with preliminary planning and the awarding of contracts in connection with the project.

(b) In those instances where construction projects utilize funds other than those deposited in the State Treasury, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall prescribe the procedure for payments from all other funds made available to the agency.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 22; A.S.A. 1947, 13-348; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 41.

19-4-1409. Use of other funds.

(a) No state agency for which appropriations have been made by the General Assembly for construction and improvements shall make any contract or incur any indebtedness payable from those appropriations unless and until there are sufficient funds on hand or, in the case of federal grants, until the grant has received final approval from the granting federal agency for the benefit of the state agency to pay for the proposed obligations under the contracts. However, any agency shall have the power to accept and use grants and donations and to use its unobligated cash income and other funds available to it for the purpose of supplementing appropriations for construction purposes.

(b) The appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for personal services, maintenance, and general operation of the agency shall not be used in connection with any proposed construction projects for which specific appropriations have been made by the General Assembly.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 22; A.S.A. 1947, 13-348.

19-4-1410. Completion of contracts.

Upon completion of each contract awarded for the fulfillment of a project authorized by the General Assembly:

(1) The affected state agency shall notify the Department of Finance and Administration of the culmination of the contract;

(2) No further expenditures or obligations will be incurred; and

(3) The unexpended and unobligated funds shall be impounded.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 22; 1975, No. 985, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-348.

19-4-1411. Processing of payments.

(a)(1) When a contractor submits a properly prepared request for payment of work completed on state construction projects and the request for payment conforms with the provisions of the contract award and laws of the State of Arkansas, the following maximum time is allowed for the processing of the payment requests by the various parties involved, excluding time required for transmittal from one (1) party to another:

(A) A design professional five (5) working days;

(B) A state agency or institution of higher education exempt from review and approval by the Arkansas Building Authority five (5) working days, including preparation of a voucher and submission for payment; and

(C) The Department of Finance and Administration five (5) working days.

(2) Should payment be contested by any of the parties listed in this subsection, it shall be the responsibility of the parties contesting the payment, within the time specified for processing payment, to notify the contractor involved that payment has been contested and reasons therefor.

(3) Should any of the parties listed in this subsection fail to properly process uncontested requests for payments within the time limits specified following date of receipt, a penalty of eight percent (8%) per annum of the amount of the request for payment shall be assessed against the parties responsible for the delay.

(b)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish procedures for monitoring payments to contractors. When it has been determined that payment processing has exceeded the time limits established in this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause an investigation to be made for the purpose of determining the responsible parties and the amount of penalty to be paid.

(2) Penalties assessed for failure to comply with the provisions in this section shall be paid to the contractor by the parties responsible in accordance with procedures established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 22; 1977, No. 813, 3; 1979, No. 833, 9; A.S.A. 1947, 13-348; Acts 2001, No. 214, 4; 2001, No. 961, 6; 2003, No. 364, 6.

19-4-1412. Fund balances.

(a) If, after the expiration date of the second biennial period for which funds have been appropriated for the benefit of any specific capital improvement project, there remains a balance of funds or appropriations, then such fund balances as may remain in the General Improvement Fund for the benefit of the capital improvement project shall be reallocated for the benefit of proposed new or existing capital improvement projects of the various state agencies as may be enacted.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as to limit the authority of the General Assembly to appropriate funds for the benefit of any proposed new or existing capital improvement project of the various state agencies.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 22; 1977, No. 641, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-348.

19-4-1413. Projects constructed with private funds.

(a) In the event funds from private sources are provided to a public institution of higher education for projects which exceed five million dollars ($5,000,000) regulated in this subchapter sufficient to finance at least eighty percent (80%) of the estimated cost of the proposed project, excluding the cost of land, the provisions of this subchapter and of all other provisions of the Arkansas Code governing construction of public facilities, including, but not limited to, the provisions of 22-9-101 and 22-9-103 and 22-9-201 22-9-212 shall not be applicable to such projects, subject to the following:

(1)(A)(i) The governing board of the public institution of higher education shall have adopted a resolution and procedure setting forth the method by which the architect, engineer, construction manager, contractor, and major subcontractors are to be selected for the project.

(ii) The procedure shall include by appropriate public notice and solicitation the opportunity for qualified, licensed professionals to submit proposals and shall assure the design and completion of the project in an expeditious manner while adhering to high standards of design and construction quality.

(iii) Such procedures shall require a payment and performance bond in an amount determined by the governing board and shall provide for the manner in which the construction shall be managed and supervised.

(B) In selecting a contractor and other professionals for the projects, the governing board shall consider the experience of the person or firm in constructing similar projects, the record of the person or firm in timely completion of such projects, and other similar matters to assure that the person or firm will complete the project within the time and to the specifications set by the governing board;

(2)(A) Before the public institution of higher education shall enter into a contract with an architect, engineer, construction manager, or contractor for the design, construction, or financing of any project financed from private funds as provided in this section, it shall submit to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Legislative Council, in writing, a summary statement setting forth a general description of the proposed project, its estimated overall cost, and the method proposed to finance the cost, including a description of the sources and amount of private funds.

(B) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may forward a copy of this statement to the Arkansas Building Authority and the Governor for information; and

(3) To enable a public institution of higher education to qualify under this subsection, the private funds shall be paid to the public institution of higher education or to a fund or foundation for the benefit of the public institution of higher education, and such funds may be represented in whole or in part by a written pledge or commitment from a donor, provided that the public institution of higher education shall assure itself of the financial stability of such donor to fulfill the pledge or commitment.

(b) Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, the provisions of 19-4-1405(f), 22-9-301 et seq., 22-9-401 22-9-404, 22-9-501 et seq., 22-9-601 et seq., and 22-9-701 et seq. shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by this section.

History. Acts 1997, No. 961, 1; 2005, No. 859, 2.

19-4-1414. [Repealed.]

19-4-1415. Projects exceeding five million dollars.

(a) In the event funds from any sources are provided to state agencies for projects which exceed five million dollars ($5,000,000), excluding the cost of land, the provisions of this subchapter and all other provisions of the Arkansas Code governing construction of public facilities, including, but not limited to, the provisions of 22-9-201 et seq. at the election of state

agencies or the institutions of higher education set forth in subdivision (b)(5) of this section shall not be applicable to the projects if the selection and contracting process set forth in this section is followed.

(b)(1) No contract for projects between the state agency and the construction manager, general contractor, architect, or engineer shall be entered into without first obtaining approval of the Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration and review by the Legislative Council.

(2) The division shall have involvement in the selection and contract process from the project inception.

(3) There shall be separate contracts for design and construction services.

(4) The division shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to the process for awarding and overseeing the contracts.

(5) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas and the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University shall be exempt from review and approval by the division and any regulations promulgated by it, provided that the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas and the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University have adopted policies and procedures involving the awarding and oversight of the contracts for design and construction services.

(6) All procedures pertaining to the contracts shall provide, to the extent practicable, substantial uniformity between these institutions with respect to the policies and procedures to be followed.

(c)(1) For all projects contemplated or contracted for, the division shall:

(A) Review and approve the advertisement as stated in subsection (d) of this section, the scope of work, the site selection, funding review, and, to the extent available, all project drawings, plans, and specifications prior to any solicitation of proposals for the project;

(B) Conduct on-site observations of the construction project on a regular basis and maintain project records; and

(C)(i) Review and approve all contract amendments.

(ii) State agencies shall submit a summary of all contract amendments to the Legislative Council.

(2)(A) The institutions of higher education stated in subdivision (b)(5) of this section shall perform all duties and responsibilities stated in subdivision (c)(1) of this section under policies and procedures adopted by their governing boards.

(B) They shall submit a summary of all contract amendments to the Legislative Council.

(d)(1) The selection procedures for the construction manager, general contractor, architect, or engineer shall provide for solicitation for qualified, licensed professionals to submit proposals.

(2) The procedures shall assure the design and completion of the project in an expeditious manner while adhering to high standards of design and construction quality.

(3) The state agency and each institution of higher education stated in subdivision (b)(5) of this section shall:

(A) Publish notice of its intention to receive written proposals three (3) consecutive days in a newspaper of statewide distribution;

(B) Allow a minimum of ten (10) working days for the professionals to send letters or resumes in response to newspaper advertisement; and

(C) Provide additional means of notification, if any, as the state agency or institution of higher education stated in subdivision (b)(5) of this section shall determine is appropriate.

(e)(1)(A) A preselection committee, which shall be composed of no more than three (3) members from the state agency and two (2) members from the division, shall review the proposals.

(B) A preselection committee for institutions of higher education stated in subdivision (b)(5) of this section shall consist of at least three (3) members as determined by each of the institutions, and the members may be from the division.

(C) The preselection committee shall select a maximum of five (5) applicants and schedule interviews.

(D) The state agency or an institution of higher education as stated in subdivision (b)(5) of this section shall notify the finalists of their status.

(2)(A) The final selection committee shall be composed of the three (3) members from the state agency on the preselection committee.

(B) The final interviews shall be held at the time and date as designated by the final selection committee.

(C) Representatives of the division may attend the final selection meeting, but shall not vote in the final selection process.

(D) The final selection committee for institutions of higher education stated in subdivision (b)(5) of this section shall consist of at least three (3) members as determined by each of the institutions.

(E) Members of a preselection committee may also serve as members of the final selection committee of the institutions.

(F) In selecting a general contractor, construction manager, architect, or engineer, the state agency or institution of higher education as stated in subdivision (b)(5) of this section shall consider its established criteria which shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(i) The experience of the professional or professionals in similar projects;

(ii) The record of the professional or professionals in timely completion of the projects with high quality workmanship; and

(iii) Other similar matters to determine that the professional or professionals will complete the project within the time and budget and to the specifications set by the state agency or institution of higher education as stated in subdivision (b)(5) of this section.

(3)(A) The final selection committee shall select or make a formal recommendation to its governing body of the professional or professionals which it determines to be in the best interest of the state.

(B) Contracts for architectural, engineering, and land surveying professional consultant services shall be negotiated on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications for the type of services required and at fair and reasonable prices without the use of competitive bidding, and no rule or regulation shall inhibit the agency's authority to negotiate fees for the services.

(C) The final selection committee for the institutions of higher education as stated in subdivision (b)(5) of this section shall make a recommendation to its governing board or appropriate committee thereof of the professional or professionals which it determines to be in the best interest of the institution, and the governing board shall make the final decision and authorize the contract or contracts to be negotiated and awarded, unless it has delegated the action to a committee of the board.

(f)(1) Construction contracts for the projects shall not be entered into without a payment and performance bond in the amount of the contract and any amendments thereto and shall provide for the manner in which the construction shall be managed and supervised.

(2) All project architects and engineers shall be properly licensed in accordance with the Arkansas State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers and the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors.

(3) The construction manager or general contractor shall be properly licensed by the Contractors Licensing Board.

(4)(A) All subcontractors on the project shall be properly licensed by the Contractors Licensing Board.

(B) Any person who is not considered a contractor under 17-25-101 et seq. may continue to perform subcontracting work under the provisions of this subchapter.

(g)(1) To enable a state agency or an institution of higher education as stated in subdivision (b)(5) of this section to qualify under this section, the funds shall be paid to or for the benefit of the state agency or institution of higher education, or to a fund or foundation for the benefit of the state agency or institution of higher education.

(2) The funds may be represented in whole or in part by a written pledge or commitment from a donor, provided that the state agency or institution of higher education shall assure itself of the financial stability of the donor to fulfill the pledge or commitment.

(h) All projects constructed pursuant to this section, to the extent applicable, shall be in accordance and compliance with:

(1) Section 17-38-101 et seq., regulating plumbers;

(2) Section 17-33-101 et seq., regulating the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration industry;

(3) The Fire Prevention Act, 12-13-101 et seq.;

(4) Section 12-80-101 et seq., regarding earthquake resistant design for public structures;

(5) Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, 28 C.F.R. Part 36, Appx. A, adopted by the authority; and

(6)(A) The minimum standards of the division and criteria pertaining to projects constructed under this section.

(B)(i) However, institutions of higher education as stated in subdivision (b)(5) of this section shall be exempt from these standards and criteria, provided that the institutions shall have adopted policies and procedures involving the awarding and oversight of contracts for projects under this section.

(ii) It is the intention of this section that all procedures adopted by these institutions pertaining to the contracts shall provide, to the extent practicable, substantial uniformity between these institutions with respect to the policies and procedures to be followed.

(iii) Notwithstanding anything in this subsection to the contrary, the provisions of 19-4-1405(f), 19-4-1413, 19-11-801, 22-9-101, 22-9-103, 22-9-104, 22-9-212, 22-9-213, 22-9-301 et seq., 22-9-401 et seq., 22-9-501 et seq., 22-9-601 et seq., and 22-9-701 et seq. shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by this section.

History. Acts 2001, No. 1626, 1; 2003, No. 364, 7; 2003, No. 1315, 2; 2005, No. 859, 3; 2009, No. 193, 5; 2009, No. 605, 18; 2009, No. 606, 18; 2009, No. 1405, 26; 2015, No. 218, 17; 2015 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 7, 11-13; 2015 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 8, 11-13.

R1-19-4-1415 Procedures for Approval of Design Professionals

Authority and General Requirements

The Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA-DBA) maintains oversight in the selection process of design professionals for capital improvement projects. Issues regarding design professionals under DFA-DBA's jurisdiction should be directed to the DBA State Architect or the DBA State Engineer within the DBA Design Review Section.

All contracts for design professional services (architectural, engineering, land surveyors, interior design, landscape architects, specialized building related consultants and environmental consultants) must first be submitted to DFA-DBA for recommendation and approval. The contract shall then be forwarded to Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Procurement (DFA-OP).

Contracts under the jurisdiction of DFA-DBA shall not be sent directly to DFA-OSP. Agencies not under DBA jurisdiction shall seek approval in accordance within their own internal policies and then forward the contract to DFA-OP.

State Agency Defined

A state agency is defined under the authority of DFA-DBA as any board or commission, agency, department, institution of higher education including colleges, universities, and vocational-technical schools or other State institutions. However, "state agency" shall not include any county, municipality, school district, subdivision, or unit thereof of the State of Arkansas, nor shall the term "State agency" mean or include the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, the State Highway Commission, or the lands, buildings or structures acquired as investment assets of Arkansas Teachers Retirement System. (ACA §22-2-102(5), 22-2-103(a))

Special Provisions

While the boards of trustees of the University of Arkansas, Arkansas State University, University of Central Arkansas, Henderson State University, Arkansas Tech University, and Southern Arkansas University, respectively, are exempt from review, consultation, assistance, advice and approval by DFA-DBA for capital improvements, they remain subject to applicable laws governing public works including ACA §22-9-101 through 22-9-702 and ACA §19-4-1401 through 19-4-1415. Upon approval of the Department of Higher Education, the governing boards of all other public institutions of higher education shall be exempt from review and approval by DFA-DBA for design professionals provided that prior to granting such approval the department shall have reviewed and approved policies and procedures adopted by the governing board with respect to bidding and construction of capital improvement projects. While these entities may be exempt from DFA-DBA's jurisdiction, the applicable laws on public works and capital improvements shall be adhered to with respect to the design professional. The DFA-DBA may enter into an agreement with any of the above exempt institutions to provide reviews and approval of all capital improvements. Once an entity enters into an agreement with the DFA-DBA, the mandates under the Minimum Standards and Criteria (MSC) become applicable to the institution's project.

DBA Regulations

State agencies under DBA jurisdiction must adhere to the DFA – Division of Building Authority Minimum Standards and Criteria (MSC), which can be found at http://dba.arkansas.gov/. The regulations pertaining to the selection of design professionals, fee schedules and other issues can be found in Section Two – Design Review. Exception: Entities utilizing alternative delivery methods shall follow the selection and contract award process as stated in ACA §19-4-1415.

Code Provisions

ACA §22-9-101 and §22-2-113 set forth when registered design professionals should be utilized for state capital improvement projects.

Payments

Capital improvement payments are processed through the State of Arkansas' accounting system. Agencies are solely responsible for making timely payments pursuant to their professional services agreement.

PLEASE NOTE: *Details of Construction (bidding/contract awards/project observations), Design Services (architectural/engineering/other consultants), Real Estate Services (leasing/sale & purchase of property), etc. may be viewed on the DFA – Division of Building Authority Web site at: http://dba.arkansas.gov/*

19-4-1416. Job order contracting.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) Job order contracting means the acquisition of contracting services using a selection method that requires contractors to submit qualifications and prices based on wage rates inclusive of fringes and burden, plus a pricing matrix for markups on materials and subcontractors; and

(2)(A) On-call contracting means the ability of the state agency or institution of higher education to continue to call upon the successful bidder to conduct additional construction services as required by the state agency or institution of higher education.

(B) The contractor shall be required to bid all subcontractor work and the state agency or the institution of higher education shall receive and open the bids with the contractor present at bid opening date.

(b) The state agency or the institution of higher education may supply all materials for the work with no additional markup if the materials may be purchased off state contracts at a lesser price than the contractor would be able to procure.

(c)(1)(A) After a state agency or institution of higher education has prepared appropriate scope documents and achieved appropriate reviews, it shall advertise for bids and award and file contracts for the contemplated work as identified in 19-4-1401 19-4-1405.

(B) Additional work may be awarded based upon the initial bid within the fiscal year.

(2)(A) The bidder may not submit a multiplier representing estimated cost inflation as part of the formal bid process.

(B) The bid will represent the fixed price amount for the fiscal year.

(3) The most qualified bidder offering the best value for the state agency or the institution of higher education shall be selected to perform the construction services identified in the construction specifications.

(d)(1) Job order contracting bid awards:

(A) Shall not extend beyond one (1) fiscal year; and

(B) Shall not exceed:

(i) Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($750,000) per construction job for the first year of the contract for state agencies and institutions of higher education with education and general appropriations beginning in the 2009 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter equal or exceeding ten million dollars ($10,000,000); and

(ii) One hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) per construction job for state agencies or institutions of higher education with education and general appropriations beginning in the 2009 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter of less than ten million dollars ($10,000,000).

(2) However, reasonable extensions may be granted at the beginning of each new fiscal year not to exceed a total of four (4) years, if:

(A) The price remains mutually agreeable to the state agency or the institution of higher education and the contractor; and

(B) The quality of the work is satisfactory to the state agency or the institution of higher education.

(3) On or before the four-year threshold, the state agency or the institution of higher education shall bid the construction service to assure competitive opportunities and lowest cost circumstances.

(e)(1) Executed counterparts of a contract entered into by a state agency with respect to job order projects shall be approved by and filed with the Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration before the issuance of any vouchers making payments under the contract.

(2)(A) The boards of trustees of the University of Arkansas, Arkansas State University, University of Central Arkansas, Henderson State University, Arkansas Tech University, and Southern Arkansas University are exempt from the requirements of this section regarding the approval and filing of the contracts with the authority.

(B)(i) With the exception of those boards of trustees listed in subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this section, the governing board of a public institution of higher education is exempt from filing the contracts with the authority if it receives the approval of the Department of Higher Education.

(ii) Before granting approval, the department shall review and approve the policies and procedures regarding bidding and construction of capital improvement projects as adopted by the governing board of the public institution of higher education.

(3) A public institution of higher education that is exempt under this section may enter into an agreement with the authority to file its contracts with the authority.

History. Acts 2003, No. 1476, 1; 2009, No. 193, 6; 2009, No. 206, 1; 2013, No. 526, 1.

PLEASE NOTE: Also refer to R1-19-4-524.

SUBCHAPTER 15 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

19-4-1501. Uniform system of perpetual inventory.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall prescribe and establish a uniform system of perpetual inventory for property and equipment with a central control being established and maintained in the department. In connection therewith, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall:

(1) Prescribe the procedure of accounting and reporting for the sale, trade-in, exchange, discarding, junking, or other disposal of property and equipment and the system for receiving credit for lost, stolen, or damaged property and equipment. All state agencies shall be required to report promptly, upon forms approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, all such property or equipment disposed of, lost, or damaged;

(2) Require that the addition and disposition of all new property or equipment added, including purchase, trade-in, exchange, or transfer, or by constructing or making such property or equipment, shall be promptly reported upon such forms and in such detail as shall be required; and

(3) By regulation, distinguish between items of equipment, and consumable supplies or goods, and such minor tools, materials, and parts as shall be deemed by him or her to be expendable within a reasonable period of time. He or she may also prescribe that minor equipment costing less than some minimum amount shall not be included in the perpetual inventory.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 26; A.S.A. 1947, 13-352; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 42.

19-4-1502. Duty to keep record.

It shall be the responsibility of the executive head of each state agency to keep and maintain a record of all property of the agency, belonging to the State of Arkansas. The executive head of each agency shall be held accountable for all state property under his or her control and shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining a record of all the property.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 26; A.S.A. 1947, 13-352.

19-4-1503. Transfer or sale.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, in order to expedite the necessary work of any state agency or to eliminate duplication and promote economy and efficiency, may do the following:

(1) Transfer property and equipment, including furniture, fixtures, and any and all kinds of office equipment and supplies from one (1) agency to another if the property or equipment of the agency from which the transfer is made is not needed by the agency at the time of the transfer; or

(2) Sell surplus property and equipment of any agency at a reasonable fair value thereof as authorized by 25-8-106.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 26; A.S.A. 1947, 13-352.

R1-19-4-1503 Property Management Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the executive head of every state agency, board or commission regardless of whether they participate in AASIS to maintain a record of all property of the agency belonging to the State of Arkansas.

All new acquisitions shall be promptly added to the detail of capital assets and all items transferred, lost, stolen, destroyed or sold must be promptly removed from the detail of capital assets. General information and guidance on capital assets is located in the Capital Asset Guidelines, P1-19-4-1503.

Also included in the appendix are asset category definitions, capitalization/tracking thresholds, depreciation methodologies and examples of expenditures for each class of assets. All user agencies and service bureau agencies shall record their capital assets on AASIS based on established tracking and capitalization thresholds located in the Capital Asset Guidelines. Detailed instructions on adding or removing capital assets are located under Asset Management on the AASIS web site at http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/informationServices/aasis/Training/Pages/default.aspx. Reporting agencies shall record their capital assets on their books of record based on established tracking and capitalization thresholds located in the Capital Asset Guidelines (P1-19-4-1503).

Capital Assets Defined

Capital assets include: land, land improvements, buildings, building improvements, leasehold improvements, construction in progress, equipment, infrastructure, easements, works of art, historical treasures and any other tangible or intangible assets used in operations with an initial useful life in excess of one year.

PLEASE NOTE: *Capital assets may include leased assets. For guidance on the potential capitalization of leased assets, see R1-19-11-238 for guidelines on leases of tangible personal property (equipment) and R1-22-2-114 for guidelines on leases of office space, buildings, structures, parking lots and grounds.*

Capital assets purchased should be recorded and reported at their historical costs, which include the vendor's invoice, sales tax, initial installation cost, modification cost, attachments, accessories or apparatus necessary to make the asset usable and render it in service. Historical costs also include ancillary charges such as freight and transportation charges, site preparation costs and professional fees. Capital assets donated should be recorded at fair market value at the time of donation.

PLEASE NOTE: *The book value of assets shall never be increased to reflect appraised value, insurance value, etc.*

Low Value Items

Although capital assets costing less than the capitalization/tracking threshold as detailed in the Capital Asset Guidelines Appendix are not considered capital assets for financial statement

reporting purposes, the executive head of each state institution, department, board, commission or other state agency is not in any way relieved of the duty to account for all state property under his/her control regardless of the dollar value.

Assets valued from $500 - $2,499.99 will be considered Low Value High Risk Equipment while assets valued from $2,500 - $4,999.99 will be considered Low Value Equipment. Assets that are easily susceptible to pilferage shall be included in either the Low Value Equipment category or Low Value High Risk Equipment category depending on their value. If an agency has a specialized inventory system that provides more functionality for their business processes than the AASIS fixed asset module for those assets under $2,500 that are easily pilferable, they may use their system for tracking these items instead of AASIS. These items could include laptop computers, guns, camera equipment, video equipment, tools, cell phones, handheld radios, binoculars and any other items that are easily susceptible to theft or loss.

Items costing less than $2,500 individually that are part of or used with a group or set such as kitchen utensils, groups of chairs, hospital linens should be capitalized in groups or sets at total cost as Low Value Collective items. A listing of the contents of the aforementioned sets or groups should be maintained by the agency for internal control and audit purposes.

Donated Items

A donation is defined as a voluntary non-exchange transaction entered into willingly by two or more parties. Both parties may be governments, or one party may be a non-governmental entity, including an individual. Equipment donated to state agencies shall become property of the State and shall be accounted for and disposed of according to the procedures set forth for property of the State.

Donors may set restrictions on the use and disposition of property donated. In such instances the donor's guidelines shall be followed. Adequate records must be maintained to demonstrate the guidelines were followed.

All donated equipment shall be valued and placed on the agency's capital asset records at the fair market value of the donated property at the time the donation is received. Donated items determined to have no value for its manufactured purpose shall be treated as consumable material, (i.e. donated items used for parts or training aids).

PLEASE NOTE: *A voluntary contribution of resources between state agencies is not a donation and should be accounted for as a transfer.*

Federal Surplus Property Donees

The Federal Surplus Property (FSP) is administered by the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management. Generally, property received from FSP must be put into use within twelve months from the date acquired and used for eighteen months from the date the property is put into service. After the eighteen months, ownership of the property passes on to the entity. The property must be entered on the entity's inventory and primarily used in Arkansas. At the time the asset is received, if the asset meets the capitalization requirements of the State, the fair market value of the asset should be debited and deferred revenue should be credited in the fund

financial statements of an enterprise fund and in the government-wide financial statements for a governmental fund. At the end of the eighteen-month period, the revenue should be recognized. Consumable items would be recorded like other consumable donations.
PLEASE NOTE: *Items that are to be held in trust for the federal government (ownership will never be transferred to the State) are not handled in the above manner. They should be handled as described in the following subsection, "Loaned Assets".*

Confiscated Assets
Although not voluntary, confiscated assets awarded to an agency by judicial decision are accounted for in the same manner as donations.

Loaned Assets
Loaned assets are assets that are possessed but not owned by an agency. The agency may have fiduciary or administrative responsibility for such assets, but the agency only has temporary control of the asset and does not hold the asset's title or other ownership responsibility. These assets include, but are not limited to, art collections owned by families, estates or others, as well as equipment on loan from the federal government. Such assets shall not be included in the agency's capital asset records.

Other adequate supplemental records must be maintained by the agency on assets loaned (not donated) to the agency. The records must include an acquisition date, an adequate description of the property, location, if feasible, serial number, if applicable, the entity that owns the asset. Such information may be required to be reported to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting-Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Section-(DFA-OA-CAFR Section) in the Year-End Disclosure Package.
The assets shall be subject to all other property procedures of the agency including, but not limited to, inventory and lost/stolen procedures.

State Owned Motor Vehicles
Motor vehicles shall be recorded and maintained in the capital asset records of the State Financial Management System. Refer to R1-19-4-903 and the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Administrative Services web site http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/administrativeServices/Pages/VehicleFleet.aspx for additional information on motor vehicles.

Capital Asset Additions
All additions are to be promptly added to the agency's detail of assets in the State Financial Management System. In the event that assets, which should have been added, are not included on AASIS prior to the end of the fiscal year, the agency shall remit a complete "Create Asset Master Record" Form located at http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/Pages/Forms.aspx to the DFA-OA-CAFR Section for each capital asset to be added to AASIS. The DFA-OA-CAFR Section will complete the necessary transactions to add the asset to the agency's capital asset records.

Depreciation

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles require capital assets to be reported and depreciated over their estimated useful life in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets that are inexhaustible are not depreciated.

The purpose of depreciation is to spread the cost of the asset over the asset's economic life. The straight-line depreciation method will be used to calculate depreciation. Depreciation data will be calculated and stored by AASIS for each eligible asset of user agencies and service bureau agencies. Reporting agencies shall have a GASB 34 compliant fixed asset system to record fixed assets and calculate depreciation data. Accumulated depreciation shall be summarized and posted to the accounting general ledger of the State Financial Management System.

Each state agency, board or commission shall utilize the estimated useful lives outlined in the useful life appendix P2-19-4-1503. Additionally, each agency shall annually evaluate the estimated useful lives assigned to their assets to ensure depreciation is spreading the cost of the asset over the asset's economic life. If the current estimated useful life varies more than one year from the estimated useful life assigned to the asset, the agency shall request approval from DFA-OA to change the estimated useful life. Upon approval the estimated useful life of the asset will be changed, and the related accumulated depreciation and depreciation expense will be adjusted on a prospective basis.

Equipment Transfers - Inter-Agency

The transfer of equipment accountability from one agency to another agency shall be approved by the DFA Director prior to the transfer. (ACA 19-4-1503)

- *If the transfer involves the transfer of funds, the agency wishing to transfer the asset shall complete the sending agency section of the Asset Transfer Request form and have the agency CFO or designee sign and send the form to the receiving agency.*
- *The receiving agency shall complete the receiving agency section of the Asset Transfer Request form and have the agency CFO or designee sign.*
- *Once both the sending and receiving agency portions of the form have been completed, the receiving agency will submit the form to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of State Procurement-Marketing and Redistribution (DFA-OSP-M&R).*
- *Upon receipt of the Asset Transfer Request form, DFA-OSP-M&R will review and either approve or deny the request.*
  - *If the request is denied, the form will be returned to both the receiving and sending agencies with an explanation.*
  - *If approved, DFA-OSP-M&R will sign the Asset Transfer Request form and notate their fee.*
    - *If the asset transfer involves a commercial bank account for either the sending or receiving agency, DFA-OSP-M&R will bill the receiving agency for the total cost of the asset. After receipt of the money, DFA-OSP-M&R will issue a check to the sending agency for the amount of the asset less their fee.*
- *DFA-OSP-M&R will then forward the Asset Transfer Request form to the Department of Finance and Administration–Office of Accounting–CAFR Section (DFA-OA-CAFR) .*
- *DFA-OA-CAFR will complete the transfer of the asset in the State's Accounting System.*

- *If the asset transfer involves Treasury funds only, DFA-OA-CAFR will then send the Asset Transfer Request form to the Department of Finance and Administration–Office of Accounting–Funds Section (DFA-OA-Funds).*
- *DFA-OA-Funds will then complete the fund transfer between the receiving and sending agencies and transfer the fee to DFA-OSP-M&R.*
- *DFA-OA-Funds will then forward the completed Asset Transfer Request form to the sending agency, receiving agency, and DFA-OSP-M&R as documentation of the completed transfer.*

PLEASE NOTE: *If the transfer does not include the transfer of funds, a transfer request including an acknowledgement from the receiving agency, board, commission or institution shall be submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting-CAFR Section as the DFA Director's designee for approval. Upon receipt of an approved transfer request, the agency receiving the asset may transfer the asset value to their capital asset records and, if a reporting agency, the agency transferring the asset may remove the asset from their capital asset records.*

P2-19-4-1503 Asset Transfer Request Form

A copy of the Asset Transfer Request Form can be found at:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/Documents/AssetTransferChangeRE.pdf

Removal of Equipment
Upon determination by the owning agency that property is no longer usable in its original state or no longer needed, Department of Finance and Administration-Office of State Procurement-Marketing and Redistribution Section (DFA-OSP-M&R) should be contacted for proper disposition (disposal, cannibalization or sale). See additional instructions in R1-19-11-243 Marketing and Redistribution.

Assets may be impaired but continue to be in service. Any capital asset that has a permanent reduction in service utility should be adjusted accordingly. If an impairment (physical damage, technological developments that reduce the use of an asset, changes in environmental factors that reduce production or abandonment of a project) occurs, the agency should certify in writing to DFA-OA-CAFR Section the date the impairment occurred, the percentage or dollar amount of the impairment and what caused the asset to be impaired. The DFA-OA-CAFR Section will assist the agency in making the journal entries necessary to properly account for the impairment.

Lost/Stolen Personal Property
When an agency is unable to locate personal property contained on its capital asset records, the following possibilities must be considered:

1. *The property was turned in to the proper disposal agency and the property records were not correctly posted.*
2. *The location of the property on the records is wrong, or it was relocated and the new location was not recorded on the records.*
3. *The property has been lost.*
4. *A theft has occurred.*

When property on record cannot be located, the executive head of the agency should immediately appoint an individual with supervisory or managerial responsibility to investigate the case and present the facts. A memorandum from the executive head of the agency should be written to the appointed individual notifying the individual of his/her investigative duties. The appointed individual should proceed in the following manner:

1. *Obtain the full identification of the missing property and last recorded location from the agency property records.*
2. *Check the last recorded location and adjacent areas. An interview should be conducted with all individuals assigned to the area where the missing property was last located according to the property records.*
3. *Conduct a search of property disposal and transfer documents to see if the property could have been turned in to Marketing and Redistribution or transferred to another agency.*
4. *Establish whether the property involved may have been temporarily loaned to other activities. If so, the activities identified should be searched in an attempt to locate the missing property.*
5. *If the above actions fail to locate the missing property, all areas occupied by the agency should be searched beginning with the activities most likely to have a use for the property.*
6. *If at any time during the investigation it is suspected that a theft has occurred, the matter should immediately be brought to the attention of the agency executive head. If after notification the agency executive head also suspects theft, the appropriate law enforcement official(s) should be contacted for investigation and further action as warranted.*
7. *If at any time during the investigation process the missing property is located, the proper location shall be recorded on the property records. At the conclusion of the investigation the appointed investigator shall submit a final investigation report outlining the circumstances surrounding the case and recommendations to the agency executive head for any action deemed necessary.*

If the agency executive head is satisfied that the missing property cannot be located after the investigation report, a "Credit for State Property" Form (P3-19-4-1503) along with copies of the investigation report and the police report in the case of stolen property shall be prepared and submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting, Administrator as the DFA Director's designee for approval. Upon receipt of an approved "Credit for State Property" Form, (P3-19-4-1503), the agency may remove the missing property from the capital asset records. This approval becomes part of the documentation to be used on the audit of the agency's property records by the Arkansas Legislative Audit. The agency executive head shall take any action he/she considers appropriate to prevent recurrence. (ACA 19-4-1501)

SUBCHAPTER 16 - SALARIES AND PAYROLL DISBURSEMENT

19-4-1601. Regular salary procedures and restrictions.

(a) This section shall be known as and may be cited as the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act.

(b) The Arkansas Constitution, Article 16, 4, provides that the General Assembly shall fix the salaries and fees of all officers in the state, that no greater salary or fee than that fixed by the law shall be paid to any officer, employee, or other person, or at any rate other than par value, and that the number and salaries of the clerks and employees of the different departments of the state shall be fixed by law. Therefore, the following provisions shall be applicable to all authorized regular salary positions in appropriation acts unless specific exception is made otherwise by law:

(1) For any position authorized by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas for the benefit of any agency or program for which the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, 21-5-201 et seq., are to be applicable, it is declared to be the intent of the General Assembly that the uniform act shall govern with respect to:

(A) The entrance pay level;

(B) The procedures by which salary increases may be granted; and

(C) The maximum pay level that may be paid for the grade assigned each employee under the provisions of these statutes;

(2) For any position authorized by the General Assembly for the benefit of any agency or program for which a maximum pay level is set out in dollars, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the position is to be paid at a rate of pay not to exceed the maximum established for the position during any one (1) fiscal year;

(3)(A) For all positions authorized by the General Assembly for any agency or program, it is the intent of the General Assembly that in determining the annual salaries of these employees, the administrative head of the agency or program shall take into consideration ability of the employee and length of service.

(B) It is not the intent of the General Assembly that the maximum pay level as authorized in the appropriation act, or any increases established for the various grades under the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, 21-5-201 et seq., be paid unless the qualifications are complied with and then only within the limitations of the appropriations and funds available for this purpose.

(C) No employee authorized by the General Assembly shall receive from appropriated or cash funds, either from state, federal, or other sources, compensation in an amount greater than that established by the General Assembly as the maximum pay level for the employee unless specific provisions are made therefor by law; and

(4) No employee of the State of Arkansas shall be paid any additional cash allowances, including, but not limited to, uniform allowance, clothing allowance, motor vehicle depreciation or replacement allowance, fixed transportation allowance, and meals and lodging allowance, other than for reimbursement for costs actually incurred by the employee unless the allowances are specifically set out by law as to eligibility of employees to receive allowance and the

maximum amount of the allowances are established by law for each employee or for each class of employee eligible to receive such allowances.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 23; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349; *Acts 2017, No. 365, 3*.

R1-19-4-1601 Payroll Responsibility and Authority

The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Personnel Management (DFA-OPM) has the overall responsibility for management of the State's payroll. (ACA §21-5-207) DFA-OPM-Payroll Section is responsible for executing payrolls, paying human resource vendors, reporting taxes and associated taxable income to federal and state tax authorities and providing technical assistance for agencies that use Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS).

User agencies are responsible for creating and updating financial, human resource and employee benefits master data for AASIS. DFA-OPM-Payroll Section is responsible for creating and updating human resource master data for AASIS service bureau agencies. A tutorial on payroll can be accessed at the following web site:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/informationServices/aasis/Pages/default.aspx

The DFA-OPM Policies and Procedures Manual can be accessed at:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/personnelManagement/policy/Pages/default.aspx

Bi-Weekly Pay Periods Not Within a Single Fiscal Year
In the event that a pay period for regular salaries and extra help commences in the closing period of one fiscal year and extends into the following year, and the pay period is bi-weekly, then the payment of such obligation may be made in whole from the appropriation for either fiscal year as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. However, both appropriation and funds must be available in the fiscal year against which the payroll is to be processed. (ACA §19-4-702)

R2-19-4-1601 Year-end Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Payroll expense incurred but unrecorded at year-end is termed "accrued payroll expense." Accrued payroll expense is a liability and expense that will need to be recorded at year-end during the closing process by each agency. Salary and retirement information will be provided to each agency by the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting at year end for verification. This information will provide the proper balance for the accrued payroll expense account. Each agency will be required to enter the journal entries to adjust this account as follows:

- *Debit 5010001100 NBR Personal Services (current year accrued salary expense)*
- *Debit 5010001600 NBR Employee Benefits(current year accrued retirement and payroll tax expense)*
- *Credit 2115006000 Accrued Salary & Benefits (to record the year-end accrual)*

R3-19-4-1601 Payments for Personal Services not Considered Payroll Items

Contract Labor

Occasionally, an agency will undertake special programs or be subjected to seasonal fluctuations that temporarily increase the workload beyond the capabilities of the agency's regular staff. Situations of this nature may necessitate the hiring of "contract labor" to be paid for out of the Operating Expenses line item of the agency's appropriation. Contract labor is not to be paid for out of regular salaries or extra help line items because the contract labor is employed by and paid by the contract labor service and not the user agency. The user agency will be billed for the services by the contract labor service. Labor of this type must be considered temporary and infrequently needed. Contract labor is paid from commitment item 02-Operating Expenses.

In order to prevent the circumvention or violation of the law or its intent, it has been determined that no agency subject to this act may employ contract labor for a period longer than six consecutive weeks or 240 hours per calendar quarter. If help is needed more often, the agency must request additional positions and employ full-time or extra help personnel to be paid in accordance with §ACA 21-5-101 and §ACA 21-5-209.

19-4-1602. Payroll deductions.

(a) Deductions from the payrolls of state employees, both regular and extra help, are authorized only for the following purposes:

(1) Withholding taxes;

(2) Social Security contributions;

(3) Contributions to any state retirement system or approved plan of deferred compensation;

(4)(A) Group or individual hospital, medical, and life insurance deductions.

(B) However, any payroll deductions through the Arkansas state mechanized payroll system for state employees for coverages other than the state-authorized plan shall be approved by the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board;

(5) Payments to state employees' credit unions;

(6) Value of maintenance perquisites;

(7) Payment of union dues, when requested in writing by state employees;

(8) Purchase of United States Government savings bonds;

(9) Arkansas State Employees Association dues, when requested in writing by those state employees;

(10) Fees for participation in the State Employees Benefit Corporation, when requested in writing by those state employees;

(11) Contributions to a major federated fund-raising organization, when authorized by those state employees;

(12) Arkansas State Police Association dues, when authorized in writing by those state employees;

(13) Fraternal Order of Police dues, when requested in writing by those state employees;

(14) Central Arkansas State Troopers Coalition dues, when authorized in writing by those state employees;

(15) Arkansas Rehabilitation Association dues, when authorized in writing by those state employees;

(16) Correctional Peace Officers Foundation dues, when authorized in writing by those state employees;

(17) Department of Correction Employees Association dues, when requested in writing by those employees;

(18) American Association of University Professors dues, when requested in writing by those employees;

(19) Arkansas Association of Correctional Employees Trust dues, when requested in writing by those employees;

(20) Department of Correction Bus Pool dues, when requested in writing by those employees;

(21)(A) Arkansas Tax-Deferred Tuition Savings Program under the Arkansas Tax-Deferred Tuition Savings Program Act, 6-84-101 et seq., or a tax-deferred savings program established by another state under 26 U.S.C. 529, as it existed on January 1, 2007.

(B) The tax-deferred savings plan must be in existence at the time the payroll deduction request is made.

(C) The state employee shall provide information on his or her Arkansas Tax-Deferred Tuition Savings Program account to the Department of Finance and Administration so that the payroll deduction can be credited to the appropriate account; and

(22) For such other purposes as are specifically authorized by law but not enumerated in this subsection.

(b) If a state employee authorizes in writing the payroll deduction of dues of any union or professional association representing the employee, the agency shall deduct the dues from the payroll of the employee and remit the dues to the organization.

(c) Deductions authorized by this section shall be made in compliance with rules, regulations, and procedures established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 23; 1975, No. 881, 1; 1981, No. 251, 1; 1983, No. 164, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349; Acts 1987, No. 18, 1; 1987, No. 646, 3; 1989, No. 506, 1; 1995, No. 1122, 1;

1997, No. 747, 1; 2001, No. 166, 1; 2003, No. 1795, 1; 2009, No. 368, 1; 2011, No. 702, 1; 2015, No. 1053, 1.

R1-19-4-1602 State Insurance Contribution Payments

Payments by agencies and institutions participating in benefits offered by DFA-Employee Benefits Division (DFA-EBD) shall be made payable to the DFA-EBD vendor set up for voluntary products for state insurance contribution payments (currently vendor number 9906100006 in AASIS). Invoices entered into AASIS with a payment method of "A" will be directly deposited into the State Employee Benefits Trust Fund Account by Automatic Clearing House transaction. Invoices with a payment method of "W" will produce a warrant, which should be delivered by hand or mailed to DFA-EBD. The payment will be processed and manually deposited in the State Employee Benefits Trust Fund Account. Payments not received by DFA-EBD by the due date will be subject to penalties and benefit termination.

Supportive Papers for State Contribution Payments
No supportive documents are normally required to be submitted with the state contribution payments; however, agencies that are paying a different amount for added extra help positions than the amount billed should submit a copy of the billing along with the changes/corrections to DFA-EBD. Any permanent budgeted position changes/corrections should be reported to the DFA-Office of Budget for future billings. It remains the agencies' responsibility to retain all appropriate supporting documentation in their files for audit purposes.

Agencies participating in the DFA-Employee Benefits Division health and life insurance plans are required to enroll and maintain records for eligible employees. Employee benefit master data shall be maintained as required by Employee Benefits Division for the purposes of eligibility and employer matching contributions.

R2-19-4-1602 Retirement Contributions

Agencies participating in the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) are required to monitor regular and extra help hours for all positions to comply with employer retirement matching contribution requirements and balance Arkansas Public Employee Retirement monthly reports. Agencies are required to submit employee contributions and employer matching payments within 10 calendar days after each payroll processing date. Agencies shall receive pre-printed remittance forms from APERS and will be provided additional forms as requested. Generic remittance forms may be found at http://www.apers.org/employers for emergency use. Complete the agency name, payroll cycle and agency number when using these generic forms. Reporting instructions are available at http://www.apers.org/employers.

R3-19-4-1602 Deferred Compensation Plans

Authority
Arkansas Annotated Code 21-5-504 states:

*"**(a)(1)** The state or a county, city, town, or other political subdivision may agree, by contract, with an employee to defer, in whole or in part, a portion of that employee's future compensation to a deferred compensation program.*

***(2)(A)** The participation of an employee in the automatic enrollment in a deferred compensation plan under 21-5-511 is a term of an employee's employment contract.*

***(B)** A separate contract is not required to be executed for an employee to be enrolled in a deferred compensation plan under 21-5-511.*

***(b)(1)** The administrator of the deferred compensation program may:*

***(A)** Contract for, purchase, or otherwise procure annuity contracts for the deferred compensation program; and*

***(B)** Through a trust or custodian, contract for, purchase, or otherwise procure fixed or variable life insurance contracts, mutual funds, pooled investment funds, or such other investment vehicles that comply with state and federal laws and which permit the deferral of compensation for income tax and retirement savings purposes.*

***(2)** If an annuity or life insurance contract is purchased, then it must be purchased from an insurance company licensed to contract business in this state, and any insurance agent selling such contracts must be licensed by this state."*

Purpose

The purpose of the Arkansas Diamond Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan"), formerly the State of Arkansas Deferred Compensation Plan, is to provide employees and independent contractors of the State of Arkansas and its political subdivisions with a convenient way to save on a regular long-term voluntary basis to provide supplemental income for their retirement. The Plan is intended to satisfy the requirements for an "eligible deferred compensation plan" under Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, established and maintained by and for the State of Arkansas, its political subdivisions and any agency or instrumentality of the State of Arkansas or its political subdivisions. All amounts of compensation deferred under the Plan and all income attributable thereto shall be held for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries and alternate payees.

In order to make deferral contributions to the Plan, an employee or independent contractor must enter into a deferral agreement, which shall become effective as soon as administratively feasible after the deferral agreement is entered into by the employee or independent contractor.

The operation and administration of the Plan shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director, Employee Benefits Division, Department of Finance and Administration of the State of Arkansas, or the person or persons designated by the Executive Director to act on his or her behalf.

The Executive Director shall, in his or her sole and complete discretion, determine both the financial organizations, which provide investment funds to the Plan, and each individual investment fund offered as an investment option under the Plan. Investment funds may include annuity contracts, fixed or variable life insurance contracts, mutual funds, pooled investment

funds or such other investment vehicles that comply with Arkansas and federal laws and which permit the deferral of compensation for income tax purposes when held in a custodial account for the Plan.

TERM DEFINITIONS

Employee *– Any employee who is employed by an Employer and is characterized as a common law employee under Arkansas law.*

Employer *– The State of Arkansas and any Participating Employer.*

Independent Contractor *– An individual who performs services for an Employer as an independent contractor.*

Participant *– An individual who is or who has previously deferred compensation under the Plan pursuant to a deferral agreement, and who has not received a distribution of all of his or her accounts under the Plan.*

Participating Employer *– Any political subdivision of the State and any agency or instrumentality of the State or a political subdivision of the State, the governing body of which has adopted the Plan by appropriate resolution or other legal action with the consent of the Executive Director, and in any case where a resolution or other legal action of such governing body is required by law to be approved by any other body or officer, with the written approval of such other body or officer.*

Plan Administrator *– Citistreet (Third Party Administrator)*

Plan Sponsor *– Employee Benefits Division*

Regulations

Regulations have been established as broad guidelines for state employees' eligibility to participate in the Arkansas Diamond Deferred Compensation Plan. The Employee Benefits Division (EBD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) has sponsorship oversight of this plan. As such, EBD may enter into a contract or contracts with Plan Administrators to conduct the daily work of The Plan and also hire a consultant as an advisor in these matters.

EBD shall require that the Plan Administrator obtain official permission from each employee participating in the "Plan" to authorize salary reduction and contributions into the "Plan" and that the Plan Administrator be responsible for compliance with the Plan Document (on file at EBD) and state and federal regulations.

Regarding the Employee's Opportunities to Participate in Plans:

All state employees (including physicians who receive state Medicaid funds) are to have equal opportunity to participate in any deferred compensation plan and any options or benefits related

to such plan as has been approved. Any employee hired after the "Plan" is effective is to be informed of the "Plan" at the onset of their employment.

EBD is responsible for seeing that a proper, unbiased, educational program is made available to eligible employees to inform them of the pertinent information relating to the "Plan" or plans in which they may participate. This educational program may take the form of an instructional seminar for all eligible employees, a direct mailing to all eligible employees or both. The seminar approach is recommended where practicable because it affords the employee the opportunity to ask questions and have direct contact with persons knowledgeable on the subject.

Regarding Control of Funds:
EBD acts as the Plan Sponsor to the Third Party vendor (Plan Administrator) that manages the funds allocable to any deferred compensation plan or plans in which state employees participate.

When a salary reduction agreement exists, the employee's Federal and State Income Tax withholding will be computed on the net salary after the amount of the salary reduction is applied. The salary reduction will be deducted each payroll from the employee's pay and paid to the third party vendor by the DFA-Office of Personnel Management-Payroll Systems. Records of such deductions are maintained on AASIS in the employee's payroll result table. AASIS also maintains a record of the third party payment to the vendor.

Payment of contributions for investment in the "Plan" investment options on behalf of participating employees will be made promptly, preferably by secure electronic fund transfer (EFT).

Complete records of salary payments, salary reduction amounts and investment elections will be maintained. Federal and State taxable wages are reported annually in boxes one (1) and sixteen (16) of Internal Revenue Service W-2 forms. The amount of salary reduction for a deferred compensation "Plan" is reported in box twelve (12).

The Plan Administrator is responsible for making prompt payment of any benefits to which the employee or former employee is entitled under the terms of the contract. The Plan Administrator shall maintain complete and accurate records of such payments.

Any benefits forfeited by any state, county, city, town or other political subdivision employee under a deferred compensation agreement shall become the property of the unit of government for which the employee worked and shall be considered general revenues. (The likelihood of this is small, as the "Plan" requires participants to name a beneficiary to receive the account balance in the event of the participant's death. If no beneficiary is on file, plan assets will become part of the deceased's estate.)

R4-19-4-1602 Workers' Compensation Premium Tax

The Workers' Compensation Premium Tax was established to provide funding for the Workers' Compensation Commission. Such tax is required to be paid by all insurance carriers, self insurers and public employers not obtaining Workers' Compensation Insurance from an

insurance carrier. On or before March 1st of each year the Workers' Compensation Commission shall certify the rate of taxation, not to exceed 3%, for the preceding year to the Insurance Commissioner. The Insurance Commissioner shall notify the Insurance Department-Public Employee Claims Division of the rate of the tax. (ACA §11-9-306 (a-d), ACA §11-9-306 (e) (3)) Also refer to ACA§11-9-303 for limit on tax.

The tax calculation is based upon the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Salaries for Calendar Year}}{\$100} \times \text{Statewide Average Compensation Rate as promulgated by the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCC)} \times \text{Tax Rate}$$

The salaries within the formula are all taxable wages and salaries for the employees of the public entity including any non-cash taxable wage such as clothing and housing allowances. The NCCI Average Compensation rate is determined from the published rate in effect on January 1 of the year the tax is based. (ACA §11-9-305 (a)(2)(B))

After the "Computation of the Worker's Compensation Premium Tax" Form, at http://www.awcc.state.ar.us/premium_tax/schedule_wc.pdf, is received from the Insurance Department-Public Employees Claims Division, the agency or institution shall prepare a warrant(s), check(s) or fund transfer as specified by the Insurance Department-Public Employees' Claims Division for remittance. Payments must be made in accordance with salary appropriations received.

The tax filing must be completed on the form received from the Insurance Department-Public Employees Claims Division according to the instructions provided. The form, including certifying signature with all warrants and/or checks, shall be submitted to the Insurance Department-Public Employee Claims Division, 1200 West Third Street, Suite 201, Little Rock, AR 72201-1904. The tax payment is due to the Insurance Department-Public Employees Claims Division annually on or before April 1st. Any questions regarding payment shall be addressed to the Insurance Department-Public Employee Claims Division. (ACA §11-9-306(f)

PLEASE NOTE: *Workers Compensation Premium Tax is based on the gross payroll and is considered an employment cost as a "Matching" payment. It is paid from Commitment Item 03 using AASIS GL account number 5010010000.*

An agency or institution's failure to pay the tax may result in decertification of the public employer from participation in the State Workers' Compensation Program which would require that agency or institution obtain workers' compensation coverage for its employees from the private insurance market for one full year. (ACA §11-9-305(b))

The Insurance Department-Public Employees Claims Division allocates the tax and remits the payments to the Workers' Compensation Commission on or before April 1st of each year. (ACA §11-9-306 (e)(3))

Year-End Reporting

Because the Workers' Compensation Premium Tax is paid on a calendar year basis and the State has a fiscal year, which differs from a calendar year, an estimate of the amount of premium tax to be paid for the period from January through June shall be recorded while completing fiscal year-end adjusting entries. The estimated tax due is calculated by the Workers' Compensation Commission-Administrative Services. The amount of each agency's estimate shall be communicated to the respective agency by the Workers' Compensation Commission-Administrative Services on or before July 20th.

As with all year-end accrual entries, the accrual entry should be entered with a FBS1 Enter Accrual/Deferral Document Transaction with a reversal date the first day of the following fiscal year (07/01/20XX). Although the previous year's accrual entry to record the estimated premium tax should have been reversed in the current year, the account should be reviewed to determine this occurred. If the previous year's entry has not been reversed, the previous year entry should be reversed in the current period. The current year estimate should be recorded in non-budget relevant accounts in period 13 in funds that correspond to salary appropriations (See additional information and instructions in R2-19-4-506). The amounts recorded for each fund shall also be detailed on the Intergovernmental Transactions (Igt's) – Receivables/Payables Form in the Year-End Disclosure Package. The journal entry should use the following accounts:

DR5010001100 NBR – Personal Service – Payroll
CR 2110004100 Inter-agency Due to Other Agency
To record accrued workers' compensation premium tax accrual.

19-4-1603. Procedures for position control.

(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish procedures for exercising position control applicable to those state agencies subject to the provisions of 21-5-201 et seq.

(b) Exercising position control shall be interpreted as follows:

(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall assign a position control number to each line-item position authorized for the applicable agencies;

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish reporting procedures so that agencies shall provide complete reports to the department on the use of all authorized positions; and

(3) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may restrict an agency's use of authorized positions only after finding that the agency is in financial difficulty and after invoking the fiscal controls provided in 19-4-701 et seq. and 19-4-1201 et seq.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 23; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349.

19-4-1604. Salary from two agencies.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, no person drawing a salary or other compensation from one state agency shall be paid salary or compensation, other than

actual expenses, from any other state agency except upon written certification to and approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and by the head of each state agency, stating that:

(1) The work performed for the other state agency does not interfere with the proper and required performance of the person's duties; and

(2) The combined salary payments from the state agencies do not exceed the larger maximum annual salary of the line-item position authorized for either state agency from which the employee is being paid.

(b)(1) This section does not prohibit a state employee from contracting to temporarily teach as adjunct faculty at a state-supported institution of higher education and thereby receive combined salary payments from the two (2) state agencies in excess of the larger maximum annual salary of the line-item position authorized from either state agency.

(2)(A) This section does not prohibit a part-time or job-share public defender from receiving compensation from an appellate court for work performed in connection with an indigent client's appeal to the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals.

(B) A person employed as a full-time public defender who is not provided a state-funded secretary may also seek compensation for appellate work from the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals.

(3) This section does not allow an employee to be on paid sick leave with a state agency and to be paid a salary or compensation from another state agency.

(b) A personal drawing a salary or other compensation from a state agency or institution of higher education shall not be paid a salary or compensation from another institution of higher education except upon the written certification to and approval by the Director of the Department of Higher Education that the:

(1) Work performed for the other state agency or institution of higher education does not interfere with the proper and required performance of the person’s duties; and

(2) Combined salary payments from the state agency and institution of higher education does not exceed the larger maximum annual salary of the line-item position authorized for either the agency of institution of higher education from which the employee is being paid.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 23; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349; Acts 1995, No. 403, 1; 2001, No. 1370, 1; 2005, No. 1189, 1; *2017, No. 599, 2.*

19-4-1605. Payment from multiple funds.

In those instances where a state agency has approved line-items for salaries which are payable from more than one (1) fund, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall be authorized to establish a paying account on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and Auditor of State from which all such salaries may be paid, with provisions for reimbursing the paying account by directing the transfer of the necessary funds and appropriations on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 23; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349.

19-4-1606. Review of payroll required.

(a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall review the payroll of state agencies covered by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, 21-5-201 et seq., with respect to the salaries of all employees of affected state agencies. This review shall determine the correctness of each payroll with respect to each position to assure compliance with the compensation plan and to assure that no position is being paid, during any payroll period, an amount greater than authorized in the compensation plan or the amount authorized for the position in the appropriation act applicable to the agency.

(b) Any proposed rate of pay for an employee found not to be in accordance with the provisions of the compensation act and the appropriation act governing the agency shall be changed to the appropriate rate of pay by the state agency covered by the provisions of the compensation act before the department shall approve it for payment.

(c) No payment of salary of any employee of any state agency affected by the provisions of the compensation act shall be made without the certification of correctness by the department based on its review duties as provided in this section.

(d) The department is authorized to develop and implement rules and procedures to accomplish the purposes authorized in this section.

History. Acts 1969, No. 199, 8; A.S.A. 1947, 12-3208; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 43.

19-4-1607. Monthly, biweekly, weekly, and hourly salaries.

(a)(1) Except for those state agencies which operate principally on a scholastic year, or on a part-time basis, or where such salaries or personal services are specifically established for a period less than one (1) year, all salaries established by the General Assembly shall be considered to be a maximum amount to be paid for a twelve-month payroll period. No greater amount than that established for the maximum annual salary of any state official or employee shall be paid to such employee during any such twelve-month payroll period, nor shall more than one-twelfth (1/12) of such annual salary be paid to any such employee during any calendar month unless authorized in this subchapter.

(2) The limitations set out in this section may be converted to biweekly or weekly increments of one-twenty-sixth (1/26) or one-fifty-second (1/52) of the maximum annual salary.

(3) For complying with federal requirements, upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the maximum annual salaries may be converted to hourly rates of pay for positions established on the basis of twelve (12) months or less if authorized by law.

(b) The remuneration paid to an employee of the state may exceed the maximum annual salary as authorized by the General Assembly as follows, and the following shall not be construed as payment for services or as salary as contemplated by Arkansas Constitution, Article 16, 4:

(1) Overtime payments as authorized by law;

(2) Payment of a lump sum to a terminating employee, to include lump sum payments of sick leave balances upon retirement as provided by law;

(3) Payment for overlapping pay periods at the end of a fiscal year as defined or authorized by law;

(4) Payment for the biweekly twenty-seven (27) pay periods;

(5) Payment for career service recognition as authorized by law; and

(6) Payment in accordance with special language salary provisions in individual agency appropriation acts.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 23; 1975, No. 980, 1; 1980 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 36, 1; 1980 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 62, 1; 1985, No. 637, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 44; *2017, No. 365, 4.*

19-4-1608. Personal services less than 12 months.

In the event an appropriation is made for the payment of personal services, when it has been established by law on the basis of a scholastic year or for some other period less than twelve (12) months, then any person so employed may be paid from bank funds for the remainder of the year if his or her services are required by the state agency.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 23; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349.

19-4-1609. State-supported institutions of higher learning.

(a)(1) Pursuant to administrative procedures established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, each state-supported institution of higher learning may request a salary and personal services matching, or a maintenance and general operations expense disbursement procedure, or both. This procedure shall be requested, in writing from the executive head, communicated to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State by which, effective at a date in accordance with the request, each payroll for all its salaries payable to employees, or a maintenance and general operations expense of the institution and personal services matching for employees of the institution, or both, may be disbursed by the institution and paid from state agency bank funds of the institution, subject to reimbursement and correction of reporting as provided in this section.

(2)(A) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may approve such salary and personal services matching, or a maintenance and general operations expense disbursement procedure, or both, for such reimbursement if he or she determines that each institution has complied with all administrative procedures established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(B)(i) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may revoke any such approval by transmitting a thirty-day notice to the executive head of the institution when the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State finds that internal administrative procedures and controls of the institution are not adequate.

(ii) The Legislative Joint Auditing Committee shall advise the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and keep him or her informed regarding any of its findings which may be relevant to such determination regarding these institutions.

(b)(1) Upon completion of salary and personal services matching, or a maintenance and general operations expense disbursement, or both, by the institution, the disbursing officer or other appropriate official of the institution shall examine the payroll or a maintenance and general operations expense, or both, as disbursed for such amounts as are properly payable from State Treasury funds.

(2) At such time as the disbursing officer or other appropriate official of the institution examines the payroll, or a maintenance and general operations expense for determining the reimbursable amount, or both, he or she shall also review it in order to discover any erroneous or improper payments as provided by law. The liability for those payments shall be with the executive head of that institution and its bonded disbursing officer, or his or her designated bonded assistant.

(c) All salaries and personal services matching, or a maintenance and general operations expense, or both, shall be subject to the restrictions and controls provided by law and the administrative procedures of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

History. Acts 1979, No. 578, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349.2; Acts 1989, No. 688, 1; 1997, No. 758, 1; 2001, No. 1453, 45.

19-4-1610. Retroactive pay prohibited.

(a)(1) In the event that a state employee is being paid less than the maximum provided for by law, and thereafter the head of the agency provides for an increase in the rate of pay for the employee, the rate of pay shall not exceed one-twelfth (1/12) of the annual maximum amount of the salary position on which he or she is placed, for the remainder of the annual period.

(2) Payments under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall not be made for a preceding fiscal year.

(b)(1) No increase in the rate of pay, either by paying the full amount of the maximum salary or by placing an employee in a position calling for a greater salary, shall be construed as authorizing the payment of any retroactive salary to the employee.

(2) Payments under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall not be made for a preceding fiscal year.

(c)(1) Salary payments made to correct an administrative error shall not be considered retroactive pay, nor shall such payment be construed as exceeding the employee's maximum authorized pay.

(2) Payments under subdivision (c)(1) of this section may be made for a preceding fiscal year if:

(A) Requested within twelve (12) months of the end of the preceding fiscal year; and

(B) Upon the consent of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 23; 1981, No. 741, 4; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349; Acts 1989, No. 629, 10; 2003, No. 656, 8.

19-4-1611. Supplemental payments prohibited.

In the event the General Assembly shall have established by law the maximum annual salaries for certain positions for any state agency and shall have appropriated for those positions, no greater salary than that established by law shall be paid to any person occupying the position by making supplemental payments from agency bank funds. However, the salaries may be paid partly from state-appropriated funds and partly from agency bank funds, but the aggregate of the payments shall not exceed the maximum annual salary rate, where it is established by law.
History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 23; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349.

19-4-1612. Overtime pay.

(a) It is the policy of the State of Arkansas that overtime pay for state employees is the least desirable method of compensation for overtime work.

(b)(1) All state departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions may pay overtime to its employees, under the rules and regulations set out by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

(2)(A) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State will specify those specific employees or groups of employees other than employees of the Arkansas Department of Transportation eligible to receive overtime compensation, the circumstances under which overtime pay is to be allowed, and other matters the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State finds appropriate and necessary to comply with the federal Fair Labor Standards Act as regards the payment of overtime compensation.

(B) The Director of State Highways and Transportation shall make these determinations as to employees of the Arkansas Department of Transportation.

(c) The rules authorized by this section shall not go into effect until the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, or the Arkansas Department of Transportation as to its employees, has sought the advice of the Legislative Council.

(d) In the event that the federal Fair Labor Standards Act is held, for whatever reason, to be nonapplicable to state employment, then any state department, agency, board, commission, or institution may pay overtime to its employees only if the General Assembly has given authorization by an appropriation.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 23; 1976 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 1, 1; 1977, No. 118, 1; 1985, No. 820, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349; Acts 2009, No. 605, 19; 2009, No. 606, 19; 2015, No. 218, 18; *2017, No. 707, 48.*

19-4-1613. Lump-sum terminal pay

(a) Upon termination, resignation, retirement, death, or other action by which a person ceases to be an active employee of a state agency, the amount due the employee or his or her estate, including any accrued unpaid annual or holiday leave which is due in accordance with the policies of the state agency and lump-sum payments of sick leave balances upon retirement as provided by law, may, and should, be included in the final pay to the employee or his or her

estate for the employee's active work, even though the final payment of salary or wages may exceed one twenty-sixth (1/26) or other fractional amount based upon days, weeks, or months of the employee's annual authorized compensation at the date active employment ceases.

(b) No employee receiving the additional compensation shall return to state employment until the number of days for which he or she received additional compensation has expired.

(c) Payment of the additional compensation shall not be considered as exceeding the maximum for a position so authorized.

(d) If an employee receives compensation for unused sick leave at retirement pursuant to 21-4-501 and returns to state employment, the employee shall not be required to wait until the expiration of the number of days for which he or she received additional compensation before returning to state employment or to repay the amount of the compensation.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 23; 1975, No. 980, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349; Acts 2001, No. 1453, 46; 2005, No. 1188, 1.

19-4-1614. Judicial awards under federal laws

(a) In the event an employee of the State of Arkansas, or the authorized agent of the employee, files suit against the State of Arkansas in a court of competent jurisdiction for relief under the provisions of Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, or the federal Civil Rights Act of 1866, or the federal Civil Rights Act of 1871, or the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, and the court finds for the employee and in so finding awards wages or salaries for personal services rendered in addition to wages or salaries already paid or due, the additional wages or salaries shall be paid from the regular salary appropriation from which the employee is normally paid. If it is found, however, that such payment will impair the regular salary appropriation, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer the necessary appropriation from the maintenance and general operations appropriation of the employing agency to the regular salary appropriation in order that the additional wages or salaries shall be paid.

(b) Any liquidated damages awarded by the court, pursuant to the federal laws cited in subsection (a) of this section, are to be paid in the same manner as the additional wages or salaries provided for in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) When notified that a state employee has filed suit or is in any other manner claiming redress under the provisions of the federal laws cited in subsection (a) of this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may investigate the circumstances surrounding the claim. If, based on the evidence and facts found during the investigation, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State determines or has reason to believe that the court would sustain the employee's claim and find for the employee and in so doing award wages or salaries in addition to those paid or due for the employee's personal service rendered, then the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall, with the advice of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, authorize payment of the additional wages or salaries as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 23; 1977, No. 813, 4; A.S.A. 1947, 13-349.

Refer to R1-19-10-101 for information regarding Judicial Awards.

19-4-1615. Awards from State Claims Commission.

(a) In the event a state employee is awarded a claim by the Arkansas State Claims Commission for wages or salaries for personal services rendered for a state agency, such award shall be processed through the state mechanized payroll system.

(b) The award shall be paid from the regular salaries and personal services matching appropriation from which the employee is normally paid.
History. Acts 1995, No. 176, 1.

Refer to R1-19-10-101 for additional information regarding Judicial Awards.

SUBCHAPTER 17 - PROFESSIONAL AND CONSULTANT SERVICES

19-4-1701 – 19-4-1717. [Repealed.]

Act 1315 of 2003 repealed ACA §19-4-1701 et seq., relating to professional and consulting service contracts between the State of Arkansas and all of its agencies, boards, commissions, departments and institutions. The responsibilities for the maintenance of policies and procedures for this area have thus been assigned by State law to the Office of State Procurement. The State Procurement Director is authorized by ACA § 19-11-1008 to adopt regulations regarding the competitive bidding process, requests for proposals, approval of professional and consultant services contracts, etc. The regulations relative to professional and consultant services contracts can be found on the Office of State Procurement's web site at: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Pages/default.aspx

SUBCHAPTER 18 - REIMBURSEMENTS, COLLECTIONS AND REFUNDS

19-4-1801 Reimbursements and refunds generally.

(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall prescribe the method of handling refunds and reimbursements to the state for moneys previously paid out or due the state. If no properly classified appropriation account exists on the books of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Auditor of State for which the respective refund is applicable, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is authorized to establish such appropriation account on the books of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Auditor of State, and the various fiscal officers.

(b) No such refunds shall cause a transfer of appropriation on the books of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Auditor of State, and the various fiscal officers except for:

(1) Proceeds received from insurance policies for casualty losses by state agencies;

(2) Proceeds received from vendors on account of overpayment of obligations remitted by state agencies;

(3) Refunds to state agencies for cash advances or over-allocations made to state and local agencies for subgrants;

(4) Refunds to state agencies for the erroneous payment or overpayment of salaries to state employees;

(5) Proceeds derived from the maturity or redemption of investments;

(6) Reimbursements to institutions of higher learning for cash fund expenditures for salaries that are properly chargeable to funds in the State Treasury;

(7) Federal reimbursements of expenses paid in advance by the state on behalf of the federal government; and

(8) Reimbursements by vendors or their agents for warranties, product rebates, and service adjustments.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 24; 1975 (Extended Sess., 1976), No. 1110, 1; 1977, No. 437, 2; 1979, No. 833, 8; A.S.A. 1947, 13-350; reen. Acts 1987, No. 873, 1; 2007, No. 716, 2.

R1-19-4-1801 Reimbursement of Expenses between Agencies *(see also, ACA § 19-6-701)*

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) defines interfund reimbursements as "repayments from the funds responsible for particular expenditures or expense to the funds that initially paid for them." Per GAAP, interfund reimbursements should be treated as an increase in expenditures or expenses in the reimbursing fund and a decrease in expenditures in the reimbursed fund. Allocation of indirect cost (overhead) should also be classified as reimbursements. There are two methods available that comply with GAAP with one method restoring appropriation if a current year refund and the second method not restoring appropriation but reclassifying the transaction for financial reporting purposes. Refunds to expenditures are permitted by law only in certain instances including reimbursements to state agencies for cost-sharing purposes.

GAAP also states that, when governments concentrate one or more risk financing activities in a single fund, premiums received from other funds should be treated as an interfund reimbursement. An exception to this rule is, when the premiums paid are in excess of related expenditures, these excess premiums should be treated as an interfund transfer. The current practice is for agencies to record expense and the risk financing activity to record revenue. Agencies should continue this practice. These payments will be evaluated and adjusted accordingly by the DFA-OA-CAFR Section.

The procedure used when one agency incurs expenses that is pursuant to a cost sharing arrangement entered into prior to the expense occurring between two agencies or an agency incorrectly paid another agency's invoice is a hybrid refund to expenditure transaction which is processed on a journal entry by the DFA-OA-Reconciliation Section. The purpose of the refund to expenditure transaction is to reduce expense and restore the appropriation used on the books of the agency that paid the expense and record the expense and reduce the appropriation on the other agency's books. Only a current year refund to expenditure gives the agency back their

funding and appropriation to use again during the current fiscal year. Prior year refunds do not restore appropriation. Funding is retained beyond the end of the current fiscal year, only if the fund is not subject to reclaim or the funds have carry-forward authorization in the appropriation Act. Hybrid refunds to expenditure cannot be used to circumvent the appropriation process.

PLEASE NOTE: See reimbursement between agencies P1-19-4-1801.

19-4-1802. Petty cash imprest funds.

(a) Petty cash imprest funds for any state agency shall be approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State only in the case of actual need for such funds in connection with the daily operations of the agency and shall be subject to such limitations with respect to amount and use of the funds as shall be prescribed by him or her.

(b) The petty cash imprest funds shall not be used to circumvent purchasing regulations, nor for the purpose of reimbursing individuals for travel expenses.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 24; A.S.A. 1947, 13-350.

PLEASE NOTE: *Refer to ACA§ 19-4-806 for policies regarding Petty Cash and Imprest Funds.*

19-4-1803. Collections generally.

All fines, fees, penalties, court costs, taxes, and other collections which, by the laws of this state, are to be remitted directly to the Treasurer of State for credit in the State Treasury to an account of an agency of this state shall be remitted directly to the agency to whose account they are to be credited. Upon receipt, the agency shall transmit them to the Treasurer of State who shall credit them in the State Treasury to the account of the agency.

History. Acts 1961, No. 250, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-505.1.

19-4-1804. Geological publications income.

Charges, income, receipts, or revenue derived from the sale of publications by the Arkansas Geological Survey shall be deposited in the State Treasury as a refund to expenditures.

History. Acts 1971, No. 585, 19; A.S.A. 1947, 13-549.

19-4-1805. Deposits for highway employees retirement.

All moneys received in the State Treasury for deposit in the State Highway Employees' Retirement System Fund that are derived from the sale or redemption of stocks, bonds, or other securities, other than interest, are to be classified and handled on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Department of Finance and Administration as a refund to expenditures.

History. Acts 1975, No. 72, 4.

19-4-1806. Grants, aids, and donations.

All state agencies are authorized to accept grants, aids, and donations and to enter into contracts to accept grants, aids, and donations. Following procedures prescribed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, funds received from grants, aids, and donations may be deposited, disbursed, budgeted, and regulated.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 19; A.S.A. 1947, 13-345.

19-4-1807. Federal funds generally.

(a) In the event the Congress of the United States shall appropriate funds for the benefit of the state or any state agency or in the event any federal funds shall be paid to the state or any agency thereof for the purpose of reimbursing the state for funds previously paid out, and in the event any such federal funds are deposited in the State Treasury and there is no law providing for the depositing of such moneys in a state fund or appropriating them from a state fund, taking into consideration the provisions and requirements of the miscellaneous federal grant appropriation, then the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have the authority to direct the State Treasury to establish funds, fund accounts, or accounts on the books of the various fiscal officers of the state for the purpose of handling and disbursing these federal funds.

(b) Any such federal funds shall be handled only in accordance with the purpose for which the funds were granted to, or paid over to, the state or any agency thereof. All such federal funds shall be subject to the procedures prescribed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for the disbursement of funds.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 24; A.S.A. 1947, 13-350.

R1-19-4-1807 Cash Management Improvement Act

<u>Purpose of the Cash Management Improvement Act</u>

The purpose of the Cash Management Improvement Act is to ensure efficiency, effectiveness and equity in the exchange of funds between the States and the federal government for federal assistance programs. The Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 (CMIA) was enacted by Public Law 101-453, as amended by the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-589), codified in the United State Code (USC) at 31 U.S.C. 6501 and 31U.S.C. 6503. The implementing regulations are found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 31 CFR Part 205. The general provisions of the Act are as follows:

1. *Federal agencies must make timely fund transfers and grant awards to state agencies.*

2. *State agencies must minimize the time period between the deposit of federal funds in the State's account and the disbursement of funds for program purposes.*

3. *With some exceptions, the State is entitled to interest from the federal government from the time the State's warrants are redeemed until federal funds are deposited in the State's account.*

4. *The federal government is entitled to interest from the State from the time federal funds are deposited in the State's account until the state warrants are redeemed.*

5. *The State must enter into a Treasury-State Agreement (TSA) with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service (FMS), to set forth terms and conditions for implementing CMIA. On October 12, 2000, the FMS issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) proposing revisions to the regulations implementing the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990, as amended. The Final Rule finalizes the proposed rule with changes that updates the current regulations and, through comments received in response to the NPR, addresses various concerns raised since the initial issuance of the regulations.*

The Treasury-State Agreement defines the drawdown methods to be used by agencies. The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) with the assistance of all affected state agencies negotiates the TSA with FMS. The TSA outlines by program, the funding techniques and the forecast describing the amount of funds subtracted from a state's bank account on a daily basis after a state makes a disbursement. The forecast used by the state to draw down funds from the federal government is referred as a clearance pattern. Generally, conformance with the TSA assures that the State does not owe the federal government, or is not due from the federal government, interest liability on its draw downs. The State or the federal government may propose amendments to the TSA at any time during the duration of the contract. A copy of the TSA agreement may be obtained from the DFA -Office of Accounting-Reconciliation Section or printed from US Department of the Treasury - Bureau of the Fiscal Service for a specific year.

Federal Assistance Programs and State Agencies Subject to the CMIA

The programs listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance are subject to CMIA regulations. Currently, programs with $39 million or more in annual federal expenditures are required to be subject to the TSA (CMIA agreement). The threshold dollar amount that determines if a Federal program is required to be included in the TSA is calculated annually using a formula furnished by FMS. The list of federal assistance programs impacted by CMIA is revised annually as federal expenditures increase or decrease from the threshold. The $39 million threshold was established consistent with the Cash Management Improvement Act Guide to CMIA Thresholds under the Final Rule and was utilized in the preparation of the FY2011 TSA. State agencies that administer CMIA programs are subject to CMIA regulations.

Responsibilities of the DFA-Office of Accounting

The responsibilities of DFA-OA are to:

1. Annually identify the state agencies and federal assistance programs that will be considered as CMIA programs and notify affected state agencies.

2. Negotiate with FMS new agreements and amendments to the existing TSA.

3. With the assistance of the Treasurer of State and affected state agencies, develop warrant clearance and redemption patterns.

4. Prepare annual interest reports for submittal to FMS (submitted in December each year for the previous state fiscal year).

5. Direct state agencies as to the payment of state interest liability and/or receipt of federal interest liability.
6. Certify, with affected agencies' concurrence, every five years that clearance patterns correspond to a program's clearance activities.

Responsibilities of Agencies Administering CMIA-Covered Programs
The responsibilities of the state agencies that administer CMIA programs are:

Request federal funds in accordance with the approved funding technique described in the TSA and in amounts needed for immediate payments.

Document the amount of federal funds requested and when federal funds are deposited in the State's account. If federal funds are not available when required per the TSA, process the request which will document federal funds were properly requested by the State in accordance with the TSA.

For the federal draw systems that reject requests when federal funds are not available in the system, make the request and print the rejection notice as evidence of the State's conformance with the TSA. If necessary, make appropriate phone calls to federal agencies to notify them that federal funds are not available per the TSA. Document efforts made to request federal funds per the TSA.

When federal funds are not available per the TSA, maintain documentation of the amount of state funds expended, the dates of these expenditures, the date federal funds were requested and the date federal funds were received. Maintain this documentation for use in calculating federal interest liability on late federal funds. Note: In most cases, the State cannot calculate a federal interest liability unless the State has made a request through a federal draw system and had it rejected or has notified the applicable federal agency that federal funds are not available per the TSA. Calculate the state and federal interest liabilities by program. Notify DFA-OA of proposed changes to the funding techniques and clearance patterns. A state agency shall not make a change until it is reviewed and approved by DFA-OA and FMS. . Certify to DFA-OA-Reconciliation Section that CMIA programs conform to the drawdown methods described in the TSA. DFA-OA-Reconciliation Section requests this certification in December of each year.

How to Calculate Interest Due from or Due to the Federal Government
In cases where interest is owed to the federal government or due from the federal government under the TSA, agencies should calculate and document interest owed (interest payable) or due. The interest rate to be used is the annualized rate equal to the average equivalent yield of 13-week Treasury Bills auctioned during the state's fiscal year. The interest rate is provided to the State by FMS. Agencies may contact DFA-OA to obtain the necessary annualized rates. Agencies should be aware that interest calculations could be audited.

Responsibilities of Agencies Receiving Federal Funds Not Designated as CMIA Programs
State agencies receiving federal funds not designated as CMIA programs are subject to Subpart B of the CMIA. The principal responsibility of these state agencies is that they must minimize the time between the drawdown of Federal funds from the Federal government and their

disbursement for Federal program purposes. Neither a state agency nor the Federal government will incur an interest liability on the transfer of funds for a Federal assistance program subject to this Subpart B.

PLEASE NOTE: *See Federal/State agreements by state at US Department of the Treasury - Bureau of the Fiscal Service. Click on a fiscal year (√) to view.*

See also ACA §19-4-1906.

19-4-1808. Federal funds for vocational schools.

Reimbursements of federal funds to the Vocational-Technical Schools Fund Account shall be construed to be income of the fiscal year in which the reimbursements were received.

History. Acts 1969, No. 620, 15; A.S.A. 1947, 13-513.2.

SUBCHAPTER 19 - FEDERAL GRANTS AND AIDS

19-4-1901. Submission of requests.

(a) Requests for federal funds for grants, aids, reimbursement, and direct or indirect cost reimbursement plans, other than research grants, originated by a state agency other than a state institution of higher education shall be submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration prior to their submission to the granting source.

(b) Excepting the provisions of 19-4-1907, the remainder of this subchapter shall not be applicable to state institutions of higher education.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 21; A.S.A. 1947, 13-347; Acts 1989, No. 37, 2.

19-4-1902. Preliminary or informal proposals.

Preliminary or informal proposals which do not commit personnel, space, facilities, or state funds may be submitted directly to the granting source. However, when the grant requested, if approved, would result in the commitment of state personnel, space, facilities, equipment, or funds, or the program to be proposed by the state agency with the resources from the federal grant has not received specific legislative authorization through an appropriation or specific enabling legislation, the requesting agency shall notify, in writing, the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration that such preliminary or informal proposal is being made and shall briefly describe it.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 21; A.S.A. 1947, 13-347.

19-4-1903. Evaluation report.

Each request submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration shall be accompanied with an evaluation report prepared by the state agency that includes information as follows, but not necessarily limited thereto:

(1) A description of the purpose of the program;

(2) An explanation of the relationship of the program or plan to the agency's total program and why the program is needed;

(3) Its priority in the total program;

(4) A statement whether similar programs are being conducted, if known, or could be conducted in or by other agencies;

(5) An explanation of the effects of this program and the state's obligation, if any, to continue the program, and the level of continuance, in the event federal funds are curtailed;

(6) A statement of how the agency's programs and objectives would be affected if the request is not approved; and

(7) The amount of overhead payment anticipated from federal funds, and its adequacy, to reimburse the agency and central state services for actual indirect costs reimbursements.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 21; A.S.A. 1947, 13-347.

19-4-1904. Receipt of funds.

(a) When any federal funds, grants, aids, or reimbursements, including unsolicited funds, are received by a state agency, the Department of Finance and Administration shall be notified on forms to be prescribed by the director of the department.

(b) The department shall prescribe procedures for quarterly reporting information relative to grants, aids, reimbursement, and direct or indirect cost reimbursement plans, and research grants and aids for the institutions of higher education.

History. Acts 1973, No., 876, 21; A.S.A. 1947, 13-347; Acts 1989, No. 37, 3.

State forms necessary to fulfill the requirements of 19-4-1901 through 19-4-1904 can be found at:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/intergovernmentalServices/Pages/stateClearinghouse.aspx

R1-19-4-1904 Federal Grants and Aid

General Policies and Procedures

From time to time state agencies may request or receive federal funds in the form of grants or other aid. By nature, federal grants are subject to a full range of varying, yet specific, post award administrative requirements. To reasonably assure compliance with state and federal law as well as accurately report financial information, state agencies should maintain effective internal control over the financial administration of federal programs consistent with the following requirements:

U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-87 Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments, A-102 Grants and Cooperative Agreements With State and Local Governments, A-133 Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, the recommendations and requirements contained in the A-133 Compliance Supplement (current edition), the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990, the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto at 31 CFR Part 205, and other relevant grants management provisions applicable to the federal program in question, as announced in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance and in The Federal Register.

These essential documents can be found within the following links:
Circulars (A-87, A102 and A-133)
Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA)
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
The Federal Register

Grant or Aid Pre-application
All preliminary, pre-application or informal proposals which may result in the commitment of personnel, space, facilities, equipment or state funds shall be submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration-Intergovernmental Services (DFA-IGS) with an Evaluation Report at the time it is submitted to the federal granting agency. DFA-IGS shall coordinate the review of any proposed program to prevent overlap, inefficiency or violation of legislative intent. (ACA § 19-4-1902, ACA § 19-4-1903)

State institutions of higher education should submit preliminary proposals to DFA-IGS at http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/intergovernmentalServices/Pages/default.aspx as informational only. (ACA § 19-7-604(b)(3))

Grant or Aid Application
All formal proposals or other applications for federal funds in the form of grants, aids and reimbursements, except research grants or requests originating from a state institution of higher education, are to be submitted to DFA-IGS and the Governor's Office prior to submission to the granting source. The submission should include a summary of the application with the indirect cost rate of the applicant agency and a projection of the amount to be received as indirect cost reimbursement, if applicable. DFA-IGS is to file a summary of this submission with the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council quarterly for review. (ACA § 19-4-1901, ACA § 19-7-604)

MFG Requirements for New or Additional Federal Funds
When new federal programs or new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs become available which require the benefiting state agency to employ additional personnel or require the benefiting state agency to obtain additional appropriations so that the program meets the requirements of or performs the objectives of the program, the head of the affected agency may request additional appropriations from the Governor and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The agency's request must be on a "Miscellaneous Federal Grant" Form (MFG) and include supporting documentation, if applicable. The completed MFG and supporting documentation should be submitted to the agency's Budget Analyst at the Department

of Finance and Administration-Office of Budget. After consulting the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the Governor may approve or modify the requests. (ACA § 19-7-502)

The Miscellaneous Federal Grant Form can be found on the DFA – Office of Budget website at: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/budget/Pages/forms.aspx

Quarterly Reporting Requirements

Information on all grants, aids, reimbursements and reimbursement plans, including research grants and those originating from a state institution of higher education, is to be reported to DFA-IGS quarterly. These reports shall be filed with respect to new federal programs or expansions of existing federal programs which were not in existence or which were not implemented by state participation at the time of the adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly and entered into prior to the convening of the next regular session of the General Assembly. The DFA Director is to report to the Legislative Council on federal funds quarterly. The report is to summarize and itemize all programs which involve the expenditure of federal funds and is to include the following:

- *a brief purpose of the agreement,*
- *the amount of federal funds to be expended,*
- *the amount of state matching funds, if required,*
- *the name of the administering agency or department, as well as any additional information that would assist the Legislative Council in determining the nature and purpose of the agreement.*

Findings and recommendations by the Legislative Council from review of the quarterly reports are to be reported to each subsequent regular session. (ACA § 19-4-1904; ACA § 19-7-101, ACA § 19-4-1907, ACA § 19-4-1908)

Funds Receipt

The DFA-IGS is to be notified when a state agency receives notification or obtains any federal funds, grants, aids or reimbursements, including unsolicited federal funds. Such notification shall include reporting federal funds received for indirect cost reimbursements resulting from overhead cost of the entity or overhead cost allocated to the entity through the Consolidated Statewide Cost Allocation Plan. A summary of the notifications will be provided by DFA-IGS to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for review quarterly. (ACA § 19-7-604, ACA § 19-4-1904)

All such funds are to be deposited as all other State Treasury funds. Any federal funds received on behalf of public school districts shall be forwarded to the county treasurer or district treasurer as the district chooses. Federal funds received by the agencies set out in ACA § 19-5-205(b) shall be deposited in to the State Central Services Fund. (ACA §19-3-501, ACA § 19-3-518, ACA § 19-4-408, ACA § 19-5-205)

CMIA and other Interest Earned on Federal Funds

Interest earned on federal funds received under the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 is to be transferred from the Securities Reserve Fund at the direction of the Chief Fiscal

Officer of the State based upon the related portion of the average daily balance of the federal funds on a quarterly basis. (ACA § 19-3-521)

PLEASE NOTE: *Refer to R1-19-4-1807.*

Funds Disbursement

Disbursement made on specific funds receiving federal funding require the State Auditor to process warrants and the Treasurer of State to redeem the warrants presented for payment in accordance with the Federal Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-453, Oct. 24, 1990, 104 Stat. 1058, after the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State notifies them that the state agency director has certified that the Federal fund transfer request has been completed and accepted by the federal funding source and that the federal funds will be transferred for the benefit of the state fund to pay the warrants. (ACA § 19-4-1107)

In the event of actions that would adversely affect funds received or related estimates, each agency head administering federal funds is required to immediately notify the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. (ACA § 19-4-1306)

Recommendations of Governor

ACA § 19-7-504 states that the Governor will submit recommendations to the General Assembly at the beginning of each regular session of the Arkansas General Assembly for any federal programs during the following fiscal biennium. Such recommendation is to include a recommended appropriation of federal and state funds necessary for each program. In the event the General Assembly fails to appropriate the funds for any program, the State will no longer participate in such program effective June 30th following adjournment of the regular session.

Accounting

The Federal Grants & Reimbursements, general ledger account 4050004000, is the only account used to record federal grant revenue received directly from the federal grantor or sub grantor that is not another State of Arkansas agency. Grants and Aid from Other State Agencies, general ledger account 6060001000, is used to record grants received from other state agencies. The state agency disbursing grant funds to another agency should use Grants and Aid to Other State Agencies, general ledger account 6061001000. Each agency will be required to provide the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting-CAFR Section a list of all federal funds with CFDA numbers, the general ledger account the revenue was recorded to and the related amount. For additional information on recording and tracking Federal Grants and Aid see P1-19-5-101 and Project Accounting at
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/informationServices/aasis/Training/Pages/default.aspx

PLEASE NOTE: *Also refer to ACA § 19-4-2201 et seq. to review requirements for discretionary grants. Also refer to ACA § 19-7-101 et seq. for more information on Federal Funds.*

19-4-1905. Research grants.

The Department of Finance and Administration shall prescribe procedures for reporting information relative to federal research grants and aids for the colleges and universities.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 21; A.S.A. 1947, 13-347.

19-4-1906. Letters of credit.

(a) As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Checks-paid letter of credit means a system which requires state warrants to be issued without federal moneys on deposit in the State Treasury. The federal share of the warrants would only become available to the Treasurer of State on the day the warrants are presented for redemption. A receipt would be processed and credited to the proper fund before the warrants are redeemed;

(2) Delay-of-drawdown letter of credit means a system which requires the Auditor of State to issue warrants without federal moneys on deposit in the State Treasury for specific programs primarily financed by federal moneys. Moneys are drawn upon the letter of credit and deposited with the Treasurer of State based on an agreement with the federal government establishing warrant redemption patterns. Deposits are made each day based on estimates of the amount of warrants to be redeemed each day. In the event that warrants are presented for redemption on a given day in excess of the amount deposited in the State Treasury, an additional amount of moneys may be requested on a letter of credit and deposited with the Treasurer of State to enable proper warrant redemption and to prevent deficit spending; and

(3) Federal letter of credit means an instrument certified by an authorized official of a grantor agency which authorizes a grantee to draw funds needed for immediate disbursement in accordance with the provisions of Treasury Circular 1075.

(b)(1) Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and under procedures prescribed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, Letters of credit, either individually or under a single, unified, checks-paid, or delay-of-drawdown system may be included and accounted for on the books of record of the Auditor of State, Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and applicable state agency as deferred federal revenues to be treated as an asset comparable to cash on hand. In connection therewith, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may direct the creation and establishment of a revolving paying account on the books of records of the applicable state's accounting records. Furthermore, upon implementation of a checks-paid or delay-of-drawdown system, the affected agency may issue vouchers, the Department of Finance and Administration may approve vouchers for payment, and the Auditor of State may issue warrants for federal programs without regard to federal fund or paying account balances on deposit in the State Treasury.

(2)(A) In no event shall the Treasurer of State redeem any warrants without sufficient fund balances on deposit equal to the total amount of warrants presented for redemption.

(B) In no event shall the implementation of a checks-paid or delay-of-drawdown letter of credit system be construed as deficit spending.

(C) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, after consulting with the Auditor of State and the Treasurer of State, may prescribe such rules and regulations as necessary to implement a checks-paid or delay-of-drawdown letter of credit system.

(3) No agency shall implement a checks-paid or delay-of-drawdown letter of credit system except upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and upon advice of the Legislative Council.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 21; 1981, No. 572, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-347.

19-4-1907. Quarterly reports.

(a) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall file quarterly reports with the Legislative Council itemizing and summarizing all contracts or agreements entered into by the Governor of the State of Arkansas with the federal government, or any agencies or instrumentalities thereof, whereby the State of Arkansas is to participate in any program involving the expenditure of federal funds. These reports shall be filed, whether or not state funds are obligated in connection therewith, with respect to new federal programs or expansions of existing federal programs which were not in existence or which were not implemented by state participation, at the time of the adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly and entered into prior to the convening of the next regular session of the General Assembly.

(b) The report shall list, with respect to each such contract or agreement:

(1) A brief statement of the purposes of the agreement;

(2) The amount of federal funds to be expended thereunder;

(3) The amount of any state matching funds required in connection with such program, if any;

(4) The name of the agency that will administer the program; and

(5) Such additional information as will enable the members of the Legislative Council to determine the nature and purposes of the agreement.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 21; A.S.A. 1947, 13-347.

19-4-1908. Review and continuance of programs.

(a) The Legislative Council shall review the quarterly reports filed by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration as required in this subchapter. The Legislative Council shall submit such findings and recommendations to each succeeding regular session of the General Assembly for enabling legislation to implement, restrict, or prohibit the state's participation in any such new federal program or expanded federal program which was implemented by contract or agreement entered into by the Governor subsequent to the adjournment of the preceding session of the General Assembly.

(b) In the event the next regular session of the General Assembly shall fail to prohibit or restrict the state's participation in any new or expanded program implemented by contract or agreement signed by the Governor with the federal government during the interim since the immediately preceding regular session of the General Assembly, then the state may continue to participate in the federal program. On the other hand, if the General Assembly shall restrict or prohibit the state's participation in any new or expanded federal program implemented by contract or agreement subsequent to the last regular session, then it shall be unlawful for the state

to continue to participate in or to expend any state funds in connection with any such program. All contracts or agreements entered into by the Governor or any agency of the state acting under authority of the Governor shall be void and the state's participation therein shall cease upon the adjournment of the General Assembly, or at such later date if a later date for the termination of the state's participation therein has been prescribed by law.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 21; A.S.A. 1947, 13-347.

SUBCHAPTER 20 - LOSSES AND RECOVERIES

19-4-2001. Notice and proof of loss.

It shall be the duty of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to give notice and make proof of loss to, and demand payment of, the surety of any bond executed by any state officer or employee in which the audit report by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee of the records and accounts shows that such officer or employee and his or her surety may in any way be liable.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 18; A.S.A. 1947, 13-344.

19-4-2002. Payment of loss.

(a) Within a reasonable time after the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State has given notice and made proof of loss and demand for payment as prescribed in this subchapter, the surety shall make payment to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of the amount so found to be due. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall forthwith transmit the amounts so received to the Treasurer of State with instructions to credit it to the fund, fund accounts, or accounts entitled to such funds.

(b) If the amounts so recovered are funds that are not required by law to be deposited in the State Treasury, then the funds shall be transmitted by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the agency to which the recovered funds belong, with instructions to credit it to the accounts entitled to such funds.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 18; A.S.A. 1947, 13-344.

19-4-2003. Legal action.

In the event any surety shall fail or refuse to pay over the amounts so found to be due, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall give notice of the failure or refusal to the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall immediately take such legal action as shall be necessary to collect the amount so found to be due from the officer or employee and his or her surety.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 18; A.S.A. 1947, 13-344.

19-4-2004. Auditor's testimony.

(a) In all criminal or civil actions brought as the result of the findings set forth in an audit report, the auditors making the audit shall give testimony upon request of the proper officers of the court and otherwise make their services available in the prosecution of any action.

(b) Auditors shall not be entitled to witness fees for giving testimony.

History. Acts 1973, No. 876, 18; A.S.A. 1947, 13-344.

R1-19-4-2004 Responsibility for Reporting and Recovery of Losses Discovered Prior to Audit

The bonded disbursing officer and the public employee with supervisory fiduciary responsibility over all fiscal matters (ACA 25-1-124) for each state agency, board, commission or institution is responsible for, and held accountable for, reporting any losses of state funds to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and to the Arkansas Legislative Audit. Losses include apparent unauthorized disbursements of state funds or the apparent theft or misappropriation of state funds or property.

This report shall be made within five (5) business days of the date that the employee learns of the loss of public funds. A public employee with supervisory fiduciary responsibility over all fiscal matters who purposely fails to report the loss within five (5) business days is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

No state agency, board, commission or institution has the authority to negotiate with any officer or employee for settlement of any losses of state funds without the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Director or Chief Officer of the respective agency, in coordination with the advice of the Attorney General, has the duty to determine and initiate the appropriate action that is necessary to collect any amount found to be due the agency.

The recovery of losses under surety bonds must be coordinated with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Arkansas Legislative Audit.

Recovery of Moneys Lost through Improper Redemption of Warrants/Checks
If a vendor or individual (the payee) receives a replacement warrant/check and cashes both the replacement and original, the agency shall attempt to obtain repayment from the payee. Evidence of the collection attempt(s) shall be documented in writing. If attempts to collect fail, the agency shall report the incident to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas Legislative Audit and the Attorney General's office.

If an individual, who is not the payee, cashes a warrant/check, the agency shall report the incident to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas Legislative Audit, and the Attorney General's office and to their local law enforcement office.

Recovery of Lost Assets (Not Warrants/Checks)

If theft of assets occurs, the agency shall report the incident to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas Legislative Audit, and the Attorney General's office and to their local law enforcement office.

R2-19-4-2004 Recoveries of Losses Discovered by an Audit

Notice and Proof of Losses – Investigations – Restitution

The Arkansas Legislative Audit, with the approval of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, will give notice and proof of loss to the Governmental Bonding Board on fidelity bonds. This is done when the audit report reflects apparent unauthorized disbursements or unaccounted-for funds or property for which the public official, officer or employee may be liable. (ACA 21-2-708)

The Arkansas Legislative Audit may request the appropriate prosecuting attorney or the Attorney General to assist the State or the appropriate political subdivision in obtaining restitution when the audit report reflects apparent unauthorized disbursements or unaccounted-for funds or property for which the public official, officer or employee may be liable.
The Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Program and the participating governmental entity are considered victims. Restitution may be awarded to the participating governmental entity for the entire amount of its non-reimbursed losses and to the Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Program for the entire amount of its payment to the participating governmental entity in the event that any criminal prosecution against the official or employee causing the loss where such official or employee enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or where such official or employee is found guilty following a trial.

Disposition of Bond Proceeds

When the Board receives proof of loss from the Arkansas of Legislative Audit, the Governmental Bonding Board will determine whether the loss is covered under the Fidelity Bond Program. (ACA 21-2-709)

When determined that the loss is covered under the Fidelity Bond Program, the Insurance Commissioner will authorize fidelity bond loss payments from the fund to the participating governmental entity on a timely basis.

All disbursing documents for bond claim payments must include as supporting documents:

1. *A copy of the payment recommendation by the State Risk Manager.*
2. *A copy of the proof of loss from the Arkansas Legislative Audit.*

Any loss payment may be adjusted by any applicable deductibles, restitution payments or co-insurance payments.

When a loss payment is made from the Fidelity Bond Fund, all rights and claims that the recipients of the loss payment may have against the official, officer or employee involved will be assigned to the Fidelity Bond Fund.

The Insurance Commissioner must timely notify the Division of Legislative Audit and the agency when the Board determines that the loss is, or is not, covered under the Fidelity Bond Program.

An asset that is no longer in possession of the agency must be removed from the agencies books. The agency must notify the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) using P3-19-4-1503, "Credit for State Property" Form that the asset needs to be removed from the asset listing. The agency must give a full description of the lost asset. Once approval to remove the asset has been given, the agency must remove the asset and retain the correspondence for an audit trail. If Fidelity Bond proceeds are received for the reimbursement of a loss of personal property, the proceeds should be deposited into the Treasury using the agency's normal process for recording cash receipts. The proceeds should be recorded as Insurance Settlement/Restitution in GL 6092000000. If the asset is to be replaced, the agency should request an increase in appropriation from DFA-OA-Appropriations for the purchase of the replacement. If in the current year an agency has been reimbursed for the loss and the property has been replaced, the increase in appropriation is accomplished with a refund to expenditure by the DFA-OA. The agency must provide proof of the deposit and a copy of the invoice that replaced the property in order to have the appropriation restored. If the agency is reimbursed for a prior year loss, the agency should request an increase in appropriation from DFA-OA-Appropriations. The agency must provide proof of the deposit and a copy of the invoice that replaced the property in order to have the appropriation restored.

Refer to P1-19-4-2004 for sample journal entries to record restitution and Fidelity Bond Insurance payments.

Fidelity Bond Premiums

The Risk Management Division of the Insurance Department works with each agency to determine the number of employees to be bonded each year. The flat rate is applied to that number, and DFA-Administrative Services receives the information and sends it to DFA-OA-Funds Group.

The DFA-OA-Funds Group compiles the information on a per fund basis for the agencies. The Funds Group Manager sends the proposed funds and transfer amounts to those agencies that want specific cost centers or funds to be charged. The Funds Group changes the spreadsheet and transfers the funds to the various funds from which Administrative Services will issue the disbursements for the Bond Premiums. This transfer is usually done in July of each fiscal year. (A.C.A 21-2-710)

R3-19-4-2004 Returned Checks

Funds Deposited to Treasury:

When a check that was originally deposited into a Treasury fund is returned for insufficient funds, the Treasurer of State shall reverse the receipt of those funds and notify the agency of the returned check by sending the check back to the agency with a letter telling the agency the fund, revenue code and amount that was reduced. The Treasurer of State shall send a copy of the letter to DFA-OA for the correction to be made into the State Accounting System.

Funds Deposited to Commercial Bank Accounts:
When an agency is notified by the financial institution that a check has been returned, the agency will adjust its cash fund by debiting the revenue account and crediting the cash account in the cash fund where originally deposited.

Agencies shall diligently and actively pursue the collection of returned checks. Written agency procedures shall be developed and filed with DFA-OA within 90 days from the effective date of this regulation. The procedures must be followed to ensure the returned checks are followed up promptly and in a manner that is cost effective.

Employees with access to cash receipts and the recording of cash receipts should not have access to returned checks. In situations where it is impractical to separate duties due to the small number of employees, compensating controls should be implemented. Examples of compensating controls include review of returned checks and collection efforts made or having an individual without access to the system and cash receipts, be the Custodian of the returned checks.

R4-19-4-2004 Accounts and Notes Receivable

State agencies (defined in A.C.A. § 19-2-303 as "a state agency, board, authority, commission, department or institution of higher education created by or receiving an appropriation by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas") must promptly record amounts due for delivery of goods and services, licenses, unpaid taxes, student loans, special assessments, accounts receivable, notes receivable and capital leases receivable.

Collection procedures shall be developed and followed to ensure that all receivables are collected promptly in a cost effective manner. Written procedures shall be filed with the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) within 90 days from the effective date of this regulation. Act 50 of 2007 amends A.C.A.§ 6-61-131 further outlining the development of policies regarding student accounts receivable at two-year institutions of higher education and reporting requirements with the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

Agencies shall diligently and actively pursue the collection of receivables. Diligently and actively pursuing the collection of these accounts may include but is not limited to:

1. *Contacting debtor by phone or letter within a reasonable time after an account is deemed delinquent; or*
2. *Referring an account to a licensed collection agency or an attorney for collection with a remuneration not exceeding fifty percent (50%) for accounts of five hundred dollars ($500) or less and not exceeding thirty-three and one-third percent (33⅓%) for accounts in excess of five hundred dollars ($500). If an agency is unable to procure the services of a collection agency or attorney for the collection of any account in excess of five hundred dollars ($500) for a fee of one-third (⅓) of the amount recovered as authorized in this subsection, the agency may report this fact to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee,*

and the Committee may authorize the agency to pay a higher fee for collecting the account, not to exceed fifty percent (50%); or

3. *Pursuing setoff of debt against State income tax refunds for eligible agencies as allowed by ACA§ 26-36-301 - 26-36-320; or*
4. *Pursuing all other available means of collection if deemed feasible and economically justifiable by the agency. (ACA §19-2-305)*

Agencies are to document all efforts made toward the collection of receivables. Agencies are to prepare aging reports at least monthly. Aging reports are required to be reviewed by management, and such review documented on the report as to the action taken.
Accounts receivable records may contain personal information about citizens. Safeguarding and disposition of personal information must be consistent with federal and State laws/regulations applicable to the information.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) require that a determination be made between receivables deemed to be collectable and those considered not economically collectable, including those not collectable at all. Agencies are to develop and follow written criteria for the determination of those not collectable. These written procedures shall be filed with the DFA-OA within 90 days from the effective date of this regulation. Estimates of total receivables not collectable are to be made at fiscal year end, and adjusting entries are to be recorded in the agency's accounting records to the allowance for receivables not collected.

Abatement Procedures

The procedures that must be followed by state agencies, departments, boards, commissions and institutions to "charge off" moneys owed to them are prescribed in ACA§19-2-301 through 19-2-307. The provisions contained in the law must be complied with before any accounts or notes receivable may be abated. If, after the state agency has pursued collection of the debt owed it as set out above and such debt or partial debt is decreed unable to be collected, then the debt shall be referred to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for abatement. Before any debt will be considered for abatement, the State agency shall certify in writing that the above procedures have been complied with and submit detailed support of collection attempts. A statement must be included justifying why any of the above methods were not used, and the agency shall provide a copy of the letter from the attorney or collection agency stating they were unable to collect the bad debt, if applicable.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall verify that all efforts to collect the indebtedness have been fulfilled. He/she may then, by written approval, declare the debt or remaining debt unable to be collected and notify the State agency and Legislative Joint Auditing Committee of abatement of the debt.

Refer to Appendix P2-19-4-2004 , for debt abatement journal entries.

PLEASE NOTE: *Refer and adhere to the provisions of ACA§ 19-2-301 et seq. in applying the above regulation.*

SUBCHAPTER 21 - STATE FUNDED EXPENSES OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

19-4-2101. Definition.

For purposes of this subchapter the term constitutional officers means the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Commissioner of State Lands.

History. Acts 1991, No. 768, 1.

19-4-2102. Documentation required.

(a) For all expenditures exceeding twenty-five dollars ($25.00), all constitutional officers and their employees shall hereafter file with their disbursing officers the following documents to substantiate expenditures for transportation, lodging, food, or any other expense to be paid from the maintenance and operations moneys appropriated by the General Assembly:

(1) A copy of the vendor's invoice or receipt;

(2) A statement of the purpose of the expenditure; and

(3) The names of all persons for which the expenditure was incurred.

(b) For all expenditures not exceeding twenty-five dollars ($25.00), all constitutional officers and their employees shall hereafter file with their disbursing officers the following documents to substantiate expenditures for transportation, lodging, food, or any other expense to be paid from the maintenance and operations moneys appropriated by the General Assembly:

(1) A statement of the purpose of the expenditure;

(2) The amount of such expense;

(3) The date, place, and nature of such expense; and

(4) The business relationship of any persons for whom the expenditure was incurred, including such person's identity, title, or other information sufficient to establish such relationship.

History. Acts 1991, No. 768, 2.

19-4-2103. Expenditures to be for official state business only - Exemptions.

(a) No constitutional officer or employee of a constitutional officer shall expend for personal use any moneys appropriated by the General Assembly for the maintenance and operation of the office, and the moneys appropriated for the maintenance and operation of the offices of the constitutional officers shall be expended only for official state business.

(b) This subchapter does not apply to the purchase, maintenance, and operation of state-owned motor vehicles.

History. Acts 1991, No. 768, 3.

19-4-2104. Expenditures - Disapproval.

No disbursing officer of state funds shall approve any expenditure from maintenance and operation funds for expenses for a constitutional officer or an employee of a constitutional officer unless the request for the expenditure is accompanied by the documentation required by this subchapter.

History. Acts 1991, No. 768, 4.

19-4-2105. Retention of documentation.

The constitutional officers and their employees shall retain the original documentation required by this subchapter for a period of three (3) years after the date of the request for expenditure.

History. Acts 1991, No. 768, 5.

SUBCHAPTER 22 - REVIEW OF DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

19-4-2201. Definitions - Review generally - Exempt grants.

(a) For the purposes of this subchapter:

(1) Discretionary grant means a grant in which the recipient of the grant funds or the formula for the grant award is not specifically stated in the legislation authorizing the grant;

(2) Nondiscretionary grant means a grant in which the recipient of the grant funds or the formula for the grant award is specifically stated in the legislation authorizing the grant, or in specific agency regulations promulgated by the agency and reviewed by the Legislative Council, or in the case of federal funds, in the statute, regulation, or other federal directive which restricts the disbursement of the funds according to federal guidelines; and

(3) State agency means:

(A) Every board, commission, department, division, or office of state government whether executive, legislative, or judicial; and

(B) All state-supported post-secondary educational institutions, including, but not limited to, colleges and universities, vocational and technical schools, and community colleges.

(b) Hereafter, no state agency shall award any discretionary grant prior to review by the Legislative Council between legislative sessions, or by the Joint Budget Committee during legislative sessions. However, if a state agency determines that an emergency exists requiring the discretionary grant to be awarded prior to review, it may award the discretionary grant prior to the review by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, and shall immediately notify the Legislative Council between legislative sessions, or the Joint Budget Committee during legislative sessions, as to the facts constituting the emergency.

(c) Grants exempt from review shall include:

(1) Grants for which the total consideration is less than or equal to ten thousand dollars ($10,000);

(2) Nondiscretionary grants as determined by the agency;

(3) Grants to another governmental entity such as a state agency, public educational institution, federal governmental entity, or body of a local government;

(4) Disaster relief grants;

(5) Grants identified as not requiring review by the Legislative Council between legislative sessions, or the Joint Budget Committee during legislative sessions;

(6) Grants containing confidential information, the disclosure of which is determined by the agency to constitute a violation of other provisions of law regarding disclosure; and

(7) Any scholarship or financial assistance award to, or on behalf of, a post-secondary student.

History. Acts 1999, No. 1032, 1.

19-4-2202. Review of nonexempt grants.

The Legislative Council between legislative sessions, and the Joint Budget Committee during legislative sessions, shall review all nonexempt discretionary grants by state agencies, and notify the agencies as to the results of the review. The Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee shall notify agencies of any other grants identified as not requiring review.

History. Acts 1999, No. 1032, 2.

TITLE 19 - PUBLIC FINANCE

CHAPTER 5 - REVENUE STABILIZATION LAW

SUBCHAPTER 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

19-5-101. Title.

This chapter shall be known and cited as the Revenue Stabilization Law.

History. Acts 1973, No. 750, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-501.

PLEASE NOTE: Go** to http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Pages/Home.aspx **under the heading "Arkansas Law" to view the entire Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated.

R1-19-5-101 Funds, Revenue Distribution, Transfers, and Loans

FUNDS

Two definitions of fund exist within the State of Arkansas. The first type of fund is one established by Arkansas Law or the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The second type of fund is one established by governmental accounting standard for financial reporting.

There are two categories of funds per Arkansas Law: agency cash in bank funds and funds on deposit with the Treasurer of State.

Agency Cash in Bank Funds

These are moneys belonging to the State of Arkansas that are permitted to be kept in financial institutions other than the Treasurer of State. The funds may be either appropriated or non-appropriated. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State must approve the creation of non-appropriated funds. See Section R1-19-4-805 for information regarding management of cash funds.

Funds on Deposit with the Treasurer of State

Funds on deposit with the Treasurer of State are established primarily and individually in either the Revenue Stabilization Act (19-5-101 et seq.) or the Revenue Classification Acts (19-6-101 et seq.). The remaining funds on deposit with the Treasurer of State are established individually by general or appropriation acts or by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State as a result of authority granted to him to accomplish the intent of legislative enactment. The types of funds on deposit with the Treasurer of State are as follows:

A. Moneys as outlined in ACA 19-6-201 and ACA 19-6-301 will be on deposit in one of the following funds until distributed to the various operating funds of agencies in accordance with ACA 19-5-201:

*1. **General Revenue Fund Account** – Revenue holding fund account of the State Apportionment Fund is termed AGA0000. The fund consists of revenues derived from taxes, permits, royalties, leases, fees, licenses and the sale of confiscated goods for the common good and operation of the state government, as listed in ACA 19-6-201.*

*2. **Special Revenue Fund Account** – Revenue holding fund account of the State Apportionment Fund is termed ASA0000. The fund consists of revenues derived from taxes, permits, fees and licenses for the operation of specific programs or purposes, as listed in the ACA 19-6-301.*

*3. **Revenue Holding Fund Account** –Fund account of the State Apportionment Fund is termed ARH0000. This fund consists of taxes, licenses, fees, penalties, interest or other income which at the time of being deposited with the Treasurer of State cannot be determined to be either special or general revenues. The revenues deposited to ARH are specifically nominated or determined by DFA to*

be deposited and/or adjusted to or from that fund group. An example of this is certain Insurance Department deposits.

B. Fees deducted as outlined in ACA 19-5-202(b) (2)(B)(i) will be distributed to the following funds:

*1. **Constitutional Officers Fund and State Central Services Fund** – The Constitutional Officers Fund is termed MCF0000, and the State Central Services Fund is termed HSC0000. These funds receive specific revenues and a proportionate share of certain fees calculated on General and Special Revenues. Additionally, the State Central Services Fund receives a service charge from agencies with cash funds.*

C. After the deduction of the applicable fees, the remaining general and special revenues will be deposited into one of the following types of operating funds of the various state agencies:

*1. **General Revenue Operating Funds** – Funds consist of revenue as set forth in the ACA 19-5-101 et seq. and the ACA 19-6-101 et seq.*

a. State General Government Funds
b. Institutions of Higher Education Funds
c. Education Funds
d. Public School Fund
e. Department of Human Services
f. Public Health Fund
g. Technical College Funds

*2. **Special Revenue Funds** – Funds consist of special revenues from taxes, permits, fees, and licenses for the operation of certain programs or for specific purposes as defined in the ACA 19-6-301.*

D. Moneys collected that are not defined as general or special revenue in ACA 19-6-301 et seq. are deposited into one of the following types of funds for specific agencies:

*1. **Trust Funds** – Funds consist of moneys received or collected and dedicated by law for specific purposes or certain bequests made to the State.*

*2. **Federal Funds** – Funds consist of moneys granted to the State or any of its agencies under the Acts of Congress or by any Federal agency.*

*3. **Miscellaneous Revenue Funds** – Funds consist of fines, penalties, interest or court costs for collection of any revenue, rental income, or non-revenue as defined in the ACA 19-6-101 et seq.*

*4. **Paying Funds** – Funds mix state, federal and other moneys to pay for programs out of one fund with various match rates.*

5. ***Cash in Treasury Funds*** *– Funds, commonly known as "N" funds, were formerly Cash in Bank Funds that are now held by the Treasurer of State and earn interest which is distributed in the Treasurer of State's system and posted by the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) Funds Group into AASIS at the end of each month.*

Fund Structure

Fund structure follows a hierarchy that begins with the legally designated fund and includes all sub-funds. Funds are established by law and are set up by the DFA-OA-Funds Group. All funds have a specific coding structure currently comprised of seven characters and/or numbers. All funds on deposit with the Treasurer of State begin with three alpha characters and end with four numeric or alpha-numeric characters. All Cash in Bank funds begin with three numeric characters and end with four numeric characters. The State's Financial Management System has the capability of up to ten characters/numbers for fund structure.

Creation of Funds

All requests for the creation of a fund or fund account must be sent to DFA-OA-Funds Group Manager after approval from the agency's Budget Analyst in the Department of Finance and Administration – Office of Budget (DFA-OB). The "Create Fund" Form is located at Create Fund Form or http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/Pages/Forms.aspx under the "Funds" Section. The DFA-OA-Funds Group will review the fund type requested by the agency. The DFA-OA-CAFR Section Manager/Assistant Manager or their designee also must approve the fund type. The DFA-OA-Funds Group will notify the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State when appropriated funds are established so that both offices may also establish the fund on their books of record.

PLEASE NOTE: *Also refer to R1 19-5-104 (Establishment of other funds or accounts).*

Financial Reporting Fund Types

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which replaced the National Council on Governmental Accounting (NCGA), prescribes the fund type structure to be used in financial reporting. Funds must be typed as defined in NCGA Statement 1 and GASB Statement 34. The financial reporting fund type should be listed on the Create Fund Form. Link Create Fund Form The types of financial reporting funds are as follows:

General *- To account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.*

PLEASE NOTE: *DFA-OA has the final decision regarding the fund type assigned to each fund. Funds that are material to the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) will be classified using the following fund types:*

Special Revenue *– To account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditure for specified purpose. The most common example would be the federal grant funds that begin with a letter "F."*

Capital Projects *– To account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities. The most common example would be major construction that is financed by bonded indebtedness such as road or real estate and its improvements. Routine type capital asset purchases should not be accounted for in the capital projects fund.*

Debt Service *– To account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of general long term debt principal and interest. An example would be a fund of the Treasurer of the State that makes principal and interest payments for a bond issue of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission.*

Permanent Funds *– To account for resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only investment earnings and not principal may be used for purposes that support the reporting government's program, that is for the benefit of the government or its citizenry.*

Agency *– To account for situations where the government's role is purely custodial, such as the receipt, temporary investment, and remittance of fiduciary resources to individuals, private organizations or other governments. An example would be child-support payments collected for custodial parents by DFA, or prisoner funds held by the Department of Correction.*

Pension Trust *– To report resources that are required to be held in trust for the members and beneficiaries of defined benefit pension plans, defined contributions plans and other post employment benefit plans. An example would be the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System.*

Investment Trust *– To account for an investment pool or specific investments that belong to entities outside the government but are held by the government.*

Private Purpose Trust *– To report any trust arrangement not properly reported in a pension trust fund or an investment trust fund under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations or other governments.*

Enterprise *– To account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. Also, to account for any activity whose principal revenue sources meet any of the following criteria: 1) Debt backed solely by fees and charges, 2) Legal requirement to recover costs and 3) Policy decision to recover costs. DFA-OA has adopted the policy that only agencies which as a whole meet the criteria will be called enterprise. An example would be a university, the Department of Workforce Services or the Workers Compensation Commission.*

Internal Service *– To report any activity that provides goods or services to other funds, departments or agencies of the primary government and its component units or to other governments on a cost-reimbursement basis. An example would be the Department of Information Systems.*

A list can be generated in AASIS by using Transaction S_KI4_38000039 which will display the Index of Funds. The layout of the report can be changed to display the fund type.

See P2-19-5-101b.

REVENUE DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of General and Special Revenues

Moneys collected that are deposited with the Treasurer of State and are defined as general and special revenue in ACA 19-6-201 and 19-6-301 are credited to the State Apportionment Fund and are deemed to be Gross Revenue. The following distributions are made on the last working day of the month in accordance with ACA 19-5-401 through 19-5-406. The Treasurer of State determines the distributions, and the DFA-OA posts the transactions in AASIS.

1. ***General Revenues***
   a. *Claims, taxes erroneously paid and returned checks are deducted from the Gross General Revenues to arrive at the "Net General Revenue."*
   b. *Various deductions are made from "Net General Revenue" as specified in the Revenue Stabilization Act to arrive at "General Revenues Available for Distribution."*
      (1) *Certifications that adjust the General Revenues*
      (2) *Pursuant to ACA 19-5-202, the Treasurer of State shall deduct one percent (1%) which is transferred to the Constitutional Officers Fund. An appropriate percentage of not less than two percent (2%) and not to exceed three percent (3%), as determined from time to time by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State as being the amount required to support the estimated commitments and expenditures of the State Central Services Fund for the current fiscal year, will be transferred to the State Central Services Fund.*
   c. *The "General Revenues Available for Distribution" are allocated to the funds on deposit with the Treasurer of State in accordance with the allocations authorized by 19-5-101 through 19-5-107 after deducting any advances given during the month. Advances may be made on the agency's estimated monthly allotment of General Revenue when funds are available. The amount advanced shall never exceed 80% of the estimated monthly allotment.*
   d. *Pursuant to ACA 19-5-1004, the balances remaining in certain general revenue funds at the end of a fiscal year will be reclaimed on or before August 15 of the fiscal year next following the fiscal year during which balances accrued.*

2. ***Special Revenues***
   a. *Claims, taxes erroneously paid and returned checks are deducted from the Gross Special Revenues to arrive at the "Net Special Revenue."*
   b. *Pursuant to ACA§ 19-5-203, the Treasurer of State shall then deduct the same percentage as determined to be deducted from the net general revenues in ACA§19-5-202 and to be transferred under the same procedures as set forth in ACA§19-5-202 from each net special revenue collected by any of those agencies enumerated in*

ACA§19-5-205(b) and one-half (1/2) of the percentage deductions as set out in ACA§19-5-202 and transferred in the same proportion to the State Central Services Fund and the Constitutional Officers Fund from each net special revenue collected by any other department, board, agency or commission.

c. *The funds to which the special revenues were originally deposited receive the balance of the revenues collected after said deduction.*

TRANSFERS

<u>Fund Transfers</u>

The ACA 19-5-101 et seq. (ACA 19-5-106(a)) provides for transfers to be made under certain circumstances. Transfers may be made for one of the following reasons:

1. *To correct accounting errors;*
2. *To make loans to authorized funds, fund accounts, and for repayment of such loans as they become due and payable as authorized by law as outlined in the Temporary Loan Section;*
3. *To reimburse the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund or successor fund(s) or fund account(s) for the payment of any claims, refunds or any other disbursements authorized by law;*
4. *For the Chief Fiscal Officer to certify to the State Auditor and State Treasurer the transfer of funds from any fund(s) on deposit in the State Treasury containing operating moneys of any of the following delinquent political entities to the fund that is owed said funds:*
    a. *Any political entity, including any state agency, board, commission, department, institution, state supported community college or college or university of state government that fails, neglects or refuses to make proper and timely settlements of moneys due or fails to submit on a timely basis required reports to the state agency responsible for administering Federal Social Security and state retirement programs for public employees, public school teachers, highway employees or State Police employees.*
    b. *Any political sub-division of the State, including a regional, county, or municipal government that fails, neglects or refuses to make proper and timely settlements of moneys due or fails to submit on a timely basis required reports to the state agency responsible for administering Federal Social Security and state retirement programs for public employees, public school teachers, highway employees or State Police employees.*
    c. *Any school district that fails, neglects or refuses to make proper and timely settlements of moneys due or fails to submit on a timely basis required reports to the state agency responsible for administering Federal Social Security and state retirement programs for public employees or public school teachers.*
5. *To transfer funds between state agencies and within state agencies in order to eliminate the double accounting of receipts and expenditures which occurs under the method of issuing vouchers;*
6. *For any other purposes as may be specifically authorized by law.*

DFA-OA also permits transfers between each agency's legal Treasury fund group for the purpose of moving cash to the fund where obligations will be expended.

Fund Transfer Procedures

If it is determined that a proposed transfer qualifies under one or more of the reasons listed above, the following procedure should be followed:

A. If the transfer is from one account in the agency's legal Treasury fund group to another account in that agency's same legal fund group, the agency is allowed to post the transfer on a ZT document type. An example of this type of transfer is a transfer from BAA0000 to BAA0100. The non-user agencies should send an "Intra-agency Transfer" Form located at P2-19-5-101 or http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/financialManagementGuide/Pages/default.aspx .

B. If the transfer is from one legal fund to another legal fund such as from BAA0100 to DBA0000, then the agency, if an AASIS user agency, must park the document and request that DFA-OA-Funds Group Manager post that document. The nonuser agencies should send an "Intra-agency Transfer" Form (transfer within one State agency) or an "Inter-agency Transfer" Form (transfer between two State agencies) located at P3-19-5-101 or http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/financialManagementGuide/Pages/default.aspx .

1. *When an agency parks a document, the transfer form must be e-mailed as support. Do not send duplicates unless it is requested. For instance, do not e-mail a request and then fax or mail the same request.*
2. *DFA-OA will post the transfer after approving it and will notify the agency upon completion of the transfer with the document number.*
3. *DFA-OA will notify the agency if the transfer is rejected.*
4. *Emergencies: A transfer may be requested by telephone but must be followed by a written confirmation that includes the request form and that the information is a follow up on a phone request made by whom and on what date and time.*
5. *DFA-OA-Funds Group and the agency shall both maintain supporting documentation.*

PLEASE NOTE: *There are certain fund groups in which the first three letters are the same but more than one agency has a fund account in that group. The agency should not park or post those transfers. Examples of this type of fund groups are the HSC, HUA, MCF and MTA funds. The funding comes from the DFA fund, and DFA must make the transfer after logging it into its tracking spreadsheets.*

Please review P1-19-5-101 & P2-19-5-101 or http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/financialManagementGuide/Pages/default.aspx which outlines the proper procedures for recording certain items as transfers versus an expenditure.

LOANS

Interfund Loans

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) defines interfund loans as a flow of assets such as cash or goods for which repayment is expected within a reasonable amount of time. Loans are properly recorded as increases and decreases in assets and liabilities with no effect on revenue, expense or other financing sources/uses.

Temporary Loans

The ACA 19-5-101 et seq. provides for temporary loans to be made to certain funds from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund. Generally, those funds that are eligible to receive such loans under certain circumstances are:

(1) Those funds that receive General Revenue as outlined in ACA 19-5-401. Provided that loans may be made to the Institutions of Higher Education for operational purposes only after meeting the requirements of ACA 19-5-501.
(2) The Department of Correction Farm Fund for farm production purposes.
(3) The Department of Correction Industry Fund
(4) The Tax Refund Funds
(5) The various federal accounts of state agencies upon certification of the pending availability of federal funding by the director of the state agency making the request. However, the requests shall be limited to those occasions whereby the continued operations of the state agency programs would be seriously impaired and unnecessary hardships would be created due to either administrative oversight, delays by the federal government in forwarding the moneys or by problems created by the federal fiscal year conversion.
(6) Funds specifically cited in legislative acts.

PLEASE NOTE: *State agencies supported solely from special revenues are not eligible to apply for or receive loans from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund.*

Temporary Loan Procedures

If it is determined that the loan requests qualify under one or more of the reasons listed above, the procedure should be as follows:

1. *Send a written request via e-mail, fax or letter to the DFA–OA-Funds Group Manager.*
2. *The loan request should be completed on either the "Loan Request" Form located at P5-19-5-101q or http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/financialManagementGuide/Pages/default.aspx or the "General Revenue Advance Request" Form located at P5-19-5-101 or http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/financialManagementGuide/Pages/default.aspx and included with the written communication.*
3. *If funds are available, DFA-OA will post the loan and notify the agency of the completion with the document number if approved or that the loan was not approved.*
4. *Emergencies: A loan may be requested by telephone but must be followed by a written communication that includes the request form. The written confirmation should also*

include the information that this is a follow up on a phone request made by whom and on what date and time.

5. *Loan documents are never parked by agencies.*
6. *DFA-OA and the agency shall both maintain supporting documentation.*

R2-19-5-101 Cash Funds Service Charge

ACA §19-5-206 requires certain state agencies whose cash funds, whether appropriated or not and whose annual revenues as reflected in the previous year's audit exceeds $25,000, shall remit on the first day of each calendar quarter a 1 ½% service charge to the Treasurer of State. Such funds shall be deposited into the State Central Services Fund (HSC0000) held by the Treasurer of State. Requirements of this service charge, the method of computation and agencies included (excluded) are as follows:

State agencies subject to this statutorily required service charge shall include all boards, commissions, departments, agencies, institutions, offices, or officers and any other office or unit of the State of Arkansas created or established pursuant to law or pursuant to any action of the Governor functioning under appropriation of the General Assembly or functioning as a representative of the State of Arkansas without appropriation of the General Assembly.

<u>Excluded</u> from this service charge are the Office of the Commissioner of State Lands, the Department of Parks and Tourism, the Department of Education and any of its divisions, community colleges and branches thereof, universities and branches thereof, technical colleges, technical institutes, post secondary vocational-technical schools, comprehensive lifelong learning centers, funds received from the federal government, funds held in trust, funds of the various State retirement systems and funds received by the Department of Arkansas Heritage from voluntary donations and non-federal grants. The service charge to be remitted on the first day of each calendar quarter shall equal 1 ½ % of the total expenditures of the previous calendar quarter from all cash funds as defined in ACA §19-4-801. These quarterly expenditures are exclusive of any expenditure which paid the previous quarter's service charge.

In case funds are held outside the State Treasury, remittance shall be in the form of a check payable to the Treasurer of State and coded as an operating expense (commitment item 502:00:02) (general ledger account 5080005000). The Treasurer of State shall deposit each check as a non-revenue receipt in the State Central Services Fund to provide financial support for certain required administrative functions of State government.

19-5-104. Establishment of other funds or accounts.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may only establish such other funds or fund accounts on the books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for making payments that are composed of funds derived from more than one (1) fund or fund account as established by this chapter. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may also establish paying accounts on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for making payments that are composed of funds derived from more than one (1) source. However, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may establish on the books accounts within funds or fund accounts carried on the books of the Treasurer of State and Auditor of State that he or she deems are necessary for

the accounting system of his or her office. Nothing in this section shall prevent the establishment of new funds composed solely of federal grants, aids, reimbursements, or any other moneys received from the United States Government that are to be used for specific purposes.

History. Acts 1973, No. 750, 9; 1979, No. 1013, 8; 1979, No. 1077, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-535.

R1 19-5-104 Funds Group

The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting-Funds Group (DFA-OA-FG) assists agencies in establishing, managing and maintaining "Treasury Funds." A "Treasury Fund" is moneys on deposit in the State Treasurer's Cash Accounts that is available to be expended in the manner detailed in the related appropriation authorized by the General Assembly. Payments made from the "Treasury Fund" are always by state warrant issued by the Auditor of State at the direction of the agency that owns the "Treasury Fund." The primary processes involved in funds management are detailed below:

To Establish a New Treasury Fund

Treasury Funds are established in two manners: 1) Authorization by new legislation from the Arkansas General Assembly creates a new legal fund. Currently, these funds are designated by a seven-digit alpha numeric code. The first three digits are alpha and remaining four digits are always four zeros to designate the legal or "high level" fund. The State's Financial Management System has the capability of up to ten characters/numbers for fund structure. The DFA-OA-Fund Group Manager may initiate the establishment of all new legal funds. 2) The agency Fiscal Officer may request that a new fund be created as a "sub fund" of a legal fund which is owned by the agency. Generally, this request is a result of specific business processes of the agency itself and not a legal requirement.

In both instances the completion of the form must be the first step in the process ("Create Treasury Fund Request" Form) to set up a new fund for receipting and expensing. The original form is submitted to the agency's DFA-Office of Budget Analyst (OB) for review. The Budget Analyst will review the form for accuracy, initial the form and submit it to the CAFR Liaison assigned to that agency for fund type determination. After the fund type is determined, the DFA Accounting Manager and the Assistant Administrator/CAFR will approve and initial the form. The form is then returned to the Assistant Administrator/Appropriation Manager for review and approval. The Assistant Administrator/Appropriation Manager routes the form to the DFA-OA-Funds Group staff to be logged and entered into AASIS upon verification that all information is complete and correct. The Funds Group Manager assigns an alpha numeric code to the fund (if a new legal fund) as necessary to comply with the general naming convention used for all funds held by state agencies. A copy of the final form with all signatures is returned to the Budget Analysts who in turn will notify the agency.

After DFA-OA-Funds Group enters the new fund information into AASIS, the information contained on the request form is entered into a template and e-mailed to the Treasurer of State for entry into their system. The beginning date for usage is the date following entry into the AASIS system. The end date is always the fiscal year end date. The information contained on the funds request form is entered into the "Funds Control Log."

An e-mail is sent to the Auditor of State, Attorney General's Office, DFA Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Section Manager (CAFR) and DFA-OA Funds/Appropriations Manager. A copy is filed in the DFA-OA-Funds Group files. The original form is returned to the DFA-Office of Budget Analyst responsible for the agency.

When the Treasurer of State has completed entry into their system, a return e-mail is made to the Funds Group Manager, and the DFA-OA-Funds Group "funds" log is updated to reflect the date of the "establishment" or "fund created" date.

Discontinued Funds

Funds that are discontinued as a result of legislation or due to the lack of use by the agency will be assigned a special authorization group designation of DOA1 or DOA2. Funds with a DOA1 authorization group are those funds discontinued in the previous fiscal year while funds with a DOA2 authorization group have been discontinued for 2 years and will not be authorized for another fiscal year. Only DFA personnel will be allowed to post entries such as outlawed warrants or prior year adjustments to funds in these authorization groups. Agency personnel should work closely with their DFA-OA-CAFR Section liaison to ensure that all fixed assets are moved to new/existing funds to avoid the need for additional entries involving depreciation.

Establishing New General Ledger Codes

Additions to the existing general ledger chart of accounts are a result of either new legislation from the General Assembly (request will be by DFA-OA) or a request from an agency, DFA-OA, DFA-Budget Office or the AASIS Service Center staff. The form to request a new general ledger code is completed and signed by the originating party and transmitted by printed or electronic copy to the DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager. The appropriate name, legal authority and AASIS coding structure for the new general ledger code is added onto the request form by the DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager if the request is for an expenditure or balance sheet code. If the request is for a revenue code, the appropriate name, legal authority and AASIS coding structure is added to the request form by the Funds Group Manager. After establishing the code in AASIS, the DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager notifies the Funds Group Manager by delivery of an initialed copy of the request form. The Funds Group Manager enters the information onto an e-mail letter template that is sent to the Treasurer of State. The Treasurer of State e-mails a verification notice to the Funds Group Manager that the general ledger account code has been added to the Treasurer of State's system.

Deposits to Treasury Detail

The reporting agencies, user agencies or Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting-Service Bureau (in the case of agencies that have their accounting process performed by DFA) enter their receipts of income into cash journals for posting, which in turn creates the deposit slip for the agency to submit to the Treasurer of State with the corresponding checks, cash or warrants for non-Electronic Funds transfer deposits. Entries to record receipts of income or federal fund transfers that are received through the Electronic Funds transfer (EFT) process also create cash journals and the corresponding deposit slips; however, additional identifying information about the draw, such as the transfer document number from the Federal Reserve System, must be on the face of the deposit slip. The deposit slips are to be

made on the day of the federal fund transfer request and presented to the Treasurer of State. These deposit slips are then matched to the incoming federal fund transfers and recorded into the Treasurer of State's records.

The agency submits the original deposit slip and one copy to the Treasurer of State. The Treasurer's staff records the Treasury receipt number on the copy of the deposit slip which is given to the agency for filing in their records. The original is maintained in the Treasurer of State's records.

The Treasurer of State's posting of deposits and transfers ends at 2:00 p.m. each weekday, except for the last workday of the month which ends at 12 noon. Deposits delivered to the Treasurer's Office after those times will be posted the following business day. Processing of the receipts and disbursements into the proper funds follows. When all processing and daily reconciliation is complete, the Treasurer of State files the original deposit receipt. An electronic deposit receipt is sent to the Auditor of State.

Reversal of Cash Journal Entries

Cash Journal Entries can be reversed as long as the deposit has not been processed by the Treasury. If errors are discovered after the Treasury has processed the deposit, then the agency must initiate a Revenue Receipt Correction with DFA-OA-Funds Group to make corrections.

Agency personnel can reduce or even eliminate the need for Cash Journal Entry reversals or Revenue Receipt Corrections by having procedures in place to verify the amounts and the coding being entered into the cash journal prior to saving and posting the entries. Cash/Checks not totaling to the deposit slip is one of the most common mistakes made and the easiest to avoid. Supervisory staff should verify fund and general ledger code information before posting the entries.

If errors occur and are caught before the deposit is processed by the Treasury, the following steps must be completed to reverse the lines keyed in error:

- *If the receipt is a customer payment on an accounts receivable (A/R), then the A/R entry must be reversed first;*
- *Agency personnel will need to contact the DFA-OA-Funds Group Manager by email to request reversal of the lines keyed in error;*
- *Include a screenshot of the "Payment" tab with the lines highlighted that need to be reversed. This can be done by using the "Print Screen" key on the keyboard next to F12. Paste the screenshot into a word document or directly into the email body. If there are several lines to be corrected, make sure a screenshot is provided for each page to ensure all lines are displayed;*
- *Include a screenshot of the "Receipts" tab with the lines highlighted that need to be reversed. Use the steps above to paste this information into a word document or the email body;*
- *Include either in the email or the word document the reason for the reversal, the cash journal number, the date of entry and the description of the fund code(s), amounts and other pertinent information about the lines to be reversed;*

- *Be sure to include the following contact information: Business Area name and number, your name, phone number and email address if different from the person sending the information;*
- *Send the email request to the DFA-OA-Funds Group Manager or call the DFA – Office of Accounting at (501) 682-1675 for email address information.*

Revenue Receipt Corrections

Revenue receipt corrections are initiated by agency personnel to correct an incorrect characterization of the revenue or transfer of moneys receipted by the agency and already processed by the Treasurer of State. This is accomplished by completing the "Revenue Receipt Correction" Form requesting the correction be recorded in both AASIS and the Treasurer of State's records. The electronic template is provided on the DFA web site http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/financialManagementGuide/Pages/default.aspx

The revenue receipt corrections requested by an agency are sent by e-mail to DFA-OA-Funds Group and accompanied by the electronic template with all pertinent information. The detailed instructions appear on the Excel template.

The Funds Group Manager reviews the information provided, and any missing information is requested from the agency person initiating the request. When completed, the deposit record is researched thoroughly to ensure the correcting entry will be accurate. DFA-OA- FG staff will park and post the correction into AASIS after verification of the information provided by agency personnel on the Revenue Receipt Correction Form.

Revenue receipt corrections that involve either general or special revenue or those in which cash is taken from one fund and deposited into another fund require correction in the Treasurer of State's records. This is accomplished by the DFA-OA-Funds Group Manager forwarding a copy of the revenue receipt correction to the Treasurer of State's office to be posted.

The Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State choose to process certain documents manually rather than accept interfaces with updated records to process within their systems. The actual documents are printed out and the Funds Group Manager enters those document numbers in a document log. These documents, the list and the log are emailed to the Auditor of State and Treasurer of State for manual entry.

After the Auditor of State and Treasurer of State have entered them into their systems, they email the log with the entry date on it to the Funds Group Manager. The document log is updated in the DFA- OA-FG computer files maintained by the Funds Group staff. The printed lists, logs and fax coversheets are filed in the Funds Group.

PLEASE NOTE: *Revenue Receipt Correction forms for transactions are located at: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/financialManagementGuide/Pages/default.aspx*

PLEASE NOTE: *The Treasurer of State investment policy may be viewed as appendix P1- 19-5-104.*

PLEASE NOTE: Other forms applicable to the management of funds in the State Treasury are *located on the DFA-OA web site at: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/financialManagementGuide/Pages/default.aspx*.

Returned Checks
Refer to R3-19-4-2004 "Returned Checks" for discussion of returned checks.

SUBCHAPTER 7 - REIMBURSEMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS

Sections:
Purpose, Authority, History and Administration
Applicable Arkansas Code
Contributions Policy
Rate Calculation Procedure
Contribution Accounting Procedure (Attachment P1-19-5-701)
Fiscal Year-End Accrual Procedure

Purpose
All programs of state government shall contribute their fair share to the cost of unemployment benefits charged to the state agencies operating such programs. To do this, each state agency receiving an appropriation of Regular Salaries, Extra Help, or Authorized Overtime from Treasury or Cash Funds shall contribute from their Personal Services Matching Funds a percentage of their gross payroll.

Authority
Refer to Unemployment Compensation Revolving Fund Law and Reimbursement of Unemployment Compensation Benefits – ACA §19-5-939 and 19-5-701 through 19-5-710.

History
Unemployment Compensation requirements for Arkansas State Government were established under the authority of Acts 608 of 1977 and 697 of 1979, and incorporated into ACA § 19-5-701 through 19-5-710 and 19-5-939.

Administration
The Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Administrative Services (DFA-OAS), administers this program for the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of Arkansas.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Unemployment Compensation regulations are a compilation of ACA§ 19-5-701 et seq. and may be reviewed in their entirety in the Arkansas Code. Only the applicable sections are shown below.*

19-5-701. Purpose.

It is the purpose of this subchapter that all programs, regardless of their funding source, contribute equally to the cost of unemployment compensation benefits charged to the state agencies operating such programs. It is not the intent of this subchapter that the State of

Arkansas relinquish its status as a nontaxable reimbursable employer under the Department of Workforce Services Law, 11-10-101 et seq.

History. Acts 1977, No. 608, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-554.

19-5-702. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Contribution means a percentage of payroll expenditures paid to the Unemployment Compensation Revolving Fund by a state agency in order to provide current and timely reimbursements of benefits paid by the Department of Workforce Services Law for unemployment benefits charged to the agency;

(2) Experience rate means the process of adjustment in a future period of the contribution rate of an agency based on the difference of the amounts paid to the revolving fund for a fiscal year compared to the amounts of unemployment benefits charged to the agency for a fiscal year in order to recover deficits and refund surpluses;

(3) Payroll means the gross total amount expended for a payroll period for regular salaries, extra help, and authorized overtime payments; and

(4) State agency means any state agency, board, commission, department, institution, college, university, and community junior college receiving an appropriation for regular salaries, extra help, and authorized overtime payable from funds deposited in the State Treasury or depositories other than the State Treasury by the General Assembly.

History. Acts 1977, No. 608, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-554.1.

19-5-704. Administration.

(a) This subchapter shall be administered by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(b) Upon certification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State by the Department of Workforce Services of unemployment compensation benefits paid during a benefit period and charged to a state agency, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct that reimbursement be made to the department from the Unemployment Compensation Revolving Fund for such amounts as are properly certified.

(c) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have the authority to make such rules and regulations as are necessary to enforce the provisions of this subchapter.

History. Acts 1977, No. 608, 7; A.S.A. 1947, 13-554.6.

19-5-705. Benefits claims investigations.

The Department of Workforce Services shall investigate all claims for benefits filed by state employees whether or not the employing state agency lodges a protest to the payment of such benefits. Such investigation shall result in a determination of the eligibility of the employee for benefit payments.

History. Acts 1977, No. 608, 8; A.S.A. 1947, 13-554.7.

19-5-707. Contributions generally.

(a) Each state agency shall make contributions to the Unemployment Compensation Revolving Fund using the experience rate determined in accordance with 11-10-704 from personal services matching costs funds within fourteen (14) calendar days following the end of each calendar quarter. The experience rate for each even-numbered fiscal year will be used to fix the rate for the next even-numbered fiscal year. Each odd-numbered fiscal year's experience rate will be used to fix the next odd-numbered fiscal year rate.

(b) If during any fiscal year the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State determines that the contribution rate for any agency will result in a significant surplus or deficit for that fiscal year, then he or she shall have the authority to adjust the agency contribution rate to reduce such surplus or recover any such deficit, subject to the provisions of 19-5-708.

History. Acts 1977, No. 608, 4; 1979, No. 697, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-554.3.

19-5-708. Maximum contributions.

In no event shall any experience rate result in a state agency making contributions of more than three percent (3%) of its gross payroll expenditures. In the event that an agency builds a deficit which would require a contribution rate greater than three percent (3%), then that agency shall continue to make contributions at the rate of three (3%), even though eligible for an experience rate reduction, until any deficit owed the fund is repaid. Only then shall the actual experience rate be used to compute such agency contributions.

History. Acts 1977, No. 608, 5; A.S.A. 1947, 13-554.4.

Contributions Policy

Notification of the next fiscal year's contribution rate for each state agency shall be distributed by March 1 of each year. These rate assignments shall be forwarded to the DFA-Office of Budget as well.

A newly established agency shall be assigned a contribution rate equal to the experience rate of state government agencies as a whole (the total claims divided by the total salaries). Contribution rates for second and subsequent years' shall be established through experience rating. The rate calculation method is outlined herein.

To each agency's current balance:

- *Add each agency's pro-rata share of accrued interest,*
- *Add the projected interest through the next fiscal year,*
- *Add the contributions yet due from current year rates,*
- *Subtract projected claims through the next fiscal year,*
- *Subtract the desired fund level (75% of the last 2-year average of claims).*

These steps will have established the amount of contributions due for the next fiscal year. Each agency's contribution rate is determined by dividing the contributions due amount by the projected salaries for the fiscal year.

Maximum Contributions

Unemployment contribution rates may not exceed 3% of agency's total gross salaries.

Rate Calculation Procedure

A. At the time a new agency is appropriated salaries, it shall be assigned a contribution rate equal to the experience rate of state government agencies as a whole. (The total claims divided by the total salaries). Second and subsequent years contribution rate shall be established in accordance with the rate calculation process below.

B. Contribution rates for the upcoming fiscal year shall be calculated, and these rates shall be sent to the agencies by March 1 of each fiscal year. These rate assignments shall also be sent to the Office of Budget.

C. The following is a general outline of the rate calculation process:

1. *Compute the last 2 year average of expenditures. 75% of this total is the desired funding level.*
2. *Distribute interest to each account using the agencies' pro-rata share of the fund balance.*
3. *Project expenditures for the next fiscal year using the agencies' pro-rata share of the last 2 years of expenditures.*
4. *Project the contributions yet due based on the current fiscal year rates.*
5. *To the current balance (after interest has been distributed):*
    a. *Add the projected interest through the next fiscal year,*
    b. *Add the contributions yet due from current year rates,*
    c. *Subtract projected expenditures,*
    d. *Subtract the desired fund level.*
6. *These steps will have established the amount of contributions to be collected the next fiscal year.*
7. *Divide the agencies contributions requirement by the salary projections for the next fiscal year to determine the contribution rates.*

Contribution Accounting Procedure

Quarterly contributions are due within 14 calendar days following the end of each calendar quarter.

At the end of each quarter, agencies with unemployment compensation rates other than zero shall receive an invoice from the DFA-OAS for the amount of the contribution due made payable to:

DFA-UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
1515 WEST 7th, ROOM 700
PO BOX 2485
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72203

The vendor code is 9996101 for unemployment contributions. The general ledger code is 5010008000 for unemployment contributions. Unemployment and Workers' compensation contributions may not be combined on a single state warrant or check.

The State of Arkansas' Accounting System provides the Gross amount expended for a payroll period for all state agencies. Gross amount expended for a payroll period for Unemployment Compensation purposes is downloaded from State of Arkansas' Accounting System into an invoice. These invoices are generated by the DFA-OAS and are distributed to the agency each quarter through messenger service, e-mail or regular mail. Copies of invoices shall be sent only with checks. The agency number and the quarter ending date shall be provided on the state warrant stub by keying this information in the text box on the basic tab when processing the payment in the State of Arkansas' Accounting System. See Attachment P1-19-5-701.

The DFA-OAS deposits these warrants and checks to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund (TUC). The TUC Trust Fund shall be used by the DFA-OAS to reimburse the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) for Unemployment Claims paid to former state employees, charged to the applicable agency.

Call the DFA-OAS Fiscal Accounting Section at (501) 324-9060 with any questions about unemployment compensation contributions.

Call the DWS Unemployment Insurance Section at (501) 628-3257 with any questions about Employer Accounts.

Fiscal Year-End Accrual Procedure

Each state agency shall record a journal entry utilizing the State of Arkansas' Accounting System's transaction "ENTER GL ACCOUNT DOCUMENT", for the amount of the accrued but unpaid quarterly unemployment contribution to be provided by DFA-OAS. Conversely, the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund will record a reciprocal amount due from all the agencies for the unpaid accrual.

The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Administrative Services-Fiscal Accounting (DFA-OAS-FA) shall distribute the 4th fiscal quarter invoices to the agencies after the fiscal quarter's close. Agency contributions are due 14 days after the fiscal quarter closes. A memo shall be attached to each agency invoice reminding the agencies to book the fiscal year-end liability in the State of Arkansas' Accounting System and to reverse the prior fiscal year's liability accrual entry. An advance payment memo shall be attached to the invoices applicable to those agencies which prepay the 4th fiscal quarter invoice prior to the quarter's close in order to avoid erroneously booking a year-end accrual entry.

DFA-OAS-FA shall record a receivable for agency unemployment contributions due reduced for amounts received as advance payments.

SUBCHAPTER 8 - REIMBURSEMENT OF WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS

Sections:
Purpose, Authority, History and Administration
Applicable Arkansas Code
Contributions Policy
Rate Calculation Procedure
Contribution Accounting Procedure (P1-19-5-801, P2-19-5-802, and P2-19-5-803)

FISCAL YEAR-END ACCRUAL PROCEDURE

Purpose
All programs of state government shall contribute their fair share to the cost of workers' compensation benefits charged to the state agencies operating such programs. To do this, each state agency receiving an appropriation of Regular Salaries, Extra Help, or Authorized Overtime from Treasury or Cash Funds shall contribute from their Personal Services Matching Funds a percentage of their gross payroll.

Authority
Refer to Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund Law and Reimbursement of Workers' Compensation Benefits – ACA § 19-5-940 and 19-5-801 through 19-5-809.

History
Workers' Compensation requirements for Arkansas State Government were established under the authority of Acts 924 of 1977, 807 of 1979 and 25 of 1981 and incorporated into ACA § 19-5-940 and 19-5-801 through 19-5-809.
Administration
The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Administrative Services (DFA-OAS) administers this program for the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of Arkansas.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Workers' Compensation regulations are a compilation of ACA§ 19-5-801et seq. and may be reviewed in their entirety within the Arkansas Code. Only the applicable sections are shown below.*

19-5-801. Purpose.

It is the purpose of this subchapter that all programs, regardless of their funding source, contribute equally to the cost of workers' compensation benefits charged to the state agencies operating such programs.

History. Acts 1977, No. 924, 1; A.S.A 1947, 13-1407.1.

19-5-802. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Contribution means a percentage of payroll expenditures paid to the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund by a state agency in order to provide current and timely reimbursements of benefits paid by the Workers' Compensation Commission for workers' compensation benefits charged to the agency;

(2) Experience rate means the process of adjustment in a future period of the contribution rate of a state agency based on the difference of the amounts paid to the revolving fund for a fiscal year compared to the amounts of workers' compensation benefits charged to the agency for a fiscal year in order to recover deficits and refund surpluses;

(3) Payroll means the gross total amount expended for a payroll period for regular salaries, extra help, and authorized overtime payments; and

(4) State agency means any state agency, board, commission, department, institution, college, university, and community junior college receiving appropriation for regular salaries, extra help, and authorized overtime payable from funds deposited in the State Treasury or depositories other than the State Treasury by the General Assembly.

History. Acts 1977, No. 924, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 13-1407.2.

19-5-804. Administration.

This subchapter shall be administered by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have the authority to establish procedures and to make such rules and regulations as are necessary to enforce the provisions of this subchapter.

History. Acts 1977, No. 924, 8; A.S.A 1947, 13-1407.8.

19-5-806. Contributions generally.

(a) Each state agency shall make contributions to the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund, using the experience rate determined in accordance with this section, from personal services matching costs funds within fourteen (14) calendar days following the end of each calendar quarter. The experience rate for each even-numbered fiscal year will be used to fix the rate for the next even-numbered fiscal year. Each odd-numbered fiscal year's experience rate will be used to fix the next odd-numbered fiscal year's rate.

(b) If during any fiscal year the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State determines that the contribution rate for any agency will result in a significant surplus or deficit for that fiscal year, he or she shall have the authority to adjust the agency contribution rate to reduce such surplus or recover any such deficit, subject to the provisions of 19-5-807.

History. Acts 1977, No. 924, 4; 1979, No. 807, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-1407.4.

19-5-807. Maximum contributions.

In the event a state agency builds a deficit which would require a contribution rate greater that two percent (2%), the agency shall continue to make contributions at the rate of two percent (2%) until any deficit owed the fund is repaid. In the event an agency's experience rate exceeds two percent (2%) for one (1) full fiscal year, their contribution rate shall be adjusted to equal their experience rate, not to exceed a maximum of five percent (5%). Their contributions shall remain at that level until their experience rate decreases and their accumulated deficit is repaid.

History. Acts 1977, No. 924, 5; 1981, No. 25, 1; A.S.A 1947, 13-1407.5.

Contributions Policy

Notification of the next fiscal year's contribution rate for each state agency shall be distributed by March 1 of each year. These rate assignments shall be forwarded to the DFA-Office of Budget as well.

A newly established agency shall be assigned a contribution rate equal to the experience rate of state government agencies as a whole (the total claims divided by the total salaries). Contribution rates for second and subsequent years' shall be established through experience rating. The rate calculation method is outlined herein.

To each agency's current balance:

- *Add each agency's pro-rata share of accrued interest,*
- *Add the projected interest through the next fiscal year,*
- *Add the contributions yet due from current year rates,*
- *Subtract projected claims through the next fiscal year,*
- *Subtract the desired fund level (75% of the last 2 years average of claims).*

These steps will have established the amount of contributions due for the next fiscal year. Each agency's contribution rate is determined by dividing the contributions due amount by the projected salaries for the fiscal year.

Maximum Contributions

Workers' compensation rates may not exceed 5% of the agency's total gross salaries.

Rate Calculation Procedure

A. At the time a new agency is appropriated salaries, it shall be assigned a contribution rate equal to the experience rate of state government agencies as a whole. (The total claims divided by the total salaries). Second and subsequent years' contribution rate shall be established in accordance with the rate calculation process below.

B. Contribution rates for the upcoming fiscal year shall be calculated, and these rates shall be sent to the agencies by March 1 of each fiscal year. These rate assignments shall also be sent to the Office of Budget.

C. The following is a general outline of the rate calculation process:

1. *Compute the last <u>2-year average</u> of expenditures. <u>75% of this total is the desired funding level.</u>*
2. *Distribute interest to each account using the agencies' <u>pro-rata share of the fund balance.</u>*
3. *Project expenditures for the next fiscal year using the agencies' pro-rata share of the last <u>2 years of expenditures.</u>*
4. *Project the contributions yet due based on the current fiscal year rates.*
5. *To the current balance (after interest has been distributed):*
    a. *Add the projected interest through the next fiscal year,*
    b. *Add the contributions yet due from current year rates,*
    c. *Subtract project expenditures,*

d. Subtract the desired fund level.

6. *These steps will have established the amount of contributions to be collected the next fiscal year.*
7. *Divide the agencies contributions requirement by the salary projections for the next fiscal year to determine the contribution rates.*

Contribution Accounting Procedure

Quarterly contributions are due within 14 calendar days following the end of each calendar quarter.

At the end of each quarter, agencies with workers' compensation rates other than zero shall receive an invoice from DFA-OAS for the compensation due amount payable to:

DFA-WORKERS' COMPENSATION
1515 WEST 7th, ROOM 700
PO BOX 2485
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72203

The vendor code is 9990613 for workers' compensation contributions. The general ledger code is 5010009000 for workers' compensation contributions. Unemployment and Workers' compensation contributions may not be combined on a single state warrant or check.

AASIS provides the gross amount expended for a payroll period for all state agencies except the Drug Task Forces. Gross amount expended for a payroll period for Workers' Compensation purposes is downloaded from the State of Arkansas' Accounting System into an invoice. These invoices are generated by the DFA-OAS and are distributed to the agency each quarter through messenger service, e-mail or regular mail. Copies of invoices shall be sent only with checks. The agency number and the quarter ending date shall be provided on the state warrant stub by keying this information in the text box on the basic tab when processing the payment in AASIS. See P1-19-5-801

In the event an agency does not participate in AASIS, the agency must complete pro-forma invoices that will be mailed out to the agency each quarter. These pro-forma invoices must be submitted to the payee along with the remittance. See P2-19-5-802

DFA-OAS deposits these warrants and checks to the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund (TUW). The TUW Trust Fund shall be used by the Public Employee Claims Division of the State Insurance Department to pay for workers' compensation claims of state employees charged to the applicable agency.

Call the DFA-OAS Fiscal Accounting Section at (501) 324-9060 with any questions about workers' compensation contributions.

Call (501) 371-2700 with any questions about workers' compensation claims.

Fiscal Year-End Accrual Procedure

Each state agency shall record a journal entry utilizing the State of Arkansas' Accounting System's transaction ENTER GL ACCOUNT DOCUMENT for the amount of the accrued but unpaid quarterly Workers Compensation contribution to be provided by DFA-OAS. Conversely, the Workers Compensation Trust Fund will record a reciprocal amount due from all the agencies for the unpaid accrual.

The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Administrative Services-Fiscal Accounting (DFA-OAS-FA) shall e-mail the 4th fiscal quarter invoices to the agencies after the fiscal quarter's close. Agency contributions are due 14 days after the fiscal quarter closes. A memo shall be attached to each agency invoice reminding the agencies to book the fiscal year-end liability in AASIS and to reverse the prior fiscal year's liability accrual entry. An advance payment memo shall be attached to the invoices applicable to those agencies which prepay the 4th fiscal quarter invoice prior to the quarter's close in order to avoid erroneously booking a year-end accrual entry.

DFA-OAS-FA shall record a receivable for agency workers compensation contributions due reduced for amounts received as advance payments.

Workers Compensation Administrative Cost Reimbursements

Each state agency's share of the administrative costs of processing the Workers Compensation claims attributable to that agency is to be transferred to State Insurance Department-Public Employee Claims Division (PECD). The Insurance Department computes the amounts and the request for the transfer of funds is sent to DFA-OA-Funds Group. The computations also include those amounts due by public school employees, and it is administered by the Department of Education. The Treasurer of State administers the charges for the county and municipal employees.

This fund transfer is usually done in the first month of each quarter for the previous quarter. Since the amount due for the last quarter of each fiscal year is not computed until July of the following fiscal year, the amount due should be accrued in the closing books as soon as DFA-OA-Fund Group sends the amount.

Procedure

The Insurance Department-PECD sends a worksheet with the calculations per agency and fund. Since funds and appropriations may change over time, the DFA-OA-Funds Group Manager sends a spreadsheet to the agencies that may have changes to make. Any changes requested are made. The Funds Group transfers the funds to the Insurance Department-PECD fund from the agency's funds within a week after the notification. The information is sent to DFA-Office of Budget. (ACA 11-9-307)

SUBCHAPTER 10 - MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

19-5-1002. Motor Vehicle Acquisition Revolving Fund.

(a) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be known as the Motor Vehicle Acquisition Revolving Fund.

(b) This fund shall be used for the purpose of acquiring motor vehicles as authorized by 22-8-201 - 22-8-209.

(c) The fund shall be financed by:

(1) Its proportionate share of moneys made available from the allocation of general revenues as authorized by the Revenue Stabilization Law, 19-5-101 et seq.;

(2) Moneys made available upon the disposal of used vehicles, which moneys shall be deposited to the credit of the Motor Vehicle Acquisition Revolving Fund rather than being deposited to the owing state agency's fund;

(3) Deposits of moneys from benefiting state agencies; and

(4) Transfers from other Treasury funds and fund accounts of benefiting state agencies.

History. Acts 1973, No. 750, 7; 1985, No. 888, 9; A.S.A. 1947, 13-523.

R1-19-5-1002 Motor Vehicle Acquisition

The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA Director) designated the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Information Services (DFA-OIS) as his agent authorized to purchase new and used vehicles for all state agencies, boards, commissions, departments and institutions of higher education. Such purchases shall be made from the Motor Vehicle Acquisition Revolving Fund (MMV Fund) which was established for the purpose of acquiring motor vehicles of the State. The amounts deposited into this fund include a portion of state general revenues as authorized by the Revenue Stabilization Law, amounts received upon the disposal of used vehicles and deposits or transfers from benefiting agencies. (ACA §19-5-1002, ACA §22-8-206 (a-c), ACA §22-8-207)

PLEASE NOTE: *See additional information regarding vehicles in R1-19-4-1503 Property Management and R1-19-11-243 Marketing and Redistribution.*

TITLE 19 - PUBLIC FINANCE

CHAPTER 6 - REVENUE CLASSIFICATION LAW

SUBCHAPTER 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

19-6-101. Title.

This chapter shall be referred to and may be cited as the Revenue Classification Law of Arkansas.

History. Acts 1973, No. 808, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 13-503.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Revenue Stabilization Law now changes each fiscal year due to the General Assembly meeting in both regular and fiscal session.*

R1- 19-6-101 Revenue Classification

Revenue is classified by general ledger account number. All general ledger accounts are identified by a ten (10) digit account number and an appropriate account description. The ten (10) digit account number is designed to identify the revenue receipt(s) of a state entity. The revenue accounts may be used by any agency to record a receipt and, with only a few exceptions, may be used for any fund. The account number is broken down into four main parts: the financial statement type, the revenue type, the revenue source and a unique identifier.

All revenue accounts begin with "4." The type of revenue is identified by the third digit of the account number. The fourth digit of the account number indicates the revenue source. The remaining six digits are assigned by the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) in a systematic manner to uniquely identify the account.

Revenue Type

The revenue type (the third digit in the account number series) is established in accordance with the Revenue Classification Law to provide a basic breakdown of the revenues. The revenue types are General Revenues, Special Revenues, Non-revenue Receipts and Other Revenue, Grants and Reimbursements. (ACA §19-6-108) A description of each revenue type is listed below.

PLEASE NOTE: *The revenue type directs the Treasurer of State's distribution process. The use of an incorrect revenue type will cause incorrect distribution of the related funds. Revenues deposited in revenue account types "1," "2" or "3" remain on deposit with the Treasurer of State until the end of the month. At that time, a percentage as specified by law is deducted for the Constitutional Officers Fund and the State Central Services Fund. The remaining balance after deduction of fees is distributed to the designated fund. Revenue receipt deposits with account types "4" or "5" are credited to the designated fund at the time the receipt is processed in AASIS, and these revenues may be utilized as soon as posting is complete.*

Series	***Revenue Type***	***Description***
(40)1	***General Revenues***	*Used only when the revenue(s) is to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund Account of the State Apportionment Fund – AGA0000. A detailed list of these revenues is located in ACA §19-6-201.*

(40)2 ***Special Revenues - 3%*** *As required by law, certain special revenues are held in the Special Revenue Fund Account of the State Apportionment Fund – ASA0000 prior to being credited to the special revenue fund as provided on the receipt document. The revenues recorded in this manner are usually collected by the DFA-Revenue Division or another Constitutional and Fiscal Agency Fund agency or an agency in the State Central Services Fund on behalf of another agency. A detailed list of these revenues is located in ACA §19-6-301. The fee deducted from these collections to support State Central Services Fund and Constitutional Officers Fund ranges from 3 to 4% by law.*

(40)3 ***Special Revenues - 1½%*** *Same as type "2" except a smaller deduction is made at month end. Typically, the agency collecting the revenue(s) is usually an agency other than a Constitutional and Fiscal Agency Fund agency or an agency in the State Central Services Fund. The revenues recorded in this manner are usually funds of the collecting agency. A detailed list of these revenues can be found in ACA §19-6-401 et seq. The fee deducted from these collections to support State Central Services Fund and the Constitutional Officers Fund ranges from 1 ½% to 2%.*

(40)4 ***Non-Revenue Receipts*** *Used to account for receipts received that are deemed non-revenue. A list of receipts that are statutorily required to be non-revenue is detailed in ACA §19-6-701.*

(40)5 ***Other Revenue, Grants & Reimbursement*** *Other Revenue, Grants & Reimbursement include all other revenues not determined by legislation to be General or Special Revenues or Non-Revenue Receipts. This includes ad valorem taxes collected for the benefit of local governments and federal funds and receipts for federal grants, aid or reimbursements received directly from the federal government. (ACA §19-6-501)*

Revenue Source

The revenue source number (the fourth digit in the account number series) is established to designate the basic source of the revenue. The types of sources with their related description follow:

Series	***Description***
(40X)0	*Taxes*
(40X)1	*Fees*
(40X)2	*Fines and Penalties*
(40X)3	*Licenses and Permits*
(40X)4	*Rents, Royalties and Leases*
(40X)5	*Grants and Federal Reimbursements*

(40X)6	*Non-Revenue*
(40X)7	*Miscellaneous*
(40X)8	*Sale of Property (whether purchased or produced)*
(40X)9	*Interest on investments*

An updated listing of revenue account numbers can be obtained any time by running a Chart of Accounts Report in AASIS. To obtain only revenue account numbers enter "4" in the GL Accounts field. Agencies that do not have direct access to AASIS may request a copy of the listing from the DFA-OA-Service Bureau at any time.*

Additional accounts may be requested by contacting your CAFR liaison or emailing a General Ledger Account Request Form to mailto:DFA.OAMasterDateMaintenance@dfa.arkansas.gov . DFA-OA reserves the right to limit the adding of new accounts.

R2-19-6-101 Revenue Receipts and Deposits

All cash, checks and legal tender received by a state agency, board, commission or institution must be immediately deposited with the Treasurer of State or one of the agency's bank or investment accounts. Additionally, all cash, checks and legal tender receipts must be immediately recorded in AASIS (through direct access, interface software, or by the Service Bureau).

Trust and agency funds must also be posted to a cash or investment account in AASIS using a fiduciary fund type. In creating journal entries, the offsetting debit or credit for agency funds will be the "Agency Fund Liability" account (general ledger #2114004000). Additions and deductions to trust-type funds must be recorded in the appropriate general ledger accounts.

Procedures for Posting Receipts in the AASIS

Cash Journals are used by AASIS for revenue receipts. The AASIS operation records revenue receipts in a Cash Journal. Each Cash Journal is assigned a specific general ledger account which is updated by cash journal receipts and deposits. Thus, the purpose of the Cash Journal is to keep track of revenue received in various forms and to post the revenue to the appropriate general ledger account.

A revenue code must be designated in AASIS for all cash receipt transactions. It is important to select the correct revenue code based on the type of revenue. Note that General Revenue codes begin with 401, and Special Revenue codes begin with 402 or 403. All General Revenue is deposited to fund AGA0000 using cost center 383359 and business area number 0610. Special Revenue funds are receipted to the agency's fund and subsequently transferred to fund ASA0000 daily by the Treasurer of State. At the end of each month, Special Revenues are distributed back to the agency's fund less the corresponding Treasury fee (3% for 402 and 1.5% for 403 revenue codes).

General ledger accounts that begin with 404 and 405 identify Other Revenue. Other Revenue must be deposited directly to the agency's fund. General ledger accounts that begin with 601

through 699 will be used for other financing sources (such as Refunds to Expenditure, Intra-Agency Transfers, and Inter-Agency Transfers).

Recording a revenue receipt requires selecting a business transaction in the Cash Journal corresponding to the appropriate revenue code. A cost center is required on the entry of a revenue receipt and will derive the fund assigned in AASIS. Check to be sure the desired fund is derived from the cost center. If the moneys are to be deposited to a different fund, the cost center must be modified. As appropriate, the revenue receipt will debit "Cash in Treasury-Incoming," "Cash in Bank-Incoming" or a "Non-AASIS House Bank" account and credit the selected revenue account.

Recording the receipt of a customer's payment requires information to be obtained from the customer's account in AASIS. The customer number, assignment number, fund and cost center must be entered. The cost center, fund and general ledger revenue account fields shall be the same as those recorded in AASIS for the original invoice which has now been paid.
Since the initial accounts receivable transaction debited the customer account and credited the appropriate revenue account, the receipt of a customer payment will credit the customer's account and debit the "Cash in Treasury – Incoming" or agency bank account.

Authorized Individuals
Agencies determine role needs and request roles from the AASIS Security Department. Roles available for Cash Receipting are the Agency Cash Receipt Specialist and the Agency Cash Deposit Specialist. Security roles determine the transactions that a user can perform. Features within permissible transactions can be further configured for security purposes. Transactions for Cash Journals have two security roles -- one for recording and saving entries and one for posting and preparing deposits.

To maintain internal control, receipts are to be entered and saved by the role of Cash Receipt Specialist and then posted by the role of Cash Deposit Specialist. Smaller agencies with limited personnel, which are unable to provide for an adequate segregation of duties, may be granted an exception to this requirement by obtaining an approval of their applicable mitigating controls from the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA).

Procedure for Treasury Deposits
The AASIS transaction ZBCJ is used to print a deposit ticket for Treasury deposits. Printing of deposit tickets in ZBCJ will trigger the posting of Special Revenue to Fund ASA0000. PLEASE NOTE: Caution must be taken when reprinting a deposit ticket not to make a duplicate posting of Special Revenue. Deposit tickets must have an AASIS document number in order for the Treasurer of State to accept the deposit.

Refer to the AASIS web site at:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/informationServices/aasis/Pages/default.aspx for transaction training tutorials and detailed instructions regarding the preparation and printing of a deposit ticket.

PLEASE NOTE: *Once a deposit has been processed by the Treasurer of State, that deposit transaction may only be corrected with a journal entry by the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA).*

Deposit tickets relative to funds on deposit with the Treasurer of State must only contain Treasury fund related transactions. Refer to AASIS web site at: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/informationServices/aasis/Pages/default.aspx and their transaction training tutorials for detailed instructions regarding the proper procedures to omit cash fund related deposits from Treasury fund deposit tickets.

Procedure for Cash Fund Deposits

Procedures for cash fund deposits are identical to those for Treasury deposits except for the fact that the funds are not transferred to the Treasurer of State. Additionally, the agency has the option to print a deposit ticket using AASIS as supplemental supporting documentation to its pre-printed bank deposit tickets.

Refund to Expenditures

Arkansas Code 19-6-701 (b) (1) – (10) states that refunds to expenditures "shall consist of:

(1) Proceeds received from insurance policies for casualty losses by state agencies, departments, or institutions;

(2) Proceeds received from vendors on account of overpayment of obligations remitted by state agencies, departments, or institutions;

(3) Refunds to state agencies for cash advances or over allocations made to other state and local agencies for subgrants;

(4) Refunds to state agencies for the erroneous payment or overpayment of salaries to state employees;

(5) Proceeds derived from the maturity or redemption of investments;

(6) Reimbursements to institutions of higher learning for cash fund expenditures for salaries which are properly chargeable to funds in the State Treasury;

(7) Deposits by the counties in the State Aid Road Fund and in the County Supplement Fund Account in the State Treasury for matching funds available in the state aid road construction program.

(8) Reimbursements to state agencies for cost-sharing purposes;

(9) Federal reimbursements of expenses paid in advance by the state on behalf of the federal government; and

(10) Reimbursements by vendors or their agents for warranties, product rebates, and service adjustments."

Act 716 of 2007 amended Arkansas Code 19-6-701 (b) by adding two additional items, (9) and (10) that are eligible for refund to expenditure processing. A.C.A. §19-6-701 (b)(9), "Federal reimbursements of expenses paid in advance by the state on behalf of the federal government" would apply to expenses such as those encountered during the Hurricane Katrina crisis. If reimbursement is received by the agency during the fiscal year of the disbursement, then the

receipt will be processed as a Current_Year_Refund_to_Expenditure and the appropriation for that disbursement will be restored. If the reimbursement is received for disbursements made in a prior fiscal year, then the receipt will be processed as a Prior Year Refund to Expenditure with no restoration of appropriation. A.C.A. §19-6-701 (b)(10), "Reimbursements by vendors or their agents for warranties, product rebates, and service adjustments" must be received in the year of the original disbursement to restore appropriation.

Please note that Arkansas Code 19-6-701 (b) (8) "reimbursements to state agencies for cost-sharing purposes" is in reference to cost-sharing between agencies and not with public entities. Also, refunds to expenditures generally do not apply to cost-sharing within an agency. This would need to be treated as an expense error correction.

There are two types of refunds to expenditure: current year and prior year. Current year refunds to expenditures are used to reduce expense and restore the appropriation on the books of an agency where covered by Arkansas Code 19-6-701 (b) (1) – (10) or special language contained in individual agency current year Acts. Prior year refunds to expenditures do not reduce expenses nor restore appropriation except in specific circumstances.

Current Year Refund to Expenditure

If monies are received by an agency in current fiscal year for payment(s) made in the same fiscal year and the monies are covered as a refund to expenditure under any of the criteria set out in Arkansas Code 19-6-701 (b) (1) – (10) or by special language in individual Agency current Acts, then the agency must record the deposit into the agency's fund as a current year refund to expenditure using general ledger code 6080001000.
Record Deposit as Current Year Refund to Expenditure
Debit 1100001002

Credit 6080001000

The agency must then complete and submit a "Request for Refund to Expenditure Form" along with a photocopy of the check/warrant processed as a receipt of funds to support the "refund to expenditure" to the Department of Finance and Administration – Office of Accounting – Reconciliation Manager (DFA-OA-Reconciliation Manager).

The request will be reviewed and, if approved, will be processed reducing the agency expense and restoring appropriation.

Debit 6080001000

Credit 5XXXXXXXXX

A photocopy of the original request will be returned to the agency with the document number for documentation. The original will be maintained by DFA-OA.

Prior Year Refund to Expenditure

If monies are received by an agency in current fiscal year for payment(s) made in the prior fiscal year and the monies are covered as a refund to expenditure under any of the criteria set out in Arkansas Code 19-6-701 (b) (1) – (10) or by special language in individual agency current Acts, then the agency must record the deposit into the agency's fund as a prior year refund to expenditure using general ledger code 6990003000.

Record Deposit as Prior Year Refund to Expenditure
Debit 1100001002

Credit 6990003000

If the refund to expenditure is for a prior year transaction, a Reclaim Certification Form, P1-19-6-101, must be completed and submitted to DFA-OA. The appropriation shall not be restored unless it involves a carry-forward appropriation item.

If a warrant from a prior year is cancelled or refund to expenditure from a prior year is deposited into a reclaimable fund, it is reclaimed based upon the appropriate procedures.

The Certification of Non Reclaimable PY Warrant Cancellations and Refunds to Expenditures Form and instructions can be found at
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/Pages/Forms.aspx

R3-19-6-101 Sales and Use Tax

It is the responsibility of the agency to accurately accrue and pay to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) sales and use tax by the 15th of each month. It is the responsibility of DFA-OA to accurately report and remit sales and use tax for State agencies to the Department of Finance and Administration-Revenue Division (DFA-RD).

Sales Tax, also referred to as Gross Receipts Tax, is a tax levied against the sale of tangible personal property and various services. Sales tax is the responsibility of the seller to collect and remit to the State.

Use Tax, also referred to as Consumer Use Tax, is a tax levied against the purchase of tangible personal property from out-of-state vendors who are not registered with the State to remit sales and use tax. Use tax is the responsibility of the buyer to accrue and remit to the State.

DFA-OA must report and remit sales and use tax by the 20th of each month to DFA-RD. Therefore, it is imperative that agencies remit the payment of their sales and use tax to DFA-OA no later than the 15th of each month.

Refer to P2-19-6-101 for further information.

TITLE 19 - PUBLIC FINANCE

CHAPTER 9 - PUBLIC OBLIGATIONS

SUBCHAPTER 2 - STATE OBLIGATIONS

19-9-201. Authority of State Board of Finance.

The State Board of Finance is authorized to:

(1) Take such action as may be provided by law for the issuance of refunding bonds for outstanding obligations to the State of Arkansas;

(2) Issue replacement bonds, either typewritten, printed, or lithographed, for lost, mislaid, destroyed, or stolen bonds of the State of Arkansas in the manner and within the limitations provided by 19-9-102;

(3) Take such action as may appear necessary or desirable to collect any funds which may have been in the hands of paying agents for a period of three (3) years or longer and to invest any funds so collected in the manner provided by 19-9-103 19-9-105; and

(4) Take such other action, not inconsistent with law, as may appear necessary or desirable to:

(A) Retire the direct bonded debt of the State of Arkansas in an orderly manner;

(B) Safeguard state funds pledged for the payment of such obligations; and

(C) Maintain and improve the credit standing of the State of Arkansas.

History. Acts 1955, No. 338, 11; 1965 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 12, 13; A.S.A. 1947, 13-411.

R1-19-9-201 Long-Term Debt

Article 16, Section 1 of the Constitution of Arkansas states: "Neither the State nor any city, county, town or other municipality in this State shall ever lend its credit for any purpose whatever; nor shall any county, city or town or municipality ever issue any interest bearing evidences of indebtedness, except such bonds as may be authorized by law to provide for and secure the payment of the indebtedness existing at the time of the adoption of the Constitution of 1874, and the State shall never issue any interest-bearing Treasury warrants or scrip. [As amended by Const. Amends. 13 and 62.]"

Amendment 20 to the Constitution of Arkansas states: "Bonds prohibited except when approved by majority vote of electors. – Except for the purpose of refunding the existing outstanding indebtedness of the State and for assuming and refunding valid outstanding road improvement district bonds, the State of Arkansas shall issue no bonds or other evidence of indebtedness pledging the faith and credit of the State or any of its revenues for any purpose whatsoever, except by and with the consent of the majority of the qualified electors of the State voting on the question at a general election or at a special election called for that purpose. This Amendment to the Constitution of Arkansas shall be self-executing and require no enabling act, but shall take and have full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by the electors of the State."

Bonds shall be the direct general obligations of the State of Arkansas for the payment of the debt service on which the full faith and credit of the State of Arkansas are irrevocably pledged so long as any such bonds are outstanding. The bonds shall be payable from the general revenues of the State as termed in the Revenue Stabilization Law § 19-5-101 et seq., and general revenues that are necessary for the payment of debt service on the bonds shall be and remain pledged for such purposes. (ACA 6-62-718, ACA 15-22-615, ACA 15-22-714)

Authorization to Borrow

The Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA) has been given the authorization to borrow moneys and issue bonds to provide financing for a specific activity or particular project which is secured by and payable solely from the bonds, lease payments or other obligations issued by or payable to the state agencies and political subdivisions of the State. The specific activities or particular projects may include capital improvement facilities, educational facilities or health care facilities. (ACA 15-5-301, ACA 15-5-207)

PLEASE NOTE: *If the long-term debt is financed through ADFA, contact the Department of Finance Administration-Office of Accounting-CAFR Section (DFA-OA-CAFR Section) for further instructions.*

Long-term obligations may be backed by the full faith and credit of the State or specific revenue as defined in authorizing legislation. Generally, long-term debts are not expected to be paid within the next twelve months.

Depending on the nature of the obligation, long-term obligations of the State are accounted for in one of two ways. Long-term obligations related to and expected to be paid from proprietary and fiduciary fund type funds are accounted for in those funds. All other long-term debt will be identified as a general liability and accounted for in Fund 7006101 for inclusion in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets Financial Statements.

Types of Bonds

General Obligation Bonds are statewide bond issues that are secured by an unconditional pledge of the full faith and credit of the State.

Revenue Bonds are bond issues secured by specific sources of revenue and do not involve a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State but require legislation authorizing the specific revenue. They are payable from identified sources of revenue which are generally derived from the assets acquired or constructed with the bond proceeds.

Refunding Bonds are issued to retire bonds already outstanding. Refundings are classified as current or advance refundings.

New Issues

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) direct that the proceeds from long-term debt be treated as an "other financing source" rather than as revenue in governmental fund types. The amount reported as an "other financing source" should be equal to the face amount of the debt. For accounting and financial reporting purposes, a long-term debt issue is considered to have taken place as of the closing date. Consequently, bond or loan proceeds should be reported as an "other financing source" as of the closing date. Due to withheld underwriter's fees and/or the debt issued at a discount the amount of cash received is typically less than the face amount of the debt. A discount arises when the stated rate of interest on the debt is less than the market rate of

interest for similar securities when the debt was issued. AASIS uses "6" series general ledger account numbers to record "other financing sources" as well as "other financing uses."

"Other financing uses" is a category used to isolate certain non-routine outflows that might otherwise distort the analysis of expenditure trends. Discount, premiums, issuance costs such as amounts withheld for underwriters' fees should be recorded as "other financing uses" in governmental fund types.

Modified Accrual

A long-term debt would be recorded at the closing date as:

A debit to a cash account for the amount of the bond or loan proceeds plus or minus the bond premium or discount, respectively, and less the bond issuance costs (actual cash received).

A debit or credit to a bond discount or premium account for the amount of the discount or premium, respectively.

A debit to a bond issuance costs account for the amount of the issuance costs which would include underwriters' fees.

A credit to "proceeds from" bonds or loan account for the amount of the bonds or loan.

Full Accrual

At the end of the fiscal year the bonds or loan proceeds and bond discount or premium would be reclassified to bonds or loans payable, unamortized bond discount and unamortized bond premium, respectively. Only bond issuance costs that are insurance premiums would be reclassified to unamortized bond insurance cost. The reclassification entries would be made in accounting period "15" using Fund 7006101. The entry to reclassify the proceeds would be done by debiting the "proceeds from" bonds or loan account and crediting the payable account. The amortization of the discounts, premiums and insurance costs are also recorded in accounting period "15" using Fund 7006101. Discounts, premiums and insurance costs are amortized over the life of the debt using the "straight-line method." Amortization amounts due in the next year need to be reclassified as current. The reclassification is recorded in accounting period "15" using Fund 7006101. Interest owed but not yet due (interest payable) will be accrued and recorded in accounting period "15" using Fund 7006101.

Refunding Issues

When advantageous and permitted by Arkansas code or bond covenants, the State will refund outstanding bond issues. Refundings are transactions to take advantage of changes in interest rates, the maturity date or escape onerous debt covenants by issuing new debt to refinance existing (old) debt. Current refundings immediately apply the proceeds of the refunding debt to redeem the old debt. When the proceeds of the refunding debt are placed into an escrow account pending the call date or maturity of the old debt, the refunding is called advance refunding. Most advance refundings result in the defeasance of the old debt. For accounting purposes, the debt is treated as though it had been redeemed. GAAP directs that the proceeds of refunding bonds,

whether used for redemption or placed in escrow, be reported as an "other financing use" rather than as an expenditure (payments to escrow agents).

Modified Accrual

A long-term debt would be recorded as:

A debit to the "payments to refunding escrow agent" account for the amount of the old bond or loan or the amount that was paid to the refunding escrow agent;

A debit to a cash account for the amount of the bond or loan proceeds plus or minus the bond premium or discount, respectively, and less the bond issuance costs and amount paid to the escrow agent;

A debit or credit to a bond discount or premium account, respectively for the amount of the discount or premium, respectively;

A debit to a bond issuance costs account for the amount of the issuance costs;

A credit to "proceeds from" bonds or loan account for the amount of the bonds or loan.

Full Accrual

At the end of the fiscal year the bond or loan proceeds and bond discount or premium would be reclassified to bonds or loans payable, unamortized bond discount and unamortized bond premium, respectively. Only bond issuance costs that are insurance premiums would be reclassified to unamortized bond insurance costs. The entry to reclassify the proceeds would be done by debiting the "proceeds from" bonds or loan account, crediting the "payments to refunding escrow agent" account and crediting the bonds or loan payable account for the difference. The amortization of the discounts, premiums and bond insurance costs are also recorded in accounting period "15" using Fund 7006101. Discounts, premiums and issuance costs are amortized over the life of the debt using the "straight-line method." Amortization amounts due in the next year need to be reclassified as current. The reclassification is recorded in accounting period "15" using Fund 7006101.

If material, the difference between the cost of refunding the old bonds (the outstanding principal of the old debt plus any associated costs) and the proceeds of the refunding bonds is deferred and amortized over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the refunding debt whichever is shorter (deferred outflow of resources on refunding). The amortization of the "deferred outflow of resources on refunding" is recorded in accounting period "15" using Fund 7006101.

Interest owed but not yet due (interest payable) will be accrued and recorded in accounting period "15" using Fund 7006101.

New and Refunding Issues

All bond issue payments include principal and interest. The classification of the principal and interest payment as both being expenses or the interest being an expense and the principal reduction of debt is determined by the financial reporting statements.

Modified Accrual

The payment of a long-term debt should be recorded as principal and interest expense following an amortization schedule.

Full Accrual

At the end of the fiscal year the expense for the principal portion will be reclassified as a reduction of the debt. Principal payments due on all long-term debt in the next year need to be reclassified as current. The reclassification is recorded in accounting period "15" using Fund 7006101.

Responsibility of Agencies to Provide DFA-OA-CAFR Long-Term Debt Information

The various state agencies, departments and entities are each responsible for safeguarding assets in its charge, the execution of only properly authorized transactions and the maintenance of the necessary financial information to document the discharge of its responsibilities. Therefore, the primary responsibility for the collection, maintenance, recording and transmission of information to permit the DFA-OA-CAFR Section to prepare GAAP financial statements lies with each agency.

It is imperative that agencies and institutions also maintain:

An adequate internal control structure to reduce the risk that errors or irregularities may occur and not be timely corrected in the normal course of agency staff business.

An audit trail that can readily trace the information transmitted to DFA-OA and amounts recorded in the State Financial Management System to the original source transaction information.

Therefore, each agency and institution should design their process to compile needed GAAP information to its own circumstances and document those processes for future training and audits.

At the close of each fiscal year DFA-OA-CAFR Section will send a debt service packet out to the agencies to gather information needed to compile the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Journal entries to record long-term debt are found in appendix P1-19-9-201.

TITLE 19 - PUBLIC FINANCE

CHAPTER 10 - CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE

SUBCHAPTER 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

19-10-101. Investigatory powers.

The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, as soon as the director learns of facts from which he or she concludes that a claim, other than for personal injury or death of a state employee, may be filed under this chapter against the state or any of its agencies, departments, or institutions, whether or not the claim has already been filed, is authorized and directed to investigate and take evidence concerning the claim. The director is, for this purpose, authorized to exercise all necessary investigatory powers conferred upon him or her by this chapter. All information acquired by the director shall be made available to the Arkansas State Claims Commission prior to the hearing and determination thereof.

History. Acts 1949, No. 462, 12; 1951, No. 373, 7; A.S.A. 1947, 13-1412.

R1-19-10-101 Claims, Judgments & Other Contingent Liabilities

Claims and judgments are obligations related to the payment of claims declared or court imposed awards. Generally, the events creating these obligations have already occurred and one can reasonably determine their future impact. Contingent liabilities are potential future amounts to be paid based on conditions that existed as of the financial statement date. The circumstances related to contingent liabilities have occurred, but their future impact may not be certain for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, a claim not being asserted or the amount owed not being determinable. Examples of claims, judgments and other contingent liabilities may include, but are not limited to, claims brought before or awards made by the Arkansas State Claims Commission (ASCC) or other courts where jurisdiction may reside, accrued leave, potential benefits under the State Workers' Compensation Program and disputed costs in connection with federal funding.

Federal Claims & Judgments

Federal awards shall be paid upon receipt of a court order. In the absence of a court order, claims may be paid upon receipt of an out-of-court settlement recommendation made in writing by the Attorney General of the State after an investigation by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State determines that payment will be in the best interest of the State and upon receiving favorable review from the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. (ACA §19-4-1614)

PLEASE NOTE: *Also refer to ACA §19-4-1614 and ACA §19-4-1615 for claims and judgments related to wages or salaries for personal services rendered.*

ASCC Claims & Judgments

When the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration is made aware of a potential claim that may be filed with the ASCC, he/she shall investigate such claims, other than those involving personal injury or death of a state employee. Any information obtained from

such investigation will be made available to the ASCC prior to the related hearing. (ACA §19-10-101)

Awards, other than those related to wages and salaries, are to be paid upon order by the ASCC. If the award is $15,000 or less, the DFA-OA-Funds Group will reimburse the ASCC fund that paid the award via a fund transfer from the paying agency's fund to be charged for the expenditure of the judgment. Awards involving wages and salaries are processed through the State's payroll system to ensure the appropriate reporting and payments for payroll tax purposes. All awards, including awards for wages and salaries, in excess of $15,000 require an appropriation from the General Assembly prior to payment. (ACA §19-10-215)

When a valid claim is to be paid from funds not in the State Treasury, the ASCC Clerk will notify the agency, board, commission or institution of higher education that the claim is charged. Upon receipt of the notification, the agency, board, commission or institution of higher education is required to deliver a check to the ASCC Clerk from the agency, board, commission or institution of higher education's cash funds. The check is to be deposited into the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund as a non-revenue receipt for disbursement to the complainant. (ACA §19-10-213)

When an agency admits liability to a claim filed with the ASCC and the claim involves a contract or the claim exceeds $15,000, the state agency, board, commission or institution of higher education responsible for the payment of the settlement or judgment shall file a written report to the Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council within 30 days after adjudication by ASCC. The report shall include a statement of facts surrounding the claim and an explanation of the agency, board, commission or institution of higher education's liability. (ACA §19-10-212)

Contingent Liabilities

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) require disclosure and, in some cases, recording of claims, judgments and other contingent liabilities that are reasonably possible (i.e. more than remote, less than likely). The liability for claims, judgments and other contingent liabilities should be recognized (or recorded) when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. As such, if not previously recorded, judicial awards shall be recorded as liabilities when judgment is rendered. Failure to disclose or record such would cause a misstatement in the financial statements. It is imperative that agencies that believe they may have circumstances that meet the criteria for claims, judgments and other contingent liabilities contact the agency's liaison in the DFA-OA-CAFR Section to discuss the circumstances and obtain assistance in determining if the item can or should be recorded as a liability of the agency.

All judicial awards and contingent liabilities shall be recorded by each state agency, board, commission or institution of higher education utilizing the appropriate accounts, funds and periods as instructed in the Fiscal Year-End Closing Instructions unless instructed otherwise in writing by the CAFR Section. All items that are recorded as liabilities or may be considered claims or contingent liabilities if the liability may exceed $500,000 shall be disclosed to the CAFR Section in the agency's Year-End Disclosure Package returned to the CAFR Section.

Additionally, disclosure may be required if the aggregate liability exceeds $500,000. The disclosure should take the form of completing the Claims and Judgments/Contingencies Questionnaire Section of the Year-End Disclosure Package. Regardless of whether the circumstances for the potential claim or liability existed before or after the end of the fiscal year, if an agency determines that a liability should be recorded or the agency becomes aware of a potential claim or contingent liability after completion and submission of the Year-End Disclosure Package to the CAFR Section, the agency should contact their agency's liaison in the CAFR section to disclose the determination made and the additional details identified to arrive at such decision.

Recording Contingent Liabilities

All contingent liabilities that are probable (the future event or events are likely to occur) and the related loss can be reasonably estimated should be recorded by each agency, board, commission or institution of higher education on or before year-end. All contingent liabilities should be recorded in non-budget relevant accounts in period "15" to fund 7006101. All amounts expected to be paid within one year of the fiscal year end should be recorded as current liabilities. Any prior year entries to record the claims, judgments or contingent liabilities should be reversed prior to recording current year items. Examples of general journal entries to record some common contingent liabilities follow:

Accrued Leave

5010091000 Accrued Compensated Absence Expense
2230002000 Non-Current Accrued Compensated Absences
2115007000 Compensated Absences Current

Claims/Judgments

5110015000 Taxes/Claims
2114003000 Claims Incurred but not Reported

Questioned Costs Related to Federal Awards Expected to be Repaid

4050004100 NBR – Grant Revenue
2114003000 Claims Incurred but not Reported

PLEASE NOTE: *These examples are for illustrative purposes only. The nature of the claim or contingent liability will determine what accounts should be used for recording the liability. Please contact the CAFR Section for assistance in recording the liability.*

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CHAPTER 11 - PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS

19-11-217. Powers and duties of State Procurement Director.

(a) The State Procurement Director shall serve as the principal procurement officer of the state.

(b)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter and upon the approval of the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, the State Procurement Director shall have the authority and responsibility to promulgate regulations consistent with this subchapter.

(2) In addition, consistent with the provisions of this subchapter, the State Procurement Director may adopt rules governing the internal procedures of the Office of State Procurement.

(c) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this subchapter, the State Procurement Director, within the limitations of this subchapter and the rules and regulations promulgated under authority of this subchapter:

(1) Shall procure or supervise the procurement of all commodities and services for each state agency not having an agency procurement official and, when requested to do so by such an official, procure commodities and services not otherwise under state contract;

(2)(A) Shall develop and implement a plan for all state agencies acquiring vehicles that will reduce the overall annual petroleum consumption of those state agencies by at least ten percent (10%) by January 1, 2009, through measures that include:

(i) The use of alternative fuels, as defined by 42 U.S.C. 13211, as it existed on January 1, 2005;

(ii) The acquisition of vehicles with higher fuel economy, such as a hybrid vehicle operating on electricity and gasoline or diesel or bio-diesel fuel; and

(iii) The substitution of cars for light trucks.

(B)(i) By January 30 of each year, the State Procurement Director shall submit to the Legislative Council his or her report evaluating the progress of the plan toward achieving the goal set in subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section.

(ii) The report shall include:

(a) The number and type of alternative fueled vehicles, as defined by 42 U.S.C. 13211, as it existed on January 1, 2005, procured;

(b) The total number of alternative fueled vehicles used by each state agency;

(c) The difference between the cost of the purchase, maintenance, and operation of alternative fueled vehicles and comparable conventionally fueled motor vehicles, as defined by 42 U.S.C. 13211, as it existed on January 1, 2005;

(d) An evaluation of the plan's success; and
(e) Suggestions for modifying the plan;

(3) Shall manage and establish internal procedures for the office;

(4) Shall sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of surplus commodities belonging to the state;

(5) May establish and maintain programs for the inspection, testing, and acceptance of commodities and services;

(6) Shall establish and manage a list of vendors desiring written notice of invitations for bid;

(7) May establish, by regulation, a fee for receiving a written or electronic notice of invitations for bid; and

(8) Shall ensure compliance with this subchapter and implementing regulations by reviewing and monitoring procurements conducted by any designee, department, agency, or official delegated authority under this subchapter.

History. Acts 1979, No. 482, 15; A.S.A. 1947, 14-243; Acts 1991, No. 1018, 2; 2001, No. 1237, 9; 2005, No. 2322, 1.

R1-19-11-217 Vendor Maintenance

Each vendor that is paid through AASIS is required to have a Vendor Master Record. The Vendor Master Record is used to store a variety of information on each of the State's vendors. One of the primary uses of the Vendor Master Record is to track payments for the processing of Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 and its related reporting.

All disbursements should generally utilize previously established vendor master record numbers which is linked to the vendor's master record. However, a "one time" vendor may be utilized when the vendor is expected to only be paid once, or the vendor is expected to be paid on a very infrequent basis.
The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of State Procurement Vendor Maintenance Policy can be accessed at:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Pages/default.aspx

Instructions for determining if a vendor has established a Vendor Master Record are in the Vendor Database Tutorial which can be accessed at:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Pages/default.aspx.

R2-19-11-217 Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-Miscellaneous (1099-MISC) Reporting

It is the policy of the State of Arkansas to adhere to the Internal Revenue Code guidelines for 1099-MISC reporting contained in Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 1220 as revised each calendar year. Internal Revenue Service 1099-MISC forms are produced to satisfy Sections 6041 through 6050N of the Internal Revenue Code, which requires states and state agencies to file informational returns on reportable payment types of non-wage compensation paid to reportable payees.

IRS Form W-9 is the foundation for meeting the 1099 reporting requirements of the IRS. A Form W-9 must be provided to the Office of State Procurement (OSP) for all statewide vendor numbers requested as outlined in the OSP policies and procedures located at:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Pages/forms.aspx

The vendor master record designates each vendor's tax status based on the information provided on the W-9. The tax code is automatically populated on each payment transaction based on the

tax status identified on the vendor master record. The tax code can be changed by the agency on any transaction when necessary for proper 1099 reporting. It is the agency's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of the tax code on each payment transaction.

Agencies classified as "user" or "service bureau" in AASIS which are included within the Statewide Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN) are responsible for providing accurate information for 1099-MISC reportable vendors and vendor payments to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA). Any payments of penalties and interest arising from inaccurate information provided by the agency will be charged back to the individual agency by a fund transfer initiated by the DFA-OA. The DFA-OA' s sole responsibility is the consolidation of all payment information provided by State agencies to the vendor's payee tax identification number and the resulting printing, mailing and reporting of the 1099-MISC forms.

An updated informational 1099 package will be available on the web site when the final rules are made available by the IRS for the upcoming calendar year.
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/accounting/Pages/1099Guidelines.aspx

Additional detailed information regarding vendors/vendor payments may be found on the AASIS web site. http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/informationServices/aasis/Pages/default.aspx

Agencies classified as "user" or "service bureau" in AASIS that operate independent programs with their own tax identification number are responsible for all tasks necessary to report the 1099-MISC forms. Payments made by warrant from these programs must use "one-time" vendor numbers to avoid duplication in the statewide reporting of 1099s performed by DFA-OA.

Agencies classified as "reporting" in AASIS cannot use the Statewide Federal TIN and are responsible for creating and reporting IRS Form 1099-MISC under their own assigned Tax Identification Number. Reporting agencies may use statewide vendor numbers, but these payments and vendors will automatically be excluded from the statewide reporting of 1099s.

19-11-238. Multiyear contracts.

(a) Specified Period. Unless otherwise provided by law, a contract for commodities or services may be entered into for periods of not more than seven (7) years if funds for the first fiscal year of the contemplated contract are available at the time of contracting. Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal years shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds therefor.

(b) Determination Prior to Use. Prior to the utilization of a multi-year contract, it shall be determined in writing that:

(1) Estimated requirements cover the period of the contract and are reasonably firm and continuing; and

(2) Such a contract will serve the best interests of the state by encouraging effective competition or otherwise promoting economies in state procurement; and

(3) In the event of termination for any reason, the contract provides for cessation of services and/or surrender by the state of the commodities and repayment to the state of any accrued equity.

(c) Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Years. Original terms of such multiyear contracts shall terminate on the last day of the current biennium, and any renewals by the state based upon continuing appropriation shall not exceed the next succeeding biennium. When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent year of a multi-year contract, the contract for such subsequent year shall be terminated and the contractor may be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any nonrecurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the commodities or services delivered under the contract. The cost of termination may be paid from:

(1) Appropriations currently available for performance of the contract;

(2) Appropriations currently available for procurement of similar commodities or services and not otherwise obligated; or

(3) Appropriations made specifically for the payment of such termination costs.

History. Acts 1979, No. 482, 43; A.S.A. 1947, 14-267; Acts 1995, No. 317, 5; 1995, No. 340, 5; 1995, No. 912, 1.

R1-19-11-238 Leases of Tangible Personal Property (Equipment)

Provisions for leasing of equipment by state agencies are contained in ACA §19-11-238. Agencies should review lease contracts before signing and ensure that they are not committing their agencies to make lease payments beyond the end of a biennial period. The contract should include language to allow termination of the lease in the event sufficient appropriations or funding does not exist to fulfill the obligation. Contractual questions concerning leasing equipment should be directed to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of State Procurement. Accounting questions should be directed to the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting.

PLEASE NOTE: *ACA §22-8-102 covers leasing and renting of state vehicles by state agencies. Procedures governing the lease of motor vehicles are located on the DFA-OSP web site at: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/travel/Pages/groundTransporation.aspx*

Lease Type Determination

A lease agreement that meets one or more of the following four criteria is a capital lease:

- *The lease transfers ownership of the property to the lessee by the end of the lease term.*
- *The lease contains a bargain purchase option. A bargain purchase option exists when the lessee can either buy the property at a minimal amount or renew the lease at very low rental payments relative to market rates.*

- *The lease term is equal to 75% or more of the life of the leased asset. (For example, the lease term is six years and the estimated remaining useful life is eight years). The life of a used leased asset will be calculated using 75% of the suggested useful life in the State's capital assets policy.*

- *The present value of rental and other minimum lease payments equals or exceeds 90% of the fair value amount of the leased asset (for example, the present value of the rental and other minimum lease payments equals $9,000, and the fair value is $10,000). Instructions on how to calculate the present value of minimum lease payments follow the example below. The fair value is the amount at which the asset could have been purchased.*

The last two criteria are not applicable when the beginning of the lease term falls within the last 25% of the total estimated remaining useful life of the leased property.

The lease is accounted for as an operating lease if it does not meet the State's capitalization threshold or does not meet the criteria of a capital lease.

Accounting for Leases

Accounting for an operating lease consists of recording rental payments as a normal operating expenditure/expense on a monthly basis. Each agency will be required to provide the amount of operating lease payments for the year, as well as future operating lease payments annually for inclusion in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Capital Leases are Accounted for as Follows:

An Outline Agreement is created in the Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS) at the inception of the lease. Office of State Procurement personnel create the Outline Agreement for leases of $25,000 or more, and agency procurement personnel create the Outline Agreement for leases less than $25,000. The material numbers for principal (10119371) and interest (10119370) must be used in the outline agreement.

The agency personnel responsible for asset management creates an asset master record in AASIS using transaction AS01, "Create Asset Master Record," and selects the appropriate NBR (non-budget relevant) asset class. On the allocation tab, select the class code for Capital Lease 000000. This class code allows the State to collect capital lease information on a statewide level.

If the lease agreement transfers ownership of the asset to the lessee (criterion 1) or contains a bargain purchase option (criterion 2), the leased asset is depreciated over the recommended useful life of the class code the asset would have been assigned to if the asset had been purchased. If the lease does not transfer ownership or does not contain a bargain purchase option, then the asset is depreciated over the term of the lease.

To record the acquisition value of the asset, perform transaction ABSO, Miscellaneous Transactions. Enter the non-budget relevant asset class. The document date will be the capitalization date of the asset. The transaction type will be 100. Enter the quantity. Credit

Other Financing Sources (6990004200). The text field can be used to record information about the lease. Use document type "AA." The leased asset should not be booked at more than its fair-market value; therefore, use the lower of (1) the present value of the minimum lease payments (excluding executory costs) or (2) the fair market value of the leased asset at the inception of the lease. The asset should be booked in the fund code from which the lease payments will be made.

To record the liability, use transaction FB50, G/L Acct Posting: Single Screen Trans. into Fund 7006101, which has been set up to carry all long-term liabilities for the State with each agency having its own cost center within the fund. Use document type "SA."

Debit	*Other Financing Sources (6990004200)*
Credit	*Non-Current Capital Leases (222005000)*

Capital Lease Payments are Budgeted under Capital Outlay (Commitment Item 11)

For financial statement purposes, accounts 5120012100, CI-11 Interest Expense Capital Lease, and 5120012200, CI-11 Principal Expense Capital Lease, are used to record the capital lease payments. The lease payments are recorded as expenditures of the fund from which the lease payments are made. An amortization schedule must be prepared to distinguish the principal and interest portion of the lease payments.

User agencies must utilize the purchase order system for all lease payments. The purchase order can cover an entire year's worth of payments so as to reserve budget and enter the remaining year's payments faster. The year you enter the purchase order into the system is the year your budget will be encumbered.

A single lease may be for several pieces of equipment with the payments apportioned to more than one cost center. An amortization schedule showing the principal and interest portion applicable to each cost center may be required.

Purchase orders for capital lease payments should reference the outline agreement number, the "our reference" number and the "your reference" number. Use material numbers 10119371 and 10119370 to access the proper principal and interest expense accounts.

Year-End Reporting for the CAFR

As part of the year-end closing process, each agency will be required to provide the asset acquisition values and accumulated depreciation at year end as well as principal and interest amounts due in subsequent years for inclusion in the CAFR.

Year-end Closing Entries

Two closing entries must be made to properly classify capital lease payments for CAFR purposes.

The first entry is made in period "15" of Fund 7006101 in your agency's cost center to reclassify the principal portion of capital lease payments.

	DR	*CR*
2220005000 Non-current Capital Lease Payable	*$ XX*	

5120001200 Accrued Debt Service Principal *$ XX*
(To reclassify capital lease principal payments to reduce the liability)

The second entry is made in period "15" of Fund 7006101 in your agency's cost center to reclassify the current portion of the lease payable.

	DR	*CR*
2220005000 Non-current Capital Lease Payable	*$ XX*	
2114001000 Capital Lease Payable - Current		*$ XX*

(To reclassify the current portion of the capital lease payable)

See Section R2-19-4-506 for further discussion of year-end closing procedures including year-end closing entries.

Definitions:

Executory Costs
Usually insurance, maintenance and taxes paid in connection with the leased property. If the lessor pays these "ownership-type costs," a portion of each lease payment that represents executory costs should be excluded in computing the present value of the minimum lease payments because it does not represent payment on or reduction of the obligation. If the portion of the minimum lease payments that represents executory costs is not determinable from the provisions of the lease, an estimate of such amount must be made. Many lease agreements, however, specify that executory costs be paid to the appropriate third parties directly by the lessee; in these cases, the rental payment can be used without adjustment in the present value computation.

Lessee's Incremental Borrowing Rate
The rate of interest that the lessee would have had to pay at the inception of the lease to borrow the funds, or similar terms, to purchase the leased property. It is the policy of the State of Arkansas to use the prime rate for an agency's incremental borrowing rate.

Summarized Capital Lease Procedures
Capital Lease Determination

Apply the four capital lease criteria.

If any one of the four capital lease criterion is met, it is a capital lease; otherwise, it is an operating lease.

Recording the Capital Lease
Transaction AS01 – Creates asset master record.
Transaction ABSO – Record the asset in the fund from which the lease payments will be made
Transaction FB50 ENTER GL ACCOUNT DOCUMENT - Record the liability in Fund 7006101 in your agency's cost center

Recording the Lease Payments
Create an amortization schedule to allocate principal and interest portions of each lease payment.
Create a purchase order.
PLEASE NOTE: *The same purchase order can be used for a year's worth of lease payments.*

Year-End Reporting
Provide asset acquisition values and accumulated depreciation at year end as well as principal and interest amounts due in subsequent years for inclusion in the CAFR.

Year-End Closing Entries
Reclassify principal expense as a reduction of the liability in Period "15" in Fund 7006101 in your agency's cost center.

Reclassify the current portion of the liability from the non-current portion in Period "15" in Fund 7006101 in your agency's cost center.

19-11-243. Proceeds from surplus commodities.

The State Procurement Director shall promulgate regulations for the allocation of proceeds from the sale, lease, or disposal of surplus commodities, to the extent practicable, to the using agency which had possession of the commodity.

History. Acts 1979, No. 482, 56; A.S.A. 1947, 14-275.2; Acts 2001, No. 1237, 33.

R1-19-11-243 Marketing and Redistribution

PLEASE NOTE: *Also see ACA§ 19-4-1503.*

Purpose
The Marketing and Redistribution Section (M&R) is a section of the Department of Finance and Administration-Office of State Procurement (DFA-OSP). The Section is responsible for the proper disposal and sale of equipment, property and other tangibles that are determined to be surplus to the needs of the various state agencies. The Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Accounting (DFA-OA) is responsible for transfer of equipment, property and other tangibles where no moneys are involved (such as inter-agency transfers). Equipment is offered for sale by the competitive bid method on site as well as an on-line auction site at http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/stateSurplus/Pages/default.aspx.

Authority (ACA 19-11-242)
The State Procurement Director shall promulgate regulations governing:
The sale, lease or disposal of surplus equipment by public auction, competitive sealed bidding or other appropriate method designated by regulation, and no employee of DFA, or member of their immediate family shall be entitled to purchase any such equipment and transfer of excess equipment within the State.

Regulations

The State Procurement Director is authorized by ACA 19-11-243 to adopt regulations regarding the allocation of proceeds from the sale, lease, or disposal of property and other tangibles. The regulations may be found on the DFA-OSP web site at:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Pages/default.aspx

Proceeds From Sale
Proceeds from the sale, transfer or rental of property by the State Procurement Director (M&R) shall be accounted for as follows:
The purchasers, transferees and lessees of property available shall transmit to the OSP the agreed sale price, service charge or rental fee.
The OSP shall deposit the full amount of proceeds received in the State Treasury in the manner as provided by law.
Proceeds from the sale or transfer of property deposited in the State Treasury shall be classified as non-revenue receipts and be credited to the Property Sale Holding Fund therein created on the books of the Treasurer of State as a trust fund. (ACA§25-8-106)

Funds deposited in the Property Sale Holding Fund may be expended only by the selling or transferring agency under procedures established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and appropriations provided by the General Assembly. (ACA 19-11-255)

Funds deposited in the Property Sale Holding Fund from the sale of property purchased from agency cash funds may be refunded to the agency cash fund from which the original expenditure was made by the issuance of a warrant under procedures established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Auditor of the State to be payable from appropriations provided by the General Assembly for disposition of the proceeds. (ACA 25-8-106)

INSURANCE PROCEEDS

Personal Property Other Than Vehicles
The proceeds received from an insurance policy for loss of personal property due to fire, storm or other causes (excluding stolen property) owned by an agency must be processed through M&R. This is done through the use of a Certificate of Property Disposal (CPD). The agency must keep a copy of the completed CPD for an audit trail.

Pursuant to ACA 19-11-243 and R1:19-11-243 (B), a standard fee of 25% will be assessed for administrative, property and record maintenance unless other arrangements are approved by the Marketing and Redistribution Manager.

When insurance proceeds are received for the reimbursement of a loss of personal property, the proceeds should be deposited into the Treasury using the agency's normal process for recording cash receipts. The proceeds should be recorded as Insurance Settlement/Restitution in GL 6092000000. If the asset is to be replaced, the agency should request an increase in appropriation from DFA-OA-FM for the purchase of the replacement.

If in the current year an agency has been reimbursed for the loss and the property has been replaced, the increase in appropriation is accomplished with a refund to expenditure by the

DFA-OA. The agency must provide proof of the deposit and a copy of the invoice that replaced the property in order to have the appropriation restored. If the agency is reimbursed for a prior year loss, the agency should request an increase in appropriation from DFA-OA-FM. The agency must provide proof of the deposit and a copy of the invoice that replaced the property in order to have the appropriation restored.

Refer to P1-19-4-2004 for sample journal entries to record insurance proceeds/restitution.

Refer to R2-19-4-2004 for guidance related to lost/stolen property.

Vehicles

The insurance claim and moneys must be processed through M&R when damage occurs that results in a total loss of the vehicle. Once an agency loses a vehicle they cannot replace it until they receive the insurance proceeds. The moneys cannot be given to the agency until M&R has deposited the insurance proceeds into the MMV fund. This is done monthly when M&R processes the "Letters of Transmittal." M&R sends a report to DFA-OA, requesting funds and appropriation to be transferred. A "special" letter of transmittal for insurance proceeds on totaled vehicles only can be done by M&R. Doing a "special" letter of transmittal for totaled vehicles helps the agency replace the vehicle quicker.

PLEASE NOTE: *In those cases where proceeds are received on the loss of a vehicle purchased with "agency" funds, the funds are first deposited to the MMV Fund, and then a refund to the paying agency (that purchased the vehicle) would be reimbursed by the MMV Fund.*

Real Property

When insurance proceeds are received for the reimbursement of a loss of real property (for example, buildings or infrastructure), the proceeds should be deposited into the Treasury using the agency's normal process for recording cash receipts. The proceeds should be recorded as Insurance Settlement/Restitution in GL 6092000000. Prior to retiring the related asset the agency should contact M&R to obtain a Certificate of Property Disposal. When a loss has occurred on any real property, the agency must provide the details about the loss to the agency's assigned CAFR liaison. The liaison will then assist in determining the effect on the state-wide financial statements.

ALLOCATION OF PROCEEDS FROM SALE OR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Using agency

The allocation of proceeds from the sale, lease or disposal of surplus equipment, less appropriate fees, will be made and deposited monthly to the using agency which had possession of the equipment.

Fee schedule

The OSP will develop a fee schedule to defray the costs of the equipment management program. The fee schedule will set forth various charges for services rendered. Proceeds from the sale of property may be used by the using agency only to purchase items from the Sub-classifications of M&O, Commitment items 02 and 11 (Operating Expense and Capital Outlay). Commitment

items 09 Conference Fees and Travel, 10 Professional Fees and Services and 12 Data Processing may not be paid for with M&R Proceeds.

***Disbursement of Revenues* (ACA 25-34-108)**

Funds generated from the sale of agency surplus computer and electronic equipment to state employees, public schools or by other sales shall be allocated as follows:

If the sale of surplus computer or electronic equipment is made within the agency-
Sixty percent (60%) of the proceeds shall be returned to the owning agency;
Fifteen percent (15%) of the proceeds shall be deposited with M&R;
Twenty-five (25%) of the proceeds shall be deposited in the Computer and Electronic Recycling Fund established by ACA 25-34-108.

If the sale of surplus computer or electronic equipment is outside the agency and conducted by M&R-
Fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds shall be returned to the owning agency;
Twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds shall be deposited with M&R;
Twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds shall be deposited in the Computer and Electronic Recycling Fund established by ACA 25-34-108.

Procedure For Revenue Disbursement

Agencies that establish a policy for selling surplus computer and electronic equipment to either their employees or to Arkansas Public Schools will use the following procedure for revenue disbursement:
The agency will create a customer receipt for the sales price and calculate sales tax.
Record the receipt in the cash journal as a customer payment.
Request a fund transfer through DFA-OA from the receipting agency's fund to: M&R, cost center 383333, Fund MPH0000 – 15% of the sales price. Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, cost center 451346, Fund MER0100 – 25% of the sales price.
The sales tax will be paid when DFA-OA does their (owning agency's) monthly billing for Sales & Use Tax.

Sales Made Through M&R on Behalf of the Agency

M&R will create a customer receipt to record sales price and sales tax.
Record the receipt as a customer payment in the cash journal.
Request fund transfer through DFA-OA from: M&R, cost center 383333, Fund MPH0000 to the agency's fund and cost center – 50% of the sales price. Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, cost center 451346, Fund MER0100 – 25% of the sales price.
The sales tax due will be included in the DFA monthly report of Sales & Use Tax.
To record all revenue from sale of surplus property except for equipment sold through M&R on behalf of the agencies, the agency will debit their cash account and credit account number 4048003000, Sale of Surplus Property, in their proper fund using their cost center.

An Agency Purchases an Item at M&R

M&R records the sale in AASIS and issues an invoice. The invoice is sent to the agency's accounts payable section and is paid like any other vendor invoice. The general ledger code used will depend on what item is purchased, ex. office supplies, equipment, etc.

An Agency Sends Items to M&R for Sale

M&R will keep records of what items belongs to each agency. When an item is sold, M&R records the sales and notes the original state agency.

At the end of the month, M&R totals all sales by each state agency, deducts M&R's fees and arrives at the amount to be returned to the agency. Two lists are complied, one for Treasury Funds and the other for cash funds and emailed to DFA for processing. The Treasury fund list is processed by DFA-OA with funds and appropriation being returned to the agencies. The cash fund list is processed by the DFA-Office of Administrative Services with warrants being returned to the agencies.

M&R prepares a memo stating the total amount of their monthly fees, and this amount is transferred from their holding fund to their operating fund.

Abandoned Personal Property

Abandoned personal property left on State property that has not been claimed by the owner within one year should be sent to M&R using a "Surplus Disposal" Form (SDF). These items can include anything from mopeds and bicycles to cell phones and sunglasses. Items that have a marketable value will either be sold at public auction on the GovDeals auction site or other competitive public bid process such as "live" auction or Invitation to Bid. Funds generated from the sale of the items will be returned to the state agency or institution in the same manner as the sale of surplus state property. Abandoned items such as driver's licenses, student IDs or credit cards should be shredded for security purposes.

Surplus Disposal Form (SDF)

M&R requires a "Surplus Disposal" Form (SDF) to be completed to schedule the pickup and delivery of state surplus items. This is a web-based form that is accessible by all state agencies and institutions of higher education at http://www.arkansas.gov/eforms/index.php.
After being completed on-line by the agency, the SDF is submitted electronically to M&R. The SDF will be reviewed, and the agency will be notified either by e-mail or telephone of the date and time scheduled for delivery or pickup..

Two copies of the SDF form must accompany the surplus item. One copy will be signed by a representative of M&R and kept on file by the agency, and one will be kept on file by M&R. This signed document verifies that M&R has made property pick up.

Procedure Description

This web-based form allows a state agency to create a list of items to be disposed of per M&R instructions. Using this form, an agency may request one of the following actions: delivery, pickup or request a move. Upon completion, this form automatically notifies M&R of the

agency's request. Each agency person accessing and completing the SDF must have prior authorization through M&R.

Upon receipt of the completed SDF, the agency asset manager must complete transaction ABAVN (Scrapping) to delete the asset from the agency's fixed asset inventory. Transaction ABAVN must be done in the same month the SDF is received from M&R.
Transaction AS02, "Change Asset Master Record," must be completed to change the status of the asset from "on hand" to "transferred to M&R".

The above-mentioned transactions will only be completed if the status of the asset on the completed SDF is marked "REC" for received. Assets marked with "DNR," did not receive, should not be deleted from the agency's inventory. Assets must be removed within the month the SDF is received. The agency must keep a copy of the completed SDF for an audit trail.

SUBCHAPTER 10 - PROFESSIONAL AND CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACTS

19-11-1005. General guidelines and regulations.

The State Procurement Director, after soliciting suggestions from state agencies and after seeking and receiving the advice of the Attorney General and review by the Legislative Council or by the Joint Budget Committee, if the General Assembly is in session, shall publish general guidelines for the procurement of professional and consultant services contracts and general regulations governing the use of each type of contract.

History. Acts 2003, No. 1315, 13.

R1-19-11-1005 Professional and Consultant Services Contracts

Act 1315 of 2003 repealed ACA §19-4-1701 - 19-4-1717, et seq. relating to professional and consulting service contracts between the State of Arkansas and all of its agencies, boards, commissions, departments and institutions. The responsibilities for the maintenance of policies and procedures for this area have thus been assigned by state statute to the Office of State Procurement. The State Procurement Director is authorized by ACA § 19-11-1008 to adopt regulations regarding the competitive bidding process, requests for proposals, approval of professionals, etc. The regulations relative to professional and consultant services contracts can be found on the Office of State Procurement's web site at:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Pages/default.aspx

R2-19-11-1005 Procurement Codes

Procurement Codes
Procurement codes are used to assist in the tracking of procurement activity. Proper use of the codes enables the Office of State Procurement (OSP) to automatically track purchases by category and provide required reports. Procurement codes must be included in all transactions paying for goods and services purchased by the State. Inquiries regarding further definition of these codes should be directed to the OSP.

Procurement codes can be found on the OSP web site:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Documents/lawsRegs.pdf

Updates to the procurement codes can be found on the OSP web site:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Pages/default.aspx

21-5-1202. Compensation of employees of state agencies and state-supported institutions - Emergency activities.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Uniform Attendance and Leave Policy Act, 21-4-201 et seq., during the period that an employee of a state agency or institution of higher education is called to active duty after September 11, 2001, as a member of the National Guard or any of the reserve components of the armed forces by order of the President or the Governor of an emergency nature or contingency for more than thirty (30) consecutive days, the employee shall be eligible for continued proportionate salary payments which, when combined with the employee's active duty pay, incentives, and allowances, except for uniform and clothing allowances, equal the amount that the employee would have otherwise received but for the employee's required active duty under the order of the President or the Governor.

(b) The Department of Finance and Administration shall establish appropriate procedures for the administration of this section.

History. Acts 2005, No. 2113, 1.

R1-21-5-1202 Military Differential Pay

Military differential pay is paid from an agency's individual fund and is not reportable as salaries or wages. State agencies shall determine which employees are due military differential pay and contact each employee or their beneficiary. Eligible employees are as follows: 1) an active state employee, 2) a former state employee that was terminated as a result of a disability incurred while on active duty or 3) the beneficiary of a deceased former state employee who died while on active duty. The payment should be calculated for the time period dating from the date called to active duty after September 11, 2001, to the date discharged or the present, whichever is later. The payment shall be made as a one-time- lump-sum payment.

Employees or beneficiaries must provide 1) Leave and Earnings Statements or other supporting documentation showing the employee's military pay from each year for which payment shall be calculated and 2) Form DD-214 Report of Separation, if applicable.

Agencies that use AASIS to process checks and warrants must request a vendor number for each employee receiving military differential pay. A vendor number is obtained by submitting a Vendor Maintenance Request Form. The Form can be found on the DFA-Office of State Procurement (DFA-OSP) website:
http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/procurement/Pages/default.aspx

The Second Name Line of the Form must be "Military Differential Pay." A W-4 form must be attached to the Vendor Maintenance Request form, as well as a letter from the agency on agency letterhead signed by the agency's authorized payroll official stating the employee's eligibility for military differential pay and employee's personnel number. The Vendor Maintenance Request Form, W-4 form and letter must be submitted to DFA-OSP. Electronic submission will not be accepted.

State agencies shall submit a Military Pay Differential Calculation Worksheet, P1-21-5-1202, the Leave and Earnings Statement(s) or other supporting documentation showing military pay and DD-214 Report of Separation, if applicable, to DFA-Office of Personnel Management (DFA-OPM). Following review, DFA-OPM will return the approved request to the agency for processing as an Accounts Payable Vendor Payment. Military differential pay is not considered by the Internal Revenue Service to be W-2 reportable wages. Budget transfers may be necessary in order to accommodate this extraordinary disbursement for commitment item 501:00:00. A pay plan adjustment request should be communicated to the agency's DFA-Office of Budget analyst to be submitted to the Legislative Council.

If the employee continues to be on active duty after the lump-sum payment is made, on-going payments shall be processed monthly. The agency shall submit a Military Pay Differential Calculation Worksheet to DFA-OPM for each monthly payment. Following review, DFA-OPM will return the approved request to the agency for processing. Leave and Earnings Statements for those currently on active duty, after the initial submission to payroll, need only be submitted thereafter when a pay change occurs.
The Internal Revenue Section requires military differential pay to be reported on Form 1099 Miscellaneous. The payment is reported in Box 3 – Prizes and Awards, and no withholding is allowed. The $600 minimum reporting threshold applies.

Payments authorized by A.C.A § 21-5-1202 will not be retirement eligible earnings at the time of payment and will not be reported to APERS; thus, there will be no contribution paid to APERS. When the employee returns to state service as an active state employee, the retirement service will be purchased for them by the agency, and the retirement contribution will be paid at that time. If the employee is a member of the APERS contributory plan, he/she will pay their contributions to APERS by personal payment. These contributions will not be tax deferred.

Supporting documentation for military differential pay must be maintained for audit purposes by the agency.

TITLE 22 - PUBLIC PROPERTY

CHAPTER 2 - ARKANSAS BUILDING AUTHORITY

SUBCHAPTER 1 - LEASING

22-2-114. Leasing responsibilities.

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that state agencies be housed, whenever possible, in public buildings as soon as space and facilities in public buildings are available and that the acquisition and granting of leasehold interests in land be regulated and supervised by the Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration. The division and all other state agencies are authorized and directed to implement that intent as follows:

(1)(A) The division is given the authority and responsibility to act as the leasing agent for all state agencies and component parts thereof, acting either as lessor or lessee, and to act as the agent for leasing space in all public buildings located in the State of Arkansas.

(B) In addition, the division is given the authority and responsibility to act as the leasing agent for any nonagency state entity if requested in writing by a nonagency state entity to act in that manner and if the responsibility for the services is accepted in writing by the division.

(C)(i) After July 1, 1975, no state agency shall enter into or renew or otherwise negotiate a lease between itself as lessor or lessee and a nongovernmental or other government lessor or lessee.

(ii) The division shall determine the needs of the state agency, locate appropriate rental space, and act as the agent for the state agency in negotiating the lease for the rental space;

(2) All state agencies and component parts thereof, when requested by the division, shall execute and enter into leases with the division for the leasing or renting of space and facilities in any public buildings. The leases may be upon such conditions, for such terms, for such rentals, and may contain such other provisions that the Department of Finance and Administration and the state agency involved determine to be appropriate and in the best interests of all concerned;

(3) Any state agency or component part thereof needing new or additional space shall notify the division, and the division shall prepare a lease for the space based upon the standards and criteria as adopted by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration with the advice of the Building Authority Council. If space is available in a public building, the lease will be negotiated for placement in the public building;

(4) If the Real Estate Services Section of the Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration determines that adequate space is not available in public buildings, it shall act as provided in subdivision (a)(1) of this section to obtain adequate space from a privately owned facility;

(5)(A)(i) The director with the advice of the council shall adopt standards and criteria for the leasing and utilization of space and the allocation of space to state agencies.

(ii) These standards and criteria shall be used as a basis for all planning, leasing of space, allocation of space to state agencies, or advising state agencies on leasing considerations.

(iii) These standards and criteria shall include, but not be limited to, equipment, work stations, private offices, conference rooms, reception areas, general equipment, vaults, and the necessary space to ensure adequate and effective circulation within and access to all state agencies, including parking and traffic patterns.

(B) In cities and towns having a population of less than twenty-five thousand (25,000) according to the last federal decennial census, for those state agencies providing direct public

access services, preference shall be granted to lease space located in existing buildings in the central business district, as defined by the locality's planning commission, or, in the absence thereof, by the municipality's governing body, except in cases where location within the central business district would impair or restrict the intent of the services being provided to the public or the state's proximity to other state or nongovernmental services or where rental rates justify other locations;

(6) Leases as to office space, buildings, structures, parking lots, and grounds from private individuals, firms, and corporations by state agencies and component parts thereof shall be on a standard lease form approved by the director with the advice of the council. The standard lease form shall contain all terms and conditions deemed necessary based on the type and purpose of the leased property. The director with the advice of the council also shall adopt a standard lease form to be used by state agencies when subleasing from the division. Both standard lease forms shall be approved as to the legality of form and content by the Attorney General before becoming a requirement; and

(7) The division shall obtain and maintain files of all leases in existence from and after July 1, 1975, to which a state agency or component part thereof is a party.

(b) All leases referred to in this section and all covenants and agreements contained therein shall be binding in all respects upon the parties thereto and their successors, and all the provisions thereof shall be enforceable by mandamus and other remedies provided by law.

(c) This section shall not apply to the State Highway Commission, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, or the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

(d) If acting as the leasing agency for a state agency as a lessee in a private building, the division shall consult the Building and Sites Database maintained by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to determine if there is a property available for lease that meets the practical and financial needs and specifications of the state agency.

History. Acts 1975, No. 716, 8; 1979, No. 411, 1; A.S.A. 1947, 5-1025; Acts 1999, No. 859, 1; 2001, No. 238, 1; 2015, No. 879, 1; 2015 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 7, 32; 2015 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 8, 32.

The Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA-DBA) was established under ACA §22-2-104. Guidance on other areas of responsibility of DFA-DBA can be found in R1-19-4-524, "Construction and Permanent Improvements," and R1-19-4-1415, "Procedures for Approval of Design Professionals."

R1-22-2-114 Leases of Office Space, Buildings, Structures, Parking Lots and Grounds

Agencies should review lease contracts before signing and ensure that they are not committing their agencies to make lease payments beyond the end of a biennial period. The contract should include language to allow termination of the lease in the event sufficient appropriations or funding does not exist to fulfill the obligation.

The Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA-DBA) is specifically given the authority to act as the leasing agent for state agencies for leases of space,

buildings, structures, parking lots and grounds. Agencies are prohibited from negotiating directly with the Lessor or Lessee pursuant to ACA §22-2-114(a)(1)(C)(i). ACA §22-2-102(3) defines a "State agency" under the authority of DFA-DBA as "any board or commission, agency, department, institution of higher learning including colleges, universities, and vocational-technical schools or other state institutions. "State agency" shall not include any county, municipality, school district, subdivision, or unit thereof of the State of Arkansas, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department or the State Highway Commission. Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission or assets held as an investment of any retirement system are also exempt under ACA §22-2-103(a), and §22-2-114.

While Constitutional Offices are not defined as a state agency under ACA §22-2-114(a) (1) (B), DFA-DBA has the authority to enter into agreements with other state entities, such as Constitutional Offices to act as their leasing authority.

Leasing regulations may be found on the DFA-DBA web site and are referenced as §5-100 through §5-104 within the Minimum Standards and Criteria. Questions regarding lease issues other than accounting should be directed to the DFA-DBA Real Estate Services Administrator. Access to the DFA-DBA web site can be found at: http://dba.arkansas.gov/

DFA-DBA will provide a document to the agency with any proposed lease that sets out clearly the terms of the lease that will indicate the following determinations:

1. *Whether the ownership of the property transfers to the lessee at the end of the lease term.*

2. *Whether the lease contains a bargain purchase option.*

3. *Whether the lease term is equal to 75% or more of the life of the leased asset. The life of a used leased asset will be calculated using 75% of the suggested useful life in the State's capital assets policy.*

4. *Whether the present value of rental and other minimum lease payments equals or exceeds 90% of the fair market value amount of the leased asset. ABA shall require the lessor to obtain an appraisal to determine the fair market value of the property or calculate the fair market value. An appraisal is good for two years.*

If the determination is made that the lease is in fact a capital lease, the Department of Finance and Administration–Office of Accounting will provide an amortization schedule to the agencies and assist with proper accounting.

PLEASE NOTE: *For detailed accounting procedures refer to the Leases of Tangible Personal Property (Equipment) Section R1-19-11-238.*

22-8-102. Leasing and renting of vehicles by state agencies.

(a) For purposes of this section:

(1) Lease means obtaining the use of a motor vehicle from any source for a monetary fee, for a period of thirty-one (31) days or more; and

(2) Rental means obtaining the use of a motor vehicle from any source for a monetary fee for a period of thirty (30) days or less.

(b)(1) Before any state agency shall lease any motor vehicle or renew any existing lease for a motor vehicle, the agency shall submit a written request to the State Procurement Director identifying the motor vehicles sought to be leased by the agency and all facts and circumstances the director may request to enable him or her to determine the economics, need, and feasibility of leasing the motor vehicle.

(2) Upon receipt, the director shall review the request to lease the motor vehicle, and if he or she determines that the lease is in the best interest of the State of Arkansas and that the agency has adequate funds to pay the lease, he or she may approve the request but only if he or she has first received the approval of the Legislative Council.

(3) After receiving the approval of the Legislative Council, the director shall stamp his or her approval on the request and return it to the state agency, which may then proceed to enter into the lease as proposed and approved by the director.

(4) In emergency situations, the director may approve a temporary lease of a motor vehicle, not to exceed thirty (30) days, but only if he or she has sought the advice of the Chair of the Legislative Council and scheduled the temporary lease of a motor vehicle for consideration at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

(c) If the director disapproves a proposed lease of a motor vehicle, he or she shall stamp his or her disapproval on the request and return it to the state agency, and it shall be unlawful for the state agency to proceed to lease the motor vehicle.

History. Acts 1977, No. 455, 3; A.S.A. 1947, 14-526; Acts 2001, No. 588, 1.

R1-22-8-102. Leasing and renting of vehicles by state agencies

Executive branch agencies will continue to submit State Vehicle Requests to the DFA-Office of Administrative Services (OAS) as outlined in the Vehicle Use & Management Handbook at: http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/administrativeServices/Documents/fleetManual.pdf When the request involves a lease, the "lease justification letter" addressed to the State Procurement Director will also be submitted with the vehicle request to OIS. If the vehicle request is tentatively approved by OIS, a copy of the request and the requesting agency's "lease justification letter" will be forwarded to the Office of State Procurement (OSP). The State Procurement Director will evaluate and process the lease request in accordance with the State Procurement Law and ACA 22-8-102. If the lease is approved by the Legislative Council and the State Procurement Director, OSP will notify OIS and the State Vehicle Request will be given final approval and processed. A State Vehicle Request involving a lease cannot receive final approval until the lease itself has been reviewed and approved.

25-1-118. Electronic filing of reports.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) Entity of the state means:

(A) A state agency;

(B) The Governor;

(C) The Lieutenant Governor;

(D) The Attorney General;

(E) The Secretary of State;

(F) The Auditor of State;

(G) The Treasurer of State;

(H) The Commissioner of State Lands;

(I) The General Assembly; and

(J) A committee or subcommittee of the General Assembly, including without limitation the Legislative Council; and

(2) State agency means every department, division, office, board, commission, and institution of this state, including state-supported institutions of higher education.

(b) A state agency required by Arkansas law to file a report, including without limitation a written report, with an entity of the state shall:

(1) File the report in electronic form; and

(2)(A) Post the report on its Internet website, if applicable.

(B) This subdivision shall not apply if information within the report is protected from public disclosure by state or federal law.

History. Acts 2011, No. 742, 1.