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HOUSE BILL 1068

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD FOR THE FISCAL
11 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
15 OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD APPROPRIATION
16 FOR THE 2024-2025 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. There is hereby established for the
23 Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood for the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025
30	(1) N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
31	(2) D061C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORD SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT05
32	(3) D057C	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT05
33	(4) D062C	DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
34	(5) D071C	COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT03
35	(6) D075C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT03
36	(7) N122N	DHS/DCC ASST DIR FINANCE & ADMIN	1	GRADE GS14



1	(8)	G056C DHS/DCC ASST DIR OPS & PROG SUPV	3	GRADE GS13
2	(9)	N145N DHS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CMS	1	GRADE GS12
3	(10)	E013C EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
4	(11)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	7	GRADE GS09
5	(12)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
6	(13)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	17	GRADE GS08
7	(14)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
8	(15)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	5	GRADE GS08
9	(16)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
10	(17)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
11	(18)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	29	GRADE GS07
12	(19)	M042C DHS STAFF SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
13	(20)	G182C DHS/DDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
14	(21)	X125C FRAUD INVESTIGATOR COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS07
15	(22)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
16	(23)	M025C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR I	2	GRADE GS07
17	(24)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
18	(25)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE GS06
19	(26)	M053C CHILD CARE SERVICE SPECIALIST	36	GRADE GS06
20	(27)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
21	(28)	E038C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
22	(29)	M051C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER	3	GRADE GS06
23	(30)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
24	(31)	G214C GRANTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
25	(32)	G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
26	(33)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	43	GRADE GS06
27	(34)	X136C QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	2	GRADE GS06
28	(35)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
29	(36)	X094C SVCS & PROG LICENSING SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS06
30	(37)	C050C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
31	(38)	A088C ASSETS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS05
32	(39)	V012C FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY SUPV	1	GRADE GS05
33	(40)	C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMIN SPECIALIST	7	GRADE GS05
34	(41)	E051C STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
35	(42)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	6	GRADE GS04
36	(43)	V022C PURCHASING TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04

1 (44) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II 3 GRADE GS03
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 209
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4 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 5 the Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood for the 2024-2025
 6 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 7 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 8 herein for such purposes: fourteen (14) temporary or part-time employees,
 9 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 10 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 11 appropriate classification.
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13 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - OPERATIONS.
 14 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 15 from the Child Care and Early Childhood Education Fund Account, for personal
 16 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Office of
 17 Early Childhood - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the
 18 following:
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20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
22 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,482,755
23 (02) EXTRA HELP	84,877
24 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	551,039
25 (04) OVERTIME	4,850
26 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,585,752
28 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	103,243
29 (C) PROF. FEES	12,046,304
30 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31 (E) DATA PROC.	0
32 (06) GRANTS AND AID	2,500,000
33 (07) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	2,306,047
34 (08) PURCHASE OF SERVICES	<u>9,386</u>
35 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$26,674,253</u>

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SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - OPERATIONS - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants of the Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING & GRANTS	<u>\$65,008,558</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Child Care Grant Fund Account, for grant payments of the Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood - Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) CHILD CARE GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$20,000,000</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - GRANTS - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood - Grants - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) CHILD CARE DEV DISCRETIONARY	\$90,445,681
(02) CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM	<u>73,212,033</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$163,657,714</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - LOAN GUARANTEES AND GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to

1 be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined
 2 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for loan guarantees and grants of
 3 the Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood - Loan Guarantees and
 4 Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
8 (01) LOAN GUARANTEES & GRANTS	<u>\$36,786</u>

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 10 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - COMMODITY
 11 DISTRIBUTION AND SALVAGE CONTAINER - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to
 12 the Department of 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 Education - Office of Early
 15 Childhood - Commodity Distribution and Salvage Container - Cash for the
 16 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
20 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$130,186
22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,490
23 (C) PROF. FEES	0
24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$139,676</u>

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 28 SECTION 9. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 29 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 30 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 31 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 32 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 33 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 34 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 35 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 36 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

SECTION 1. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.