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SENATE BILL 93

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
10 EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
15 EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2019-2020
16 FISCAL YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
23 established for the Department of Higher Education for the 2019-2020 fiscal
24 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2019-2020
30	(1) U024U	DHE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE05
31	(2) U089U	DHE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
32	(3) D022N	IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
33	(4) D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
34	(5) D028C	SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT07
35	(6) D016C	SENIOR TECHNOLOGY ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
36	(7) N002N	DHE SENIOR ASSOC DIRECTOR	3	GRADE GS15



1	(8)	N055N DHE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
2	(9)	A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
3	(10)	N054N DHE CAREER PATHWAYS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
4	(11)	G019C GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS13
5	(12)	N106N PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION BOARD DIR.	1	GRADE GS13
6	(13)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
7	(14)	G058C DHE FEDERAL PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS11
8	(15)	G071C DHE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	6	GRADE GS10
9	(16)	G102C DHE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	16	GRADE GS09
10	(17)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
11	(18)	P005C DHE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
12	(19)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
13	(20)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
14	(21)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
15		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	45	

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17 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 18 authorized, for the Department of Higher Education for the 2019-2020 fiscal
 19 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
 20 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 21 purposes: fifteen (15) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
 22 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 23 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 24 classification.

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26 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 27 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the
 28 Department of Higher Education Fund Account, for personal services and
 29 operating expenses of the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year
 30 ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,305,455
35	(02) EXTRA HELP	3,000
36	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	696,650

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	912,755
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
4	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
6	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,092,860</u>

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9 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION

10 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher
 11 Education, to be payable from the Private Career Education Fund, for personal
 12 services and operating expenses of the State Board of Private Career
 13 Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$124,926
18	(02) EXTRA HELP	20,000
19	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,219
20	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	63,000
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
23	(C) PROF. FEES	6,000
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$257,145</u>

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28 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION

29 OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the State Board of Private
 30 Career Education for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 31 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 32 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-
 33 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in
 34 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this
 35 act for the appropriate classification.

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SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for providing student assistance grants and various scholarships as provided by law of the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2019-2020
(01) ARKANSAS FUTURE GRANT	\$9,000,000
(02) HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES GRANT	2,500,000
(03) NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	1,400,000
(04) SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	175,000
(05) STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM	2,000,000
(06) TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM	2,500,000
(07) AR GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS	150,000
(08) DEPENDENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ETC. SCHOLARSHIPS	400,000
(09) DEPENDENTS OF POWS, MIAS, KIAS-TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIPS	1,500,000
(10) SREB MINORITY DOCTORAL SCHOLARS	175,000
(11) WASHINGTON CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS	100,000
(12) TUITION ADJUSTMENT	350,000
(13) AR ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS	25,000,000
(14) AR GOVERNOR'S SCHOLAR	22,000,000
(15) STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (SURF)	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$67,400,000</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - TECHNICAL EDUCATION - FEDERAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Higher Education - Technical Education - Federal Programs for the fiscal year

1 ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$145,978
6 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	43,233
7 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	77,251
9 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	40,700
10 (C) PROF. FEES	85,000
11 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
13 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$392,162</u></u>

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15 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. There is
 16 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable
 17 from the Higher Education Research Development Fund, for providing Arkansas
 18 Research Development Program Grants to Institutions of Higher Education by
 19 the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020,
 20 the following:

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22 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
24 (01) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	
25 GRANTS	<u><u>\$1,000,000</u></u>

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27 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS. There is
 28 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable
 29 from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for payments of the contracts
 30 and loans with participating out-of-state institutions of higher learning in
 31 the fields of dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine, chiropractic, and
 32 podiatry for the education of Arkansas citizens, by the Department of Higher
 33 Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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35 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>

1	(01) CHIROPRACTIC AID	\$260,000
2	(02) DENTAL AID - GRANTS	2,950,000
3	(03) OPTOMETRY AID - GRANTS	650,000
4	(04) PODIATRY AID	130,400
5	(05) VETERINARY AID	1,750,000
6	(06) DENTAL AID - LOANS	987,370
7	(07) OPTOMETRY AID - LOANS	140,000
8	(08) VETERINARY AID - LOANS	<u>250,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,117,770</u></u>

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11 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 12 Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in
 13 the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
 14 for operating expenses of the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal
 15 year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
19	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$262,000
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
22	(C) PROF. FEES	63,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	0
25	(02) SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>50,000</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$405,000</u></u>

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28 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION BOARD - CASH.
 29 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be
 30 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 31 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the State
 32 Board of Private Career Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020,
 33 the following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>

1	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$28,087
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,898
4	(C) PROF. FEES	8,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$44,985</u></u>

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9 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT PROTECTION TRUST. There is hereby
10 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the
11 Private Career School Student Protection Trust Fund, for expenses, claims,
12 and fees of the State Board of Private Career Education for the fiscal year
13 ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
17	(01) EXPENSES/CLAIMS/FEES	<u><u>\$300,000</u></u>

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19 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - TANF PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby
20 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the
21 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
22 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Higher
23 Education - TANF Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020,
24 the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$198,484
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	60,196
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	45,105
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
33	(C) PROF. FEES	14,784
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	(04) SELF SUFFICIENCY/JOB TRAINING GRANTS	<u><u>6,821,431</u></u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$7,150,000

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3 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - WEB BASED APPLICATIONS. There is hereby
 4 appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the
 5 Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 6 expenses associated with web based applications of the Department of Higher
 7 Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
11 (01) WEB BASED APPLICATIONS PERSONAL	
12 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

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14 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION. There is
 15 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable
 16 from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for personal services and
 17 operating expenses of the Department of Higher Education - Scholarship
 18 Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
22 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$289,231
23 (02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
24 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	97,120
25 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	130,000
27 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
28 (C) PROF. FEES	150,000
29 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	35,000
30 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$711,351</u>

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33 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015. There is
 34 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable
 35 from the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund, for workforce education
 36 grants, administrative, and operating expenses of the Department of Higher

1 Education - Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 for the fiscal year ending June
 2 30, 2020, the following:

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4	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
6	(01) WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015	
7	EXPENSES	<u>\$8,000,000</u>
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9 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EMERGENCY
 11 GRANTS & EXTRA HELP POOL. An Institution of higher education that suffers an
 12 emergency/disaster event resulting in all or a significant portion of campus
 13 operations being interrupted, may request disaster assistance through the
 14 Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Upon the declaration of an
 15 emergency by the Governor, the institution may request, subject to the
 16 recommendation of the Director of the Department of Higher Education and
 17 approval of the Governor, a grant from the Disaster Relief Fund to assist in
 18 returning that campus to operation and/or to a sister campus providing
 19 services to the students from the affected campus. Certified law enforcement
 20 officers employed by an institution of higher education may be granted
 21 jurisdiction at the sister institution, upon agreement of both institutions.
 22 The Department of Higher Education is authorized a pool of 500 extra help
 23 positions for use in such emergency situations. These positions may be
 24 assigned to the campus suffering the disaster event or to a sister campus
 25 providing services to the students from the affected campus. The Governor
 26 may waive the 1,500 hour limit of ACA 6-63-314 on these assigned extra help
 27 pool positions.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
 29 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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31 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 33 REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Upon
 34 determination by the president or chancellor of an institution of higher
 35 education that a reallocation of resources for purposes of reorganization or
 36 consolidation of administrative functions within the institution is necessary

1 for efficient and effective operations of the institution, the president or
2 chancellor, with approval of the institution's board of trustees, may have
3 the authority to transfer positions, appropriations and related funds between
4 campuses, divisions, branches, and other budgetary units of the institution,
5 after receiving prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
6 Committee. The transfers of positions, programs, or activities shall be used
7 for those purposes for which the appropriations were approved by the General
8 Assembly. The transfers, consolidations, or reorganizations which involve
9 academic programs shall be reviewed by the Department of Higher Education
10 prior to submission to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.
11 Provided, however, that the institution shall be limited to submitting no
12 more than two (2) individual transaction transfer requests during any fiscal
13 year and shall be further limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the
14 total General Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding, positions
15 specific to each institution, and no Tobacco Settlement funds or
16 appropriations may be reallocated pursuant to this section.

17 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
18 appropriation and general revenue funding for institutions of higher
19 education each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This
20 is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation
21 act(s) for institutions of higher education and the general revenue
22 allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the
23 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that
24 institutions of higher education may operate more efficiently if some
25 flexibility is provided to institutions of higher education authorizing broad
26 powers under this section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate
27 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of
28 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this
29 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
30 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement
31 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
32 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is
33 void.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
35 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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1 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LOANS. In
3 order to provide timely payments under financial aid appropriations made in
4 this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is authorized to provide
5 loans from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund to make available all funds
6 attributable to the financial aid programs under the then current official
7 revenue estimates. In the event of an unanticipated state revenue shortfall,
8 any such loans remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be repaid from
9 revenues distributed in the first two months of the next fiscal year. Funds
10 for appropriations made in this Act for purposes other than financial aid
11 shall not be affected by the application of this provision.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
13 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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15 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. WORK
17 FORCE 2000 DEVELOPMENT FUND PROCEDURES. After the amounts to be made
18 available to the various technical colleges have been determined as set out
19 in Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(A) and 26-51-205(d)(2)(B), such documents as
20 may be necessary shall be processed so that funds may be transferred from the
21 Work Force 2000 Development Fund to the State Treasury fund or fund account
22 from which the technical college draws its general revenue support. Such
23 funds as may be transferred shall not exceed 93.691% of the total funds
24 available from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund during the fiscal year.
25 In the event that a technical institute or comprehensive lifelong learning
26 center which receives support from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund as
27 determined by law transfers or merges into the Arkansas Technical College and
28 Community College System for which Work Force 2000 Development Fund monies
29 are determined by law, then the actual amount of support from the Work Force
30 2000 Development Fund in the preceding fiscal year for such educational
31 institution shall be made available irrespective of any other provision of
32 law which sets out maximum levels of support from such fund.

33 The funds distributed under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(C) in excess of
34 those amounts collected and distributed prior to June 30, 2014 shall be
35 deposited into the Skills Development Fund to be used only for personal
36 services, grants, operation, support, and improvement of occupational,

1 vocational, technical, and workforce development programs by the Department
2 of Career Education - Office of Skills Development. The distributions of
3 funds under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(C) in excess of those amounts
4 collected and distributed prior to June 30, 2014 shall not apply to proceeds
5 allocated to schools, colleges and educational institutions under Arkansas
6 Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(A) and 26-51-205(d)(2)(B).

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
8 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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10 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BUILDING
12 MAINTENANCE FUND. After the sum of \$13,200,000 has been deposited into the
13 Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, any additional deposits are to be
14 transferred to the Research Development Fund there to be used as provided by
15 law.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
17 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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19 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO
21 EXPENDITURES. Proceeds derived from the repayment of loans, grants, or
22 scholarships funded by the Higher Education Grants Fund Account shall be
23 deposited into the State Treasury fund from which it originated.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
25 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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27 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. NATIONAL
29 GUARD TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM. In addition to any other provisions of law,
30 any student who receives assistance from the appropriation made for the
31 "National Guard Tuition Incentive Program" in this Act shall repay any loans
32 and/or assistance if the student receives a discharge that is a less than
33 Honorable Discharge. Priority for funding shall be given to students already
34 receiving assistance from the National Guard Tuition Incentive Program.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
36 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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2 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HEALTH
4 EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS - PRIORITIES. The Arkansas Higher Education
5 Coordinating Board, after consulting with the recognized associations of each
6 of the applicable medical professions and other interested persons, shall
7 determine the priorities for the applicable programs enumerated in the
8 appropriation made for "Health Education Grants and Loans" in this Act. The
9 Arkansas Department of Higher Education, if necessary, shall re-adjust the
10 number of positions for entering students to be funded for each applicable
11 program based upon the priorities determined by the board.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
13 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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15 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FINANCIAL
17 AID PROGRAMS REPORTING. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education shall
18 report by May 30 to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education the
19 budgeted allocation for each financial aid program funded through the Higher
20 Education Grants Fund Account for the upcoming fiscal year and projections
21 for the following year.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
23 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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25 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
27 AUDIT/REVIEW OF STATE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. Any post-secondary institution that
28 receives state scholarship funds administered by the Arkansas Department of
29 Higher Education shall be subject to audit/review of such funds by the
30 Division of Legislative Audit, upon approval of the Legislative Joint Audit
31 Committee.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
33 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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35 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AUDIT

1 DATA. All post-secondary institutions shall provide to the Arkansas
2 Department of Higher Education a copy of the Integrated Post-Secondary
3 Education Data System (IPEDS) data within three weeks following the IPEDS due
4 date, which shall be subject to audit by the Arkansas Department of Higher
5 Education.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
7 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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9 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
11 FOR SALARY INCREASES. New funding through the Revenue Stabilization Act
12 determined by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to have been for
13 salary increases for the fiscal year for Institutions of Higher Education
14 shall be used exclusively for salary increases. New funding actually received
15 for salary increases shall be spent exclusively for salary increases based
16 upon the state general revenue portion of total unrestricted educational and
17 general revenue. Funding received under this provision shall be used for no
18 purpose other than to provide such salary increases. Any designated funds not
19 used for salary increases shall be recouped at the end of each fiscal year
20 and transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
22 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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24 SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DHE
26 PROGRAM COORDINATOR FUNDING. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
27 transfer sufficient funding for the fiscal year from the Higher Education
28 Grants Fund Account to the Department of Higher Education Fund Account in
29 order to finance the personal services costs of a DHE Program Coordinator.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
31 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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33 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
35 PROVISION. Upon certification by the Director of the Department of Higher
36 Education that transfers are needed to make maximum utilization of funds and

1 appropriations provided for financial aid programs, and with the approval of
2 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and a review by the Arkansas
3 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, funds and appropriations may
4 be transferred between financial aid programs to more adequately align the
5 appropriation with the number of eligible students.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
7 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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9 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
11 OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND
12 LOANS. Upon certification to and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal
13 Officer of the State, surplus funds and appropriations may be transferred
14 between the appropriations provided for "Health Education Grants and Loans"
15 by this Act by the General Assembly for Dental Aid Grants and Loans,
16 Optometry Aid Grants and Loans, Veterinary Aid, Veterinary Med. Loan
17 Forgiveness Program, Podiatry Aid, and Chiropractic Aid.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
19 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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21 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
23 CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATIONS - TRANSFERS AND REPORTS. (a) Upon approval by
24 the Department of Higher Education and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
25 institutions of higher education may transfer appropriation from the cash
26 contingency appropriation to any other appropriation made to the institution
27 from cash funds including the establishment of commitment items, and may
28 transfer appropriation from the contingency appropriation made payable from
29 each institution's State Treasury Fund to the state operations appropriation
30 made payable from each institution's State Treasury Fund including the
31 establishment of commitment items, and may transfer appropriation from the
32 contingency appropriation made payable from the Tobacco Settlement Program
33 Fund Accounts to any other appropriation made to the institution from Tobacco
34 Settlement Program Fund Accounts including the establishment of commitment
35 items.

36 (b) Contingency appropriation transfers shall only establish and

1 supplement commitment items that were recommended by the Higher Education
2 Coordinating Board in the budget manuals presented to the Legislative Council
3 and Joint Budget Committee.

4 (c) The Department of Higher Education shall report contingency
5 appropriation transfers and the establishment of any commitment items
6 authorized by this Section to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
7 Committee for review during its July meeting. The report shall include, by
8 institution, the establishment of, and the amounts transferred to, each
9 commitment item, the reasons therefor and the source of funds. Institutions
10 shall submit contingency appropriation transfer and commitment item
11 establishment requests authorized by this Section to the Department of Higher
12 Education no later than July 1. Upon the failure of an institution to submit
13 the required information by the July 1 deadline, the Department of Higher
14 Education shall immediately notify by written notification the chairpersons
15 of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
17 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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19 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STUDENT
21 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SURF) PROGRAM. The focus of the Student
22 Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program is the continued development
23 of undergraduate academic research efforts at Arkansas colleges and
24 universities. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education shall adopt rules
25 and regulations necessary for the proper administration of the Student
26 Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. Administrative functions and
27 responsibilities may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the
28 development of eligibility criteria, collection of applications, coordination
29 of student evaluations, distribution of public notices, and funding of grants
30 for academic research purposes. Staff of the Arkansas Department of Higher
31 Education shall administer this program. The Arkansas Department of Higher
32 Education shall be authorized to expense costs associated with the
33 administration of the program, from funds made payable from the Higher
34 Education Grants Fund Account for the Student Undergraduate Research
35 Fellowship Program as authorized in the Student Assistance Grants and Various
36 Scholarships appropriation section of this Act.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
2 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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4 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
6 COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. Any institution of Higher Education that has its main
7 campus, satellite campus, or center located within a twenty five mile radius
8 of any other main campus of an institution of higher education shall enter
9 into a written agreement with that institution which must address duplication
10 of services between the institutions.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
12 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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14 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COST
16 ALLOCATION. The Department of Higher Education may refund to the Higher
17 Education Fund Account or the Higher Education Grants Fund Account such
18 amounts determined by the Department to be reimbursements received from the
19 Office of the Arkansas Lottery for costs related to the administration of the
20 Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
22 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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24 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
26 APPROPRIATION TRANSFER PROCEDURES - AR GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS MINORITY
27 TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Director of the Arkansas Department of
28 Higher Education shall determine the amount available, up to \$200,000 per
29 fiscal year, to fund the Arkansas Geographical Critical Needs Minority
30 Teacher Scholarships and shall certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
31 State and the State Treasurer such amount as is required to be transferred
32 from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account. Upon receiving such
33 certification, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the State Treasurer
34 shall cause to be transferred the necessary funds and appropriation to the
35 fund account of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for implementation
36 of this program. The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff may use up to

1 twenty percent (20%) of the funds and appropriation for administration of the
2 program.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
4 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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6 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. The Department of Higher Education is authorized to
9 recover non-refundable administrative fees related to the institutional
10 certification and exemption process for out-of-state, non-public, and for-
11 profit colleges and universities. These fees include a notification fee, an
12 application processing fee, and travel expenses for the certification review
13 teams.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
15 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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17 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DHE
19 WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT FUNDING. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may
20 transfer, on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the
21 Auditor of the State, funding up to the amount authorized in the Workforce
22 Initiative Act of 2015 appropriation section in this Act, from the Department
23 of Higher Education Fund Account to the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund
24 in order to finance the distribution of grants identified under §6-60-107.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~
26 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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28 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
30 WORKS AND ARKANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE RESTRICTIONS. (a) As used in
31 this section, "Arkansas Works Program" means the Arkansas Works Program
32 established under the Identical Acts 2016 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Nos. 1 and 2,
33 Arkansas Code § 23-61-1001 et seq.

34 (b)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount
35 of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and
36 general revenue funding for a publicly supported institution of higher

1 education each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.

2 (2) The purposes of subdivision (b)(1) of this section are
3 typically accomplished by:

4 (A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;

5 (B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for
6 a publicly supported institution of higher education; and

7 (C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized
8 for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law,
9 Arkansas Code § 19-5-101 et seq.

10 (3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General
11 Assembly restrict the use of appropriations authorized in the acts of
12 publicly supported institutions of higher education.

13 (c)(1) Except as provided in this subsection, the publicly supported
14 institutions of higher education shall not allocate, budget, expend, or
15 utilize any appropriation authorized by the General Assembly for the purpose
16 of advertisement, promotion, or other activities designed to promote or
17 encourage enrollment in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or the
18 Arkansas Works Program, including without limitation:

19 (A) Unsolicited communications mailed to potential
20 recipients;

21 (B) Television, radio, or online commercials;

22 (C) Billboard or mobile billboard advertising;

23 (D) Advertisements printed in newspapers, magazines, or
24 other print media; and

25 (E) Internet websites and electronic media.

26 (2) This subsection does not prohibit the publicly supported
27 institutions of higher education from:

28 (A) Direct communications with licensed insurance agents;

29 (B) Solicited communications with potential recipients;

30 (C)(i) Responding to an inquiry regarding the coverage for
31 which a potential recipient might be eligible, including without limitation
32 providing educational materials or information regarding any coverage for
33 which the individual might qualify.

34 (ii) Educational materials and information
35 distributed under subdivision (c)(2)(C)(i) of this section shall contain only
36 factual information and shall not contain subjective statements regarding the

1 coverage for which the potential recipient might be eligible; and

2 (D) Using an Internet website for the exclusive purpose of
3 enrolling individuals in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or the
4 Arkansas Works Program.

5 (d) The publicly supported institutions of higher education shall not
6 apply for or accept any funds, including without limitation federal funds,
7 for the purpose of advertisement, promotion, or other activities designed to
8 promote or encourage enrollment in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace
9 or the Arkansas Works Program.

10 (e)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2) of this section, the
11 publicly supported institutions of higher education shall not:

12 (A)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(1)(A)(ii) of
13 this section, allocate, budget, expend, or utilize an appropriation
14 authorized by the General Assembly for the purpose of funding activities of
15 navigators, guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed
16 producers under the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Navigator, Guide,
17 and Certified Application Counselors Act, Arkansas Code § 23-64-601 et seq.

18 (ii) Subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section does
19 not apply to regulatory and training responsibilities related to navigators,
20 guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed producers;
21 and

22 (B) Apply for or accept any funds, including without
23 limitation federal funds, for the purpose of funding activities of
24 navigators, guides, certified application counselors, and certified licensed
25 producers under the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Navigator, Guide,
26 and Certified Application Counselors Act, Arkansas Code § 23-64-601 et seq.

27 (2) Subdivision (e)(1) of this section does not apply to
28 certified application counselors at health related institutions, including
29 without limitation the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

30 (f) An appropriation authorized by the General Assembly shall not be
31 subject to the provisions allowed through reallocation of resources or
32 transfer of appropriation authority for the purpose of transferring an
33 appropriation to any other appropriation authorized for publicly supported
34 institutions of higher education to be allocated, budgeted, expended, or
35 utilized in a manner prohibited by this section.

36 (g) The provisions of this section are severable, and the invalidity

1 of any subsection or subdivision of this section shall not affect other
 2 provisions of the section that can be given effect without the invalid
 3 provision.

4 (h) This section expires on June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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 6 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
 8 WORKFORCE CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. The Department of Higher Education may
 9 transfer Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship funds to:

10 (1)(A) An Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship account in an
 11 amount necessary to fund scholarship awards for nontraditional students for
 12 the 2017-2018 academic year that were not funded due to the limitation on the
 13 scholarship award amount for nontraditional students under § 6-85-
 14 212(e)(2)(A) as it existed before the effective date of this act.

15 (B) The department may distribute scholarship awards to
 16 nontraditional students for the 2017-2018 academic year from funds
 17 transferred under subdivision (1)(A) of this section; and

18 (2)(A) The Office of the Arkansas Lottery in an amount not to
 19 exceed the amount required to fund scholarship awards to be distributed under
 20 § 6-85-201 et seq. for the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 academic years without
 21 having to draw upon the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account under §
 22 23-115-802.

23 (B) If the transfer under subdivision (2)(A) of this
 24 section exhausts the department's Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship
 25 funds and there remain insufficient funds for distribution as scholarship
 26 awards under § 6-85-201 et seq. for the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 academic years
 27 without having to draw upon the trust account, then the trust account may be
 28 drawn upon as provided under § 23-115-802.

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 30 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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 32 SECTION 41. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 33 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 34 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 35 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 36 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

1 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
2 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
3 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
4 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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6 SECTION 42. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
7 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
8 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
9 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
10 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
11 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
12 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
13 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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15 SECTION 43. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
16 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
17 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
18 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2019 is essential to the operation of
19 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
20 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
21 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2019 could work irreparable harm
22 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
23 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
24 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
25 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2019.