

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION (0561)  
FISCAL YEAR 2016  
As Enacted by Act 971 of 2015

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation is responsible for administering programs of state financial participation in support of local academic facilities, assisting all school districts with general academic facilities support, providing oversight of construction, repair and maintenance of both academic and non-academic facilities on public school campuses in Arkansas, and administering and conducting school bus safety inspections and driver training programs.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation is \$242,546,626.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The appropriations for the Division are funded by general revenue, fund balances in the Educational Facilities Partnership Fund, and savings from the Debt Service Funding line item appropriation authorized for the ADE - Public School Fund Account.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**PROGRAMS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION**

These appropriations provide resources for state financial assistance provided through the Academic Facilities Partnership, Academic Facilities High Growth, Academic Equipment, Academic Facilities Catastrophic, and Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances Programs. The total appropriation is \$235,011,538, which includes the following change:

**Academic Facilities Partnership** - Increase of \$81.5 million in appropriation as recommended by the Adequacy Committee.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2015 Authorized Positions: 32)**

Total Authorized Positions FY2016: 32  
Total Base Level Positions FY2015: 32  
Increase / (Decrease) over Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2016: 5 (Total FY2015 Authorized Extra Help: 5)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**TRANSFER AUTHORITY:** Authorizes a maximum of two appropriation transfers and other related budget adjustments per fiscal year between appropriations authorized in the Division's appropriation act as necessary with Chief Fiscal Officer approval and prior Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee approval. Classifies the legislative approval language as non-severable and makes the entire section void if the legislative approval provision is found to be unconstitutional.

**TRANSFER AUTHORITY - OPEN ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES LOAN PROGRAM:** Authorizes the transfer of any funds made available

for the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Program  
to the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Fund.

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